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Jesus holds up one end of an American flag at a rally outside City Hall following the downtown May Day march on May 1.

May Day marchers seek immigration reform

By Daniel DeBolt

A march focusing on immigration reform held in Mountain View on May Day had a wider focus thanks to the Occupy movement, with protesters talking about banks' abuses towards the immigrant community.

A group of about 135 people marched from Rengstorff Park to City Hall, first heading down California Street to Showers Drive past Walmart and Target, and then to El Camino Real, stick-

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Utility rate hikes on the way soon

CITY HIT WITH HIGHER WATER COST DESPITE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

By Daniel DeBolt

City Council members were shocked to learn Tuesday that for the city government, saving water doesn't pay.

At Tuesday's City Council meeting, it was revealed that the city has to pay for not using much water in a new contract with the SFPUC. On the bright side, Shoreline Fund property taxes are \$5 million higher than anticipated, leaving a balance of nearly \$40 million.

"With this SFPUC agreement we basically paid \$367,000 because we didn't use enough water," said council member Laura Macias at the May 1 meeting. "We spent a lot of time talking to our residents about conservation and recycled water and at the end of the day it kind of backfired."

The San Francisco Public Utilities contract was renegotiated with the city two years ago, and is a 25-year agreement, said Public Works Director Mike Fuller. He noted that he was not involved in the negotiations, but noted that those who did wanted to make sure the city had plenty of water allocated — and apparently paid a price for that guarantee.

Council members suggested that the city try and sell the water to someone else rather than pay, but Fuller said the city isn't allowed to do that in the contract.

"Couldn't we just put it in tankers and take it somewhere?" said Mayor Mike Kasperzak.

"I guess we could if we had a use for it," Fuller said.

"It just seems extraordinary to have that much water and have to pay for not using it," said council member Ronit Bryant. "I recall that there were cities who thought they were not getting enough water."

Utility rates to increase

Water, sewer and garbage rate increases are likely on the way, say city staff members, who are recommending an 8 percent increase to water rates, a 3 percent increase in garbage rates and a 5.5 percent increase in sewer rates to offset the city's increased costs for those services, which are all provided by outside agencies.

The water rate increases would pay for a rate increase of 11.4 percent from the SFPUC, from which the city receives most of its water, while the remainder comes from the Santa Clara Valley Water District, which is increasing rates by 7.9 percent for treated water and 9.3 percent for well water.

Shoreline Fund overflowing with cash

There seems to be no shortage of money in the city's unique Shoreline Fund, which appropriates property taxes in Google's neighborhood north of Highway 101.

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Young Afghani tech exec shadows local firm

By Daniel DeBolt

Afghanistan is often described as war-torn and one of the worst places in the world to be a woman, but at least one tech startup hopes to help change that.

During a visit to the Mountain View company Outright last week, young Afghani CEO Hassen Poreya said he's been encouraged to hire women, and despite sometimes horrific conditions for women in his home country, he says about 40 percent of computer science students are women at the only

such program around, at the University of Haret.

He's hired three women so far to join his 10-person team. "We are looking for women students who are willing to join us," Poreya said.

Poreya is only 22 but he's already founded Microcis, a bootstrap startup which aims to provide accounting software to small Afghani businesses. Born



Hassen Poreya

and raised in Haret, which he says is relatively isolated from the ongoing military conflict, Poreya is part of a crop of young tech entrepreneurs in Afghanistan made possible by Haret University's computer science program, which was started eight years ago.

"We didn't have computer science engineers or software engineers in Afghanistan" before that, Poreya said.

Poreya has been given a hand by the Business Council for Peace, a nonprofit that aims

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"Being a student, I do have a little stress. I try to find somewhere fun to do my work, like Red Rock coffee shop."

Tanya Clausius, Mountain View



"I'm unemployed so I go to different coffee shops and get out of my apartment."

Tina Henry, San Jose



"I walk around and take photos. It's like what I do for a job, but on my own terms. It keeps me outwardly focused."

Boris Volkov, Mountain View



"We get out into nature. We went camping in Yosemite this weekend."

Sam and Randi Edelstein, Leon, Mexico



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SUICIDE OR BURGLARY?

What initially appeared to be a grisly suicide attempt is more likely the result of a burglary gone terribly wrong, police said.

At 11:37 p.m. on May 1, police came to the aid of a man bleeding from the wrist on Junc-

tion Avenue. Officers found the man lying on the ground, unresponsive and "bleeding profusely from a laceration on his wrist," according to Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

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POLICE LOG

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 2400 block Grant Rd., 4/27
 400 block Lotus Ln., 4/30
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 2500 block Dierix Dr., 5/1
 300 block Easy St., 5/1

BATTERY

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 The Office Bar, 4/30
 Graham Middle School, 4/30

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

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 Castro School, 4/30
 Kohls, 5/1

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RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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VANDALISM

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 400 block Thompson Av., 4/25
 200 block Pamela Dr., 4/25
 500 block Escuela Av., 4/26
 Franklin St. and Mercy St., 4/26

CORRECTION

Sunnyvale has hired Michael Martello, the former Mountain View city attorney, as interim city attorney, not interim city manager, as reported in the story "Sunnyvale snaps up Martello" in last week's *Voice*.

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A failure to communicate

MV HAS A LOT TO OFFER MIDDLE SCHOOLERS, THEY JUST DON'T KNOW IT

By Nick Veronin

Adults could do better when it comes to making middle school students feel valued by the community, according to the superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

That's the message of a report from Project Cornerstone — a YMCA of Silicon Valley-led effort to build a community where “all adults support children and teens so they thrive.” The report, which was recently delivered to the board of trustees of the Mountain View Whisman School District, is a snapshot of what Santa Clara County has to offer its young teens.

The report focuses on what Project Cornerstone calls “developmental assets” — “common sense positive experiences and qualities that help influence choices young people make.” Family support, a caring neighborhood, positive adult role models, high expectations and a sense of purpose are all examples of developmental assets.

A county-wide study was conducted in 2010 to determine which communities had the highest levels of developmental assets. After the data was collected, researchers took a year to draw conclusions. They found that communities where young people had access to more developmental assets had fewer problems with youth engaging in high-risk behaviors.

“It's not rocket science,” said Anne Ehersman, executive director of Project Cornerstone. “This research is not surprising. But there is a power in naming it and a power in recognizing it.”

Once that happens, she said, people can begin to do something about it.

Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District, said he agrees with the main thrust of the report. Adults, he said — even those without children — should do all they can to support the youth in their community. It seems to him that Mountain View

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PRETTY IN PINK

Natalie Buckley, center, waits to take the stage with her classmates from Dance Force Kids at the festival following Mountain View's annual Spring Family Parade on Saturday, April 28. The downtown parade celebrated its 34th year, with participants marching down Castro Street to a celebration in Pioneer Park. For more photos from the parade, see Page 7.

Neighbors embrace Day Worker Center

CITY EXTENDS HOURS OF NEW BUILDING ON ESCUELA AVENUE

By Daniel DeBolt

After a year of operation, the Day Worker Center of Mountain View has not drawn any complaints from the neighbors about its new building at 117 Escuela Avenue, spurring city staff to authorize extended operating hours.

