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Roger Brown is lobbying to allow skateboarding on city trails.

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Skate and enjoy

ENGINEER, 55, SEEKS TO CHANGE CITY'S SKATEBOARDING BAN ON TRAILS

By Daniel DeBolt

Roger Brown may be 55 but that isn't keeping him from riding his skateboard. Leave that up to a city law.

"It makes a nice workout," said Brown, a computer engi-

neer who enjoys the relatively new sport of longboarding. The Santa Clara resident says he rode his board 27 miles in one trip last month.

The Bay Trail in Mountain View, where he once worked as an engineer at Silicon Graphics, is one of his favorite spots.

But skateboarding isn't allowed on Mountain View's section of the trail, though it is allowed in Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. A ranger at Shoreline Park confronted him after he'd been skating the trails for a year.

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Measure G supporters raise big bucks

By Nick Veronin

Supporters of Measure G have raised far more than opponents of the \$198 million school bond set to go to a vote in the June 5 election — by about 60 to one.

Mountain View for Safe and