“My wife and I were the original opponents for having the Day Worker Center move into the neighborhood,” said Escuela Avenue resident Vince Raciti. “They have been good neighbors. I haven't had any problems.”

Zoning Administrative Peter Gilli approved the request April 25 to extend daily operating hours by four hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to allow classes to be taught at the center until 9 p.m. Workers there currently learn English and job skills such as sewing, and volunteer teachers and workers will have an easier time making it after regular business hours, said director Maria Marroquin.

Gilli also approved a request to hold four garage sales a year,

allowing the center to raise funds by selling donated goods.

City planner Nancy Minicucci said that the center's operating permit has been reviewed quarterly since it was first approved in late 2011, and “city staff has not received any negative input from the community.”

‘I haven't had any problems.’

VINCE RACITI

“I think it is very telling that after the first year of operation nobody in the audience has any complaint about the Day Worker Center,” said Gilli. “That is very positive.”

There were a few minor concerns, however. Raciti mentioned seeing a few people loitering in front of the center on Sundays, and another neighbor said the smell of cooking in the kitchen could be pretty strong. Gilli said police could make the center a

regular patrol location on Sundays to deal with the loitering.

Gilli approved the request on the condition that the nighttime hours would not be used for employee placement.

The Center is also in the midst of a three-month jobs drive.

“The workers at the Center are extremely under-employed and can barely get by financially,” said Craig Sherod in an email pitch for the drive. “A worker who comes to the Center daily is likely to receive eight hours of work a week, and at \$12 an hour, that works out to less than \$500 a month. Rent is typically \$300 a month so you can see what I mean by ‘barely getting by.’ And for workers who have loved ones back home needing support too, that's clearly impossible with the current number of jobs at the Center.”

The goal of the drive is to increase the number of jobs by 50 percent between April 15 and July 15.

“Currently, we have about 60 to

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Local grads get leg up on college

SCHOLARS PROGRAM HELPS LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

By Nick Veronin

If all goes according to plan, Mountain View High School senior Carlos Marquez will begin taking classes at Cal Poly Pomona at the end of the summer.

It has been no cakewalk getting to this point. The teen's parents work tirelessly just to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table, he explains. They simply can't afford to make any significant dent in the estimated \$22,000 per semester it will cost to attend the university.

Fortunately for Marquez, the Mountain View-Los Altos Community Scholars program was there to help — providing the teen with a four-year scholarship worth \$16,000 and helping him navigate the complex college application process. On Friday, May 4, Marquez and 15 of other seniors from Mountain View, Los Altos and Alta Vista high schools are set to formally accept their scholarships in a ceremony at the Nuetra House in Los Altos.

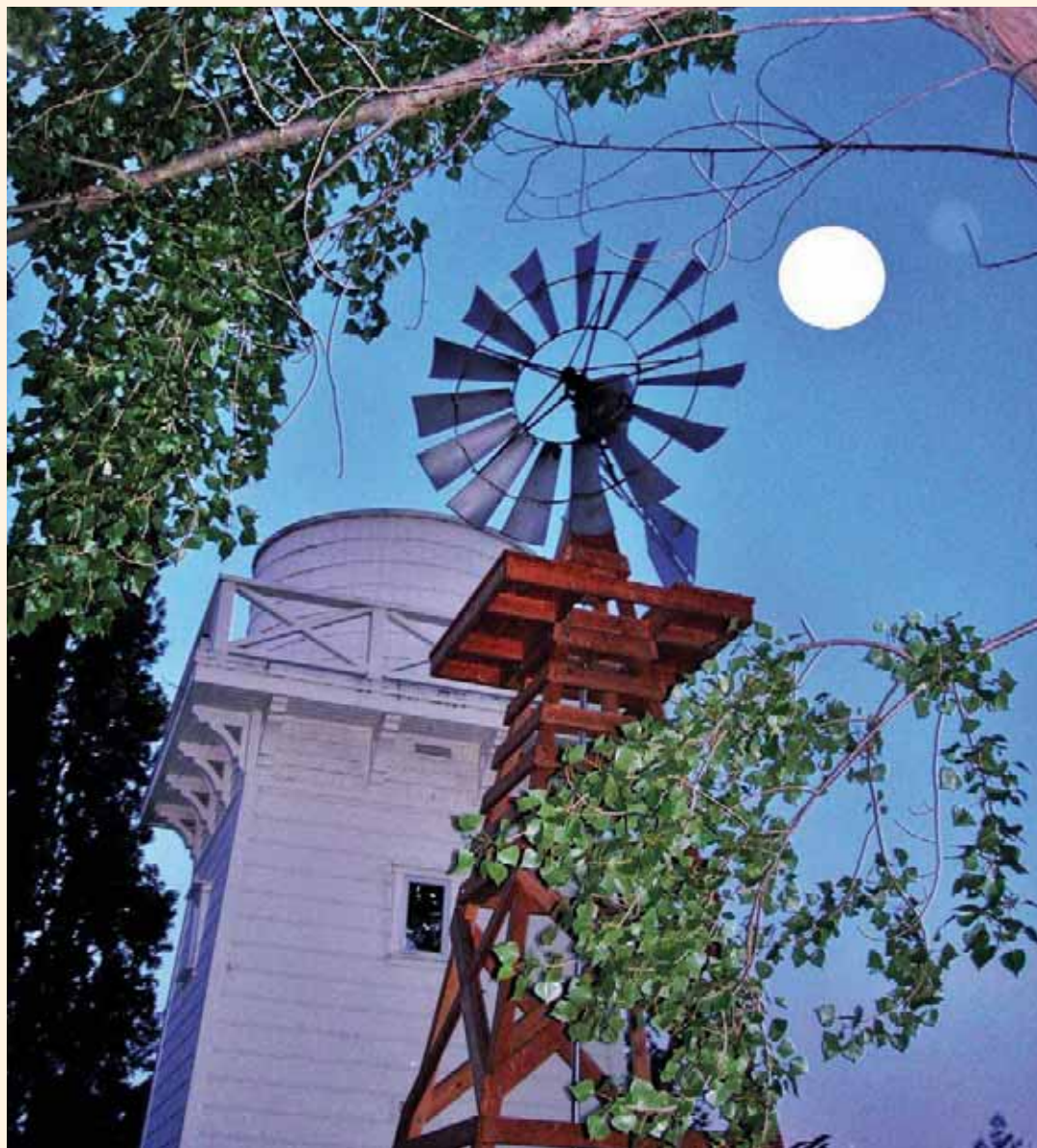
The Scholars program was founded in 2000 specifically to help low-income, first-generation college students, like Marquez, according to Carolyn Pierce-Whang, one of the organization's board members. As the costs associated with attending college continue to rise, Pierce-Whang says it is challenging enough for high school graduates from middle class families to find ways to fund their higher education, but for students from low-income households, the task can seem downright impossible.

Los Altos High School senior and scholarship recipient Rashmeen Kaur is familiar with the feeling.

“Without their money, I could not go to college,” she says, referring to the four-year scholarship totaling \$14,000 that she was awarded by Community Schol-

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SEEN AROUND TOWN



BY THE LIGHT OF THE SILVERY MOON

A full moon shines down on the Rengstorff House windmill in this shot captured by Charles Grant, a docent at the historic house. The windmill really gets around — according to Grant, the mail-order windmill came from the Montgomery Ward catalog, was raised on Shoreline Boulevard in the 1940s, moved to the Grant Road pumpkin patch in the 1980s and was donated when the property was sold.

Orchestra is open to adoption

CITY COULD OPEN CPA TO A 'MOUNTAIN VIEW SYMPHONY'

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View could join an elite group of cities that have their own orchestra and the sense of civic pride that goes with it, says Mayor Mike Kasperzak.

Nova Vista, a 46-year-old local symphony, is willing to be the city's official orchestra if City Council members can get behind the deal. Kasperzak pitched the idea last week after he was approached by Nova Vista's Russel Hancock. The City Council voted 6-0 on April 24 to allow city staff to begin reviewing the proposal.

Nova Vista was formed in 1966 when the Sunnyvale Symphony combined with Foothill College symphony members. Its first performance was at Foothill College and the group has bounced around ever since, though with ties to Foothill and De Anza college.

Nova Vista has had a "pretty stable presence" in the county, said board member and bass player Jeff Wachtel. Lately it has been using the Center for Performing Arts for three performances a year.

"We'd like to perform all of our concerts here," Wachtel said.

"If we could do five a year, that would be terrific."

The symphony is willing to change its name in order to have a home in "a jewel of a Performing Arts Center," he said.

"We love to make beautiful music and the idea of sharing it with a community is really foremost for the orchestra," Wachtel said.

City Council members were hesitant to quickly give away "home company status" to Nova Vista at their April 24 meeting, saying they wanted to give other orchestras a fair chance as well.

"Why Nova Vista, why not other orchestras?" said council member Jac Siegel, whose position on the matter is shared with council member Ronit Bryant and Margaret Abe-Koga. "I'm trying to be fair about it. If we're going to open this up why wouldn't we (contact) Peninsula Symphony or Redwood Symphony?"

No other candidates are known at this point.

"I don't know the last time anybody has come forward," Kasperzak said.

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At left: A contingent of homemade “robots” marches through downtown Mountain View in the city’s 34th annual Spring Family Parade on Saturday, April 28. **Below:** Jada Newkirk, the Miss California Preteen Queen, waves to the crowd.



Above: Dan reads to daughter Chelsea while waiting for the parade to start, while son Nathan looks away. **Top left:** Dancers from Samba Mundial perform a routine. **Below left:** City Council members Laura Macias and Tom Means sit on the back of a vintage Cadillac cruising down Castro Street.



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Finance Director Patty Kong said that the fund will see \$30.5 million this fiscal year while the city had budgeted revenues at only \$25.5 million. Ostensibly due to Google's ongoing property buying spree, it leaves an extra \$5 million for the fund which pays for maintenance and improvements to the area and Shoreline Park. The special tax district does not share the bulk of its revenue with the city's general fund, local public schools, or the county as it otherwise would.

The Shoreline Fund, which was created by special state legislation, is in its second year of a deal to share as much as \$13.6 million with Mountain View's schools over three years. As part of that deal, the city must project its ongoing expenses for maintaining the Shoreline Park landfill, potential costs of sea level rise and new transportation systems in the area. City staff say those studies will finish next year.

Kong said \$10 million from the fund would be placed into a reserve for projects or land acquisition in the area, leaving the balance for the fund at \$37.4 million. ▽

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AFGHANI TECH

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to reduce violence by helping women find good jobs or start their own businesses in Afghanistan. The nonprofit got a sponsorship from the U.S. State Department for Poreya's trip to the United States.

Outright is a good fit for Poreya's visit because Outright also provides accounting software to small businesses, said Laura Messerschmitt, the company's vice president of marketing. She said the difference is that Outright sells an online tool for online businesses, while the internet isn't available to most Afghani businesses.

Poreya hung out in the Outright offices at 191 Castro Street all week, taking pointers from the company's engineers, executives, marketing team and programmers and communicating using the English he learned from Hollywood movies. Seeing how engineers and managers communicated was a key thing, he said.

"The idea is we'll continue the communication on an ongoing basis," Messerschmitt said. "We are happy Mountain View can give back and have a sister relationship across the ocean." ▽

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STRENGTHENING THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY



Our community — like many others — has suffered from the economic downturn over the past few years. In 2010, a Santa Clara County Health Profile Report showed the number of uninsured adults jumped 18 percent in 2009, and that nearly half the households in the county do not earn enough to be financially self-sufficient.

Ingrid is one example. She needed her school vaccinations, but her parents had no insurance to pay for them. The RotaCare Clinic gave Ingrid her physical, immunizations, and audiology testing to address a hearing deficit at no cost to her parents. Then there's 68-year-old Adele, who had been hospitalized 22 times in four years. A caseworker through Community Services Agency (CSA) helped Adele monitor her health and connected her with other community resources like RoadRunners and Meals on Wheels, also at no cost to her.

The community has contributed to these efforts to make life better for those like Ingrid and Adele. The funds that support the organizations that helped them were raised through property taxes collected by the **El Camino Hospital District** and earmarked specifically for the Community Benefits Program. The District takes our stewardship of that money seriously. For nearly 50 years, our mission at the El Camino Hospital District has been to ensure that more than 40 community organizations are able to carry out their important and lifesaving work. Over the past few years, the District has provided nearly \$20 million in grants, driven by four simple principles: improving access to health care, ensuring health of the community, advancing medical and health knowledge, and relieving the burden on government and other community efforts.

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Our ongoing commitment to improving the health of our community cannot happen without the help of our community members. To learn more about the organizations the El Camino Hospital District supports, please visit www.elcaminohospitaldistrict.org/CommunityBenefit.



May Day marchers seek immigration reforms



Top of page: Marchers kept to the sidewalks on busy El Camino Real during the evening march.
Above: Demonstrators gathered peacefully in front of City Hall, where the march ended.

MAY DAY

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ing to the sidewalk. The group included many Latino families, members of St. Joseph's Church, day workers, Occupy Mountain View members and others.

A brief rally got the march off to a start, including a prayer lead by Fr. Bob Moran of St. Joseph's Church, which helped organize the march with the Day Worker Center of Mountain View and Community In Action, a group of Latino mothers from the Rengstorff neighborhood.

A focus of the march were deportation practices that rip parents away from their American-born kids.

"There's nothing more important than keeping our families together," said state Senate candidate Sally Lieber also addressed the crowd at the end of the march.

The group sang "De Colores," the anthem of the United Farmworkers of America, and held

signs saying "reasonable path towards citizenship," "what do we want? justice, dignity, prosperity" and "money for jobs and education, not for racist deportation."

Mountain View was the only city in the county, besides San Jose to hold such an event on May 1, a national day of action for immigrant rights events and Occupy Wall Street protests.

"I see this as very necessary for every small community, to have a way to speak out and let our voice be heard," said Mountain View resident Javier Perez. "This issue is not going to go away."

Perez said it was unreasonable to expect a parent to return to Mexico and risk not being able to get back in the U.S. in order to get citizenship as required by law.

As the group marched past Wells Fargo on Castro Street some began chanting in Spanish in protest of Wells Fargo.

"We should denounce Wells Fargo for supporting Arpaio," said Mountain View resident



Maria Marroquin delivers a speech to supporters at the rally.

Signs in several languages had slogans supporting immigration reform.



Protesters make their way down Showers Drive at the May Day march.

Isidro Cortes of Joe Arpaio, the Arizona sheriff who is feared by Mexican immigrants and who the justice department has accused of civil rights abuses. Cortes noted that Arpaio has been given a pricey executive suite in an Arizona building Wells Fargo owns.

Banks are “preying on our community,” said Joseph Rosas, a San Jose occupy member and candidate for State Assembly. He noted that several large banks are funding payday lenders and pawn shops, not to mention their numerous foreclosures on immigrants who were sold adjustable

rate mortgages they could not afford or understand. Some called for help in blocking the foreclosure on an older woman in Redwood City whose home is going to be auctioned soon.

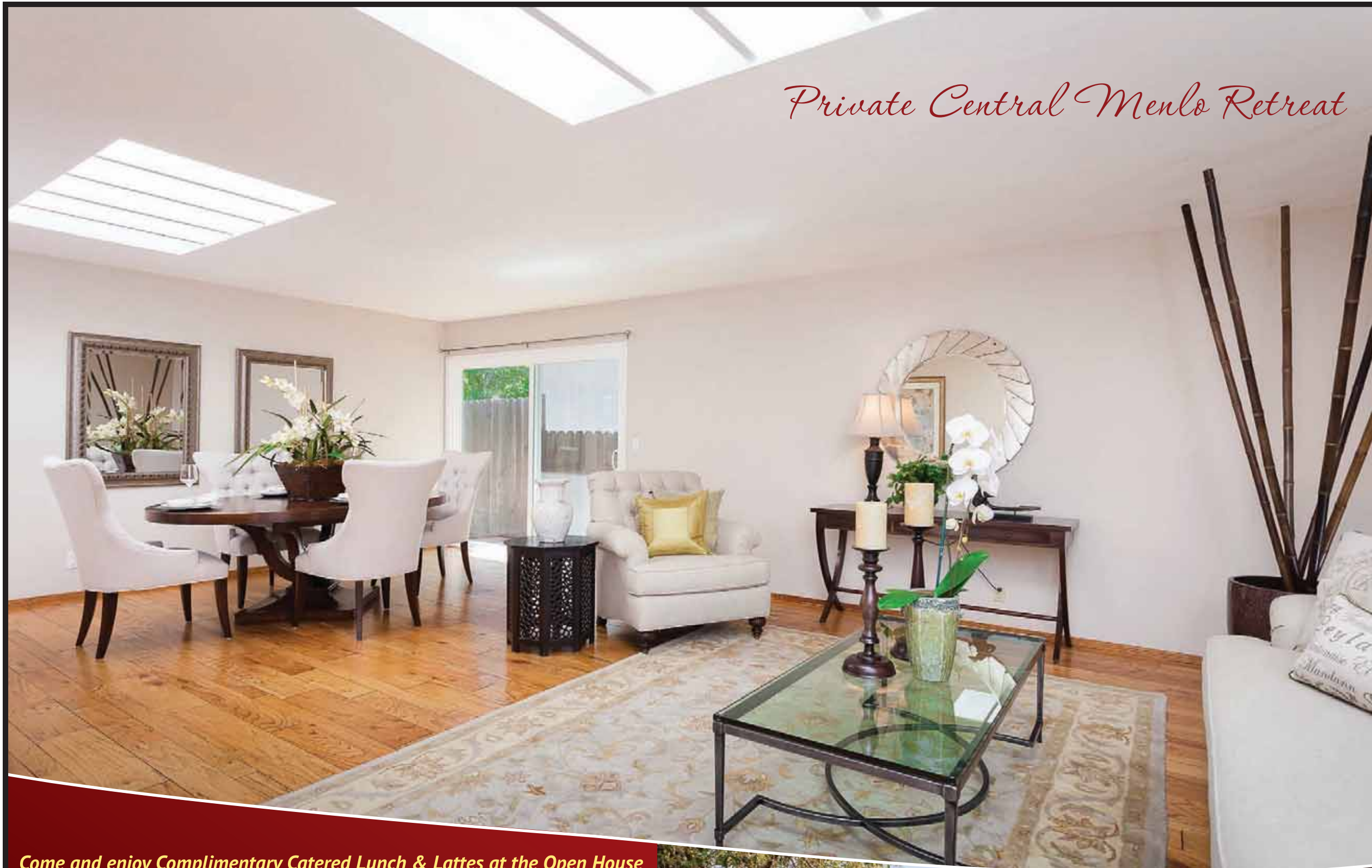
“We can’t just say I want citizenship for me and the other people can go to hell,” Cortes

said. “We also want to stop the foreclosures, we want to stop the war.”

Cortes added that people have scapegoated immigrants during the recession. He said to those who think immigrants want to take their jobs: “If they want my job, they can have it.”

“The truth is the number of extremists in this country is very small, said organizer Marilu Delgado of Community In Action. “The days of them blocking immigration reform are numbered. Its not a matter of if, it’s a matter of when.”

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Men targeted in home invasion robbery, police say

Two Mountain View men received a frightening wake-up call early Thursday, April 26, when a man with a gun entered their bedroom and demanded cash, police said. No one was hurt in the incident.

The victims — who share a room in an apartment in the 2200 block of Rock Street — reported the crime at 4:35 a.m. on April 26. The men told officers that they awoke at

about 3:30 a.m. to find the robber standing in the middle of their bedroom, pointing a black revolver at the two of them, said Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman with the Mountain View Police Department.

The gunman reportedly told the men to give him money. After the two men handed over a cell phone (valued at about \$70) and all the money in their wallets (less than \$200), the gunman

walked out of the apartment, Wylie said. When the two victims were certain the robber was gone, they woke up their other roommates — three men who were sleeping in other rooms — and talked about the incident before reporting it to police, Wylie wrote in an email to the *Voice*.

The men told police the robber was illuminated by a TV that was on, Wylie said. They described

him as a Hispanic man, about 20 years old, short and of medium build, wearing a black jacket and dark blue jeans.

“We are not sure of the motive of this case and it is actively being investigated,” according to Wylie. “But this does not appear to be a random attack at all. These two victims appear to have been chosen or targeted for some reason.”

Police believe the gunman

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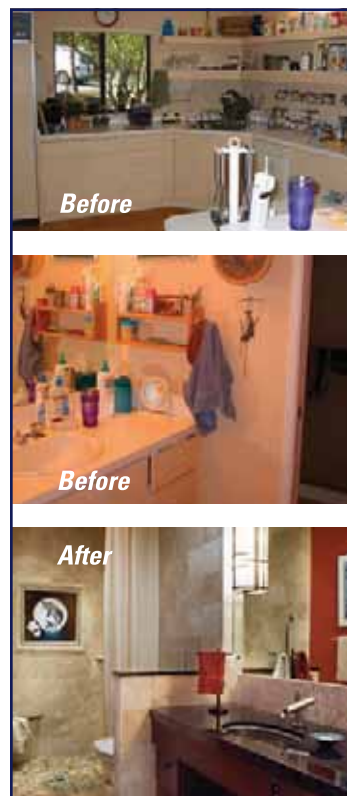
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Apology doesn't change OK of roof-top patio

IRATE NEIGHBORS MAY APPEAL ZONING DECISION ON CONDO COMPLEX

By Daniel DeBolt

In a difficult meeting Wednesday, Zoning Administrator Peter Gilli apologized to a room full of irritated neighbors but said he could not remove a controversial roof-top patio from the Prometheus apartment project downtown.

Old Mountain View neighbors said they had lost trust with the city and the developer over the patio, which was not in plans approved by the City Council for the four-story, 203-unit complex on Evelyn Avenue and Bush Street. Some said they felt "cheated" because they had fought so hard over every detail to lessen the project's impacts on the city, only to learn last week that it was quietly added to the project with staff's support a year ago.

The 2,200-square-foot-patio on top of the building's fourth floor would likely mean "noise pollution" from the neighborhood from parties or a TV and music system that will be installed, neighbors said.

No permit needed

Gilli said the patio itself was not an architectural change or a special commercial use that would trigger a "discretionary permit," so it could not be removed. An allowance for such rooftop patios is also mentioned in the precise plan for the block.

With the patio atop the highest building east of Castro Street,

"This should concern everyone east of Castro Street," said neighbor Tony Merales. "Sound is going to spread out in all directions. There is nothing that is going to stop it; no buildings, no trees. Sound can travel miles in the right conditions."

"I do clearly think this a situation that has damaged the trust the neighborhood has with the city," Gilli said. "Even if there is no ability to say no to the deck, you all should have heard about it earlier. I want to apologize for that."

'Brazen' move

Developer Jon Moss of Prometheus Real Estate Group was dealt many criticisms, including council member Jac Siegel, who had claimed that the deck was already built in a "brazen" move. Some suspected that the roof deck plans were hidden from the city until after the City Council's approval.

"I don't believe the applicant purposely held this back," Gilli said. "I believe it was an idea that came up later."

Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association chair David Lewis blamed the city's process.

"Prometheus is not to blame here," Lewis said. "The problem is a process where they go into the city, not the City Council but city staff, and they say they want to do this and no one ever hears about it," Lewis said. "That seems like a very bad process."

Gilli said the noise from the

deck would have been studied as part of the project's environmental impact review if it were part of the original plans. He added that city staff had supported the deck as an amenity for the residents, and a way to "reduce congestion" of city parks. But he indicated that city policies did not allow him to make a new decision on the deck.

"Maybe one the aspects that come out of this is that rooftop open spaces need some kind of review," Gilli said. "Right now (city code) doesn't say that it does."

While he said he doubted that the neighborhood would be affected by noise from a deck 300 feet away, Moss promised that Prometheus would do everything it could to respond to noise complaints from the neighbors, even closing off access to the deck and terminating the leases of problem tenants. He said alcohol would be allowed on the deck, and that it could be reserved for parties. It would close nightly at 10 p.m.

"We have to rely on goodwill," Gilli told neighbors.

OMVNA vice chair Robert Cox said in an email that 115 neighbors had sent emails showing their opposition to the project, and that a committee would be meeting next week to discuss spending \$1,000 to appeal the decision to the City Council. ▣

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ASSETS

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does a fairly good job of offering support to teens, he said.

"It's ironic, because Mountain View — through the parks and recreation department, the schools, the YMCA and a variety of other organizations — offers an incredible amount of outreach and activity for middle school-aged students," he said.

The problem, must be that "the message isn't coming through," he postulated.

"Developmentally, we expect students in their middle school years to shift their attention away from adults and toward their peers," Goldman said.

"It's not surprising to see kids respond that they don't necessarily feel valued."

But even though it can be challenging to connect with children in the middle school age range, Goldman said, it is important that his district do its part. "We should be working that much harder to maintain our connections at a time when kids are much more easily influenced by peers or the media."

To address the gap in communication, Goldman said that his district has initiated programs similar to those recommended by Project Cornerstone. Both MVWSD middle schools have a list of values — "pillars" at

Graham and "paws" at Crittenden — that students are asked to memorize and keep in mind every day.

In addition, a series of video public service announcements, produced by Graham and Crittenden students, is in the works. These videos will be shown on the schools' closed-circuit television network. The plan is to make sure students recognize what's available and to encourage them to take advantage of those opportunities.

"Middle school is a challenging time, but just because there may be obstacles (for middle schoolers) doesn't mean there are barriers. We can work around obstacles," Goldman said. ▣

DAY WORKER

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70 workers a day vying for about 20 to 25 jobs a day at the Center," Sherod wrote. "That means we need an additional 10 to 12 jobs a day at the Center."

The Center is asking the community to help in a variety of ways, not just by hiring workers to do a project, but also to spread the word by arranging speaking opportunities for the workers or by posting testimonials on Yelp and neighborhood email lists.

Sherod adds that there are many types of "piece work" that can be dropped off at the center, such as envelope stuffing, sewing and upholstery. ▣

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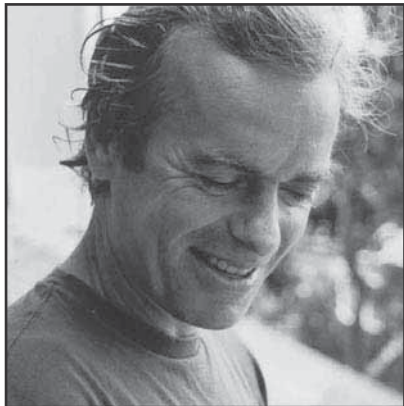


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Neighborhood Meeting with the
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Wednesday, May 9, 2012
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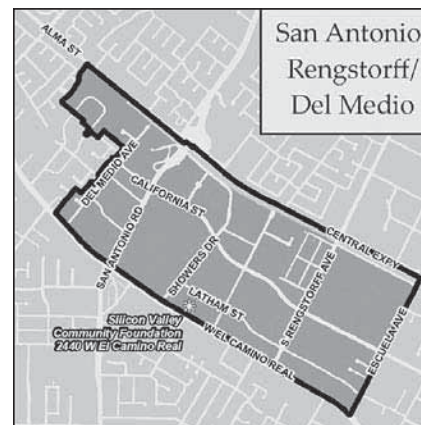
The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee (CNC) will be hosting a neighborhood meeting for residents in the San Antonio/Rengstorff/Del Medio area on May 9th at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below). The Neighborhood Meeting will be an open forum to hear from residents about your ideas and concerns.

Agenda

1. CNC Neighborhood Update
2. Questions and Answers with City Staff
3. Closing Comments

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Neighborhood Area



'We are constructing cities for an economy that no longer exists'

By Daniel DeBolt

The architect said to be responsible for the success of downtown Mountain View gave a passionate talk Monday night. Michael Freedman made an economic argument for a "vital city centers," transit-oriented growth and higher density development.



Michael Freedman

"I think of Michael as the architect of what downtown Mountain View has become," said Mayor Mike Kasperzak as he introduced Freedman to a group of over 60 people in the Adobe building on Moffett Boulevard. The April 30 event was sponsored by over a dozen organizations, including the Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning.

Freedman's firm, Freedman, Tung and Sasaki has created plans for districts and corridors all over the state and the country. But he claims that economic factors now make redevelopment more vital than ever, or cities risk missing out on a new economy based on innovation, creativity and knowledge.

"Attracting innovative companies — that's what we're used to doing," Freedman said. "That's wrong. Cities themselves are the engines of innovation," he said, citing such places as Manhattan, Boston and San Francisco.

"Millenials don't like to sepa-

rate work from play from home life," Freedman said of the young workers in the "new economy" who like to live in places where most of their daily needs are within walking or biking distance. Many are also very concerned about the environment. One Google employee in the audience said that he considered car travel "almost criminal" and prefers transit and bicycling.

"The business park is a dead end," Freedman said of the sort of development north of highway 101 in Mountain View. He mentioned the Googleplex, which was once built for Silicon Graphics in the late 1990s. "When we first built that, I was here, and we thought it was new."

But really it was "the beginning of the end" for that type of development, he said, showing sketches taken from Google's early plans for a new Googleplex that show a "main street" running down the middle.

Silicon Valley's rise happened in spite of its development pattern, not because of it, Freedman said. He gave credit to Stanford University and the military at Moffett Field for fueling Silicon Valley's birth, which spread even inside people's garages. It was a time when suburban sprawl actually worked. In the 1970s he said he criticized Mountain View's business parks, which often didn't even have sidewalks.

"We thought we were so smart, but it fit here," Freedman said. Oil was cheap and the car ruled, fueling the country's "prosperity machine" for much of a century,

allowing cities to be divided up by use and connected by roads, freeways and expressways.

But the "new economy" is entirely different. It's based on innovation and information, Freedman said, pointing to a phenomenon outlined in books such as "The Rise of the Creative Class." It will mean "a break with the past" as significant as the industrial revolution 150 years ago, Freedman said.

Freedman said well-built cities, and those of the future, have inviting "city centers" where there is a mix of activities, a mix of homes, workplaces and

with drivable suburbs," Freedman said. Areas made up of suburban sprawl have not held up as well during the recession, while many urban areas have been "highly resilient" when it comes to real estate values.

Suburban sprawl and transit-oriented development "are not the same, not even close," Freedman said. Car-centered development works well with lower densities, office building with a floor-area-ratio of .35 or less to leave room for sprawling parking lots, Freedman said, as exemplified by most local business parks.

decisions killed the plan in favor of a "park and ride" station along Highway 580.

He defended his plan to one audience member who criticized Freedman for his "utopian visions," saying it would have tripled the cost to tunnel underneath downtown Livermore. Freedman defended the project's cost "an investment" in the future.

"If they don't connect to transit in a good way, the economy of the Bay Area will pass them by," Freedman said of Livermore.

Freedman didn't take all the credit for the transformation of downtown Mountain View from "dead as a doornail" to a vibrant and inviting place. He mentioned former City Manager Bruce Liedstrand and the support for the vision from the city's residents. Residents were once skeptical about allowing higher density downtown and narrowing of Castro Street from four to two lanes, and threatened to be very disappointed if light rail couldn't be brought to downtown, which did eventually happen.

"If you want something great to happen in Mountain View..." Freedman recalled Liedstrand saying, you have to start by creating a vision that residents support.

"What I learned from Bruce, I've been doing that for 20 years — start at the end." ■

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'Cities themselves are the engines of innovation.'

MICHAEL FREEDMAN

retail, allowing an "overflow of information" critical to innovation. He said retail was like the "electricity" of the city, and decisions about where to place it were of critical importance.

Freedman even criticized Steve Jobs' baby, the design of a new Apple campus in Cupertino, which looks like a spaceship. But really it is just a new twist on an "old-fashioned business park," Freedman said.

Freedman marked a year, 2007, as when what he called the "modernist" vision for cities began a marked decline.

The country is now "overbuilt

Transit-oriented development works best with higher densities, FARs above .8, he said. In Mountain View's general plan, FARs of up to 1.0 are being considered for Mountain View's business parks. Local cities are starting to exist somewhere in between the two ideals, and complaints about traffic and opposition to projects are common. But "we will soon break out of that," Freedman said.

Freedman recalled one failure, in creating a plan for extending BART to Livermore's downtown. The public had at first gotten behind the project, but political

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When : Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 9:00am

Where: Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters—Board Room
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MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING SCHOOL FACILITIES FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65995

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that immediately following a public hearing on the matter, a resolution will be considered by the Board of Trustees of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District at its regular meeting on May 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., which, if adopted by the Board, will increase development fees established by the District against residential construction and reconstruction to \$1.07 per square foot and against new commercial or industrial construction to \$0.17 per square foot. The proposed fees are authorized by Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995. Data pertaining to the cost of school facilities is available for inspection during regular business hours at the District's administrative offices at 1299 Bryant Avenue in Mountain View. The increased fees, if approved by the Board of Trustees, will become effective on July 20, 2012 which is 60 days after the proposed adoption by the Board of the resolution levying such fee.



RENDERING COURTESY THE MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

New classrooms will be built at Los Altos High School with funding from the Measure A school bond.

New classrooms coming to local high schools

By Nick Veronin

The local high school district is set to break ground next week on three classroom buildings, the largest of the Measure A bond projects passed in 2010. Twenty-four new classrooms will be spread among three buildings on the district's two main campuses in Mountain View and Los Altos — should be ready by fall 2013.

The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District announced April 30 that it had finalized a deal with a general trades contractor to oversee the construction of the three classroom buildings — two at Mountain View High School and the other at Los Altos High School.

"It's great to have the largest component of the Measure A project ready to go," said Joe White, associate superintendent of business services with the district, who has been overseeing all Measure A expenditures. Work will begin May 7, and if all goes according to plan, will be finished right around the start of the 2013-14 school year.

Superintendent Barry Groves echoed White's enthusiasm. "We're really pleased that we're going to be starting," said Groves.

He said that the district expects significant growth over the next decade and that both schools will need more space to accom-

modate that increase.

At an estimated cost of \$17.5 million, the project is the largest funded by the \$41.3 million Measure A, which passed with 77 percent of the vote in June 2010. Previous projects have included installation of solar panels over the student parking lots at both high schools, as well as a new pool and weight room at Mountain View High School.

The plans call for 12 classrooms on each campus — nine standard classrooms and 3 laboratory classrooms, White said. The MVHS lab classrooms will be used for science, while the LAHS lab classrooms will be used for art.

Two single-story buildings will be constructed on the MVHS campus — one group of three labs and another group of standard classrooms. The buildings will line the northern edge of the campus and face Bryant Avenue.

All 12 classrooms on the LAHS campus will be contained within a two-story building, with three standard classrooms and three labs on the first floor, six standard classrooms on the second floor, and an open-air courtyard with benches in the center. The classrooms will be built in the middle of the campus, abutting the northeastern corner of the football field and the center field fence of the baseball diamond.

"These buildings were not only designed to provide state-of-the-art classrooms, but will also be sustainable," White said. "We are building to a minimum LEED Silver rating, which will ensure our classrooms are energy efficient, comfortable and built with techniques that are sustainable to the environment." ■

NOTICE OF STEVENS CREEK TRAIL BRIDGE CLOSURE

The City of Mountain View will be performing maintenance work to the Stevens Creek Trail access point at Evelyn Avenue and the trail bridge over Evelyn Avenue and Central Expressway. The work requires closure of the bridge during construction for one week during July or August 2012. Signs indicating closure dates and detour routes will be posted along the trail prior to the closure.

If you would like more information about the project, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311 or visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (CTC) MEETING DRAFT PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN

The Draft Pedestrian Master Plan (PMP) will be reviewed by the Council Transportation Committee (CTC) on:

Wednesday, May 16, 2012—6:30 p.m.

Plaza Conference Room—Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street—Second Floor

The CTC will review the Draft PMP and may take action to forward a recommendation to the City Council for the adoption of the Draft PMP.

Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the CTC regarding the Draft PMP. If you are unable to attend the meeting, comments may be submitted to Helen Kim, Project Manager, at helen.kim@mountainview.gov, or call (650) 903-6311.

Copies of the Draft PMP will be available after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at www.mountainview.gov, the Public Works Department and the City Clerk's Office at City Hall at 500 Castro Street, and at the Mountain View Public Library at 585 Franklin Street.



PUBLIC NOTICE FORMER NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD Restoration Advisory Board Meeting



May 2012

The next regular meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) for former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field will be held on:

**Thursday, May 10, 2012, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at:
Mountain View Senior Center Social Hall
266 Escuela Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94040-1813**

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities underway at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Mr. Scott Anderson, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at (619) 532-0938 or scott.d.anderson@navy.mil.

Visit the Navy's website: <http://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/basepage.aspx?baseid=52&state=California&name=moffett>

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Medics took the man to a local hospital and placed him on a mental health hold, Wylie said. Meanwhile, officers discovered a trail of blood leading from the spot where the man was found to the nearby La Bamba restaurant, located at 580 N. Rengstorff Ave., about 100 yards to the east.

A window of the restaurant had been broken and blood was found inside, Wylie said. Officers also found a screwdriver lying next to a damaged cash register.

Wylie said police now believe that the bleeding man — who was on probation for a prior burglary — cut himself while breaking into La Bamba and attempted to pry open the cash register before giving up and fleeing the restaurant and collapsing — presumably from blood loss.

Police have yet to interview the man and cannot release his name until he has been arrested. "We notified the hospital to let us know when the man will be released, so that we can arrest him for burglary and probation violation," Wylie said.

OFF-ROAD DUI

After a few too many drinks, police alleged that a Sunnyvale man decided to do a little

off-road driving early Tuesday morning.

At 3:19 a.m., May 1, police received a call from Edward Lechuga, who reported that his truck was stuck on the train tracks near Evelyn Avenue and Pioneer Way — on a portion of rail approximately 800 feet northwest of where Whisman Road crosses the tracks. Officers arrived to find Lechuga standing just outside his truck, "which was in the center portion of the tracks, partially stuck on the north-bound track," according to Liz Wylie, spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

"Lechuga was intoxicated," Wylie said. He told police that he was driving from Sunnyvale and did not remember where he had initially entered into the fenced-off area of the railway. He was arrested on charges of driving under the influence.

Caltrain workers had to cut a portion of fencing and remove a fence pole in order to get the truck off the tracks, Wylie said. No one was hurt and there was no apparent property damage.

Trains were delayed while the truck was lodged on the tracks, said Christine Dunn of Caltrain. Trains were able to run by using the southbound tracks, but were a behind schedule as of 5 a.m., Dunn said.

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ars. "There were a lot of personal hardships we faced."

Kaur says she was "thrilled" and "super thankful" for the money, some of which she has already put to good use — attending a mandatory orientation session at her future school, San Jose State University. The orientation cost \$215, which she said she would have had a hard time paying if it weren't for the scholarship.

"These children have such severe challenges," says Pierce-Whang. It is the aim of the Scholars program to give students like Marquez and Kaur — who both come from families with little or no background in higher education — with "breakthrough

opportunities" that will "open up the American Dream for them," she said.

This year's crop of 16 scholarship recipients were picked from among 52 applicants, according to Pierce-Whang. The four-year scholarships, which range from \$1,000 per year to \$4,000, were awarded to 10 girls and 6 boys; 10 of the students come from Mountain View High School; five are from Los Altos High School; and one is from Alta Vista High School.

Recipients were picked based upon applications, which asked a number of questions and required an essay.

Both Marquez and Kaur say they are excited to be going to college, where they plan to study computer science and engineering, respectively.

"I'm very proud of myself to even get this far and to be able to go to college," Marquez says. Not only is it a source of pride for him and his family, he says he believes his achievement will be an inspiration for members of his family, present and future. "I'll be setting the tone not only for my family but for future generations of my family." ■

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Kids sing out on the big stage

ANNUAL CHORAL FEST RETURNS TO SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE

By Nick Veronin

When they take the stage Monday night, the young singers of Mountain View's elementary and middle school choruses will be stepping out onto hallowed ground — assuming the kids are fans of pop music.

"We always emphasize that this is where Justin Bieber performed, or some other contemporary performer," Kay DeVries says with a laugh. "It's an exciting adventure for them."

She is talking about the 11th annual Mountain View Whisman School District Choral Fest, scheduled to take place May 7, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Shoreline Amphitheatre. Free and open to the public, the event is presented by the Shoreline Amphitheatre, the Mountain View Education Foundation, the Los Altos-Mountain View PTA Council and the Community School of Music and Arts.

DeVries, program manager of Choral Fest, says the event is not held to raise funds. It is simply meant to bring "visibility to music in schools and show that it can transform young people's lives."

That goal is reflected in the theme of this year's Choral Fest, "With Music the Celebration Never Ends." Music, DeVries says, is truly a universal language — one that captures and transmits joy "regardless of who we are or where we live in the world."

DeVries has been working as a music instructor with the CSMA since 1998 — teaching Huff students about notes, scales and chords since 1998 through the

CSMA-MVWSD collaborative music and art program.

Choral groups from each of the Mountain View Whisman School District's nine schools will perform at the festival, DeVries says. The children will sing two group numbers and then each chorus will sing an individual song. The choral performances begin at 6:30 p.m., but people are encouraged to come early and have a picnic while they enjoy the opening acts — the Graham Dance Teams and the Crittenden and Graham jazz bands.

Since its inaugural year, Choral Fest has been held on the main stage at the Shoreline Amphitheatre. Holding the event at such a large venue puts a spotlight on the value of public school music programs, DeVries says. Seeing the children up on the big stage, singing their hearts out, resonates with everyone.

"The hope is," DeVries says, "that when it comes time for another parcel tax or when the education foundation is out asking for donations, that people will be willing to give money to the school district to make sure that programs like this continue."

Holding the event at Shoreline, where some of the biggest acts of the past 30 years have performed is a real confidence boost for the kids, DeVries says.

"I think they do get inspired," she says. "It's really neat to be a part of that." ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Calming the ruckus over roof-top patio

All the gears of the city's planning and zoning machinery were engaged last week when residents of Old Mountain View raised the specter of being blasted by loud parties on the rooftop patio of a condominium complex under construction between Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street.

The patio was not included in the original plans for the condos, which are owned by Prometheus Real Estate Group. The project was strongly opposed by neighbors who objected to the size and many other aspects of the 202-unit complex on the old Minton's site. But in a roomful of irate residents who showed up at a meeting last week, Zoning Administrator Peter Gilli apologized for not being able to block the patio, saying it was not an architectural change or a commercial use that would require a special permit, so it could not be removed.

And why should it? Certainly Prometheus, and perhaps the city, are at fault for quietly agreeing to install the patio after the plans had gone through the public process, so neighbors had no idea the changes had been made. Nothing illegal was done and even Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association chair David Lewis does not blame the developer, saying the problem is the way the process works when a change is granted after original plans are approved.

"Maybe one of the aspects that come out of this is that rooftop open spaces need some kind of review. Right now (city code) doesn't say that it does," Zoning Administrator Gilli said.

For its part, Prometheus developer Jon Moss said the TV and sound system would be removed from the rooftop plans, while acknowledging that the action wasn't likely to please everyone. Prometheus will allow the deck to be used until 10 p.m. and permit alcohol use, but Moss promised that the company would respond to noise complaints from neighbors and close off access to the deck if necessary — and even go so far as terminating the leases of problem tenants.

The company does have some damage repair to do with at least one City Council member. Jac Siegel claimed that the deck was already built in a "brazen" move to bypass city officials. Gilli did not agree, saying, "I don't believe the applicant purposefully held this back."

Perhaps the council should revise the zoning code so plans for rooftop decks are routinely reviewed.

That would be a good lesson for all parties to take away from this mini-tempest. In a neighborhood that experiences the comings and goings of Caltrain throughout the day and well into the evening, as well as the roar of buses and street traffic, it is not too much to ask for some restrictions on even more noise from rooftop parties. But the likelihood that a small gathering of people on a rooftop 50 feet above the street and at least 300 feet away would destroy the peace and tranquility of a neighborhood is minimal, in our view. Amplified sound and a large TV could have an impact, but without them, it looks to us like Old Mountain View is safe from a noise attack.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

LEAF BLOWERS AT MIDNIGHT

I've lived at the Crossings for over eight years and enjoy the location. But one annoyance that I can't find a solution for is the use of leaf blowers at 11:30 p.m. or midnight at the San Antonio Shopping Center.

I live right next to the shopping center. And nearly every night, right around midnight, the leaf blowers start up. It seems ridiculous, and I would think it should not be allowed by some type of city ordinance. I called the Police Department, and was told the shopping center has a permit to operate leaf blowers at this hour.

Does this seem ridiculous to you?

Steve Carr
Freedom Lane

CITY PANDERS TO GROWTH

The City of Mountain View is no longer a place of which I am a proud resident. I moved here in 1976, after commuting nine years from San Jose to my workplace, Awalt High School — now Mountain View High School. As a high school art teacher, I was attracted to the politics of the city, as well as the surrounding beauty of the landscape, and was happy to call this town my beloved home.

It has been painful over the years to see landmarks like the

Ferry Morse Seed Company torn down, the orchards ripped out for housing for our ever-expanding and uncontrolled population growth, and the last farm on Grant Road turned into another developer's greedy cash cow. As a complacent resident, bowing to progress, I have come to realize that I am no longer comfortable living in Mountain View. I am no longer proud of this city, and in fact, rather disgusted with our City Council.

Now, removing heritage trees to build condos — and notice the headline always has to mention the dollars — completely breaks my heart.

I agree with council member Ronit Bryant that the message is clear: We've got the land, you've got the money. Come spend it in Mountain View. We even kill our heritage trees for your future dollars. Is this the best Mountain View can do to sustain our future?

Karen Koshgarian
Carmelita Drive

CITY IN THE POCKET OF BIG DEVELOPERS

As usual, the city planners jumped into the pocket of big developers. Prometheus said jump and the city planners asked, "How high?" I understand that they are thinking of changing the name of Mountain View to Developer-ville.

Konrad Sosnow
Trophy Drive





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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW 2030 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, May 19, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Mountain View City Hall,
Council Chambers – 500 Castro Street

This meeting will allow the public to comment on the Draft 2030 General Plan, Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program, and Draft 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report.

The City Council will hold public meetings on the Draft 2030 General Plan at dates to be scheduled in June or July 2012. Information on these and other meetings is available at www.mountainview2030.com or by contacting the Community Development Department at (650)903-6306 or community.dev@mountainview.gov.

Copies of all 2030 General Plan materials are available at www.mountainview2030.com, or can be viewed in the Community Development Department and City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, and at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street. Compact discs of materials are available by contacting the Community Development Department.

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Living Well with Osteoarthritis

Tuesday, May 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Palo Alto Center
795 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

Presented by Andrew Rozelle, M.D., Ph.D.
PAMF Rheumatology
650-853-4873

This talk will present an overview of the causes, natural history and treatment of this most common type of arthritis. There will be a particular focus on self management through exercise and use of non-prescription medications.



Saying Goodbye to Diapers

Tuesday, May 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Mountain View Center
701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View

Presented by Melissa Braveman, M.D.
PAMF Pediatrics
650-934-7380

This class will explore ways we can help children teach themselves to use the toilet, help you set up an environment and an attitude that will guide and promote child's progress, and understand how consistency with a routine helps your child feel more in control and independent.

Healthy Senior Meals

Thursday, May 17, 1 – 2 p.m.
Mountain View Senior Center
266 Escuela Avenue, Mountain View

Presented by PAMF Educator
PAMF Nutrition Services
650-934-7373



This lecture for seniors will help you understand the benefits of creating a healthy diet for your age group. Topics include what you should be eating, how to prepare for one or two small appetites and the best nutrient sources for your age.

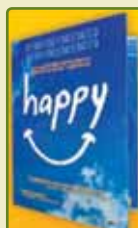
Heart Health – Recapping the Past Century

Monday, May 21, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
San Carlos Library
610 Elm Street, San Carlos

Presented by Lynette Lissin, M.D.
PAMF Cardiology
650-591-0341, ext. 237

Living a healthy lifestyle plays an important role in preventing coronary artery disease. Please join us for a review of coronary artery disease and to learn what you can do to keep your heart healthy. The use of medication will be discussed as well as what living a healthy lifestyle means.

Happy – Healthy Screenings Film



Friday, May 25, film starts at 7 p.m.
Mountain View Center
701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View

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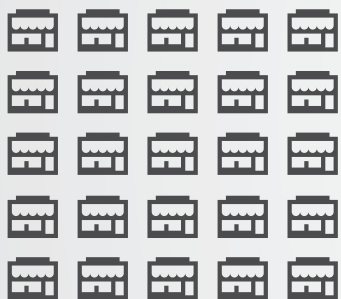
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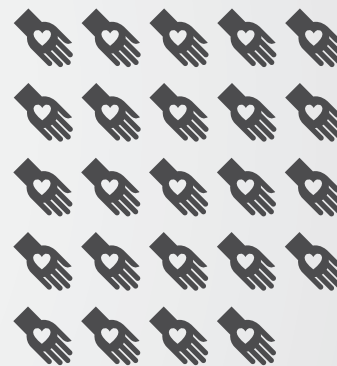


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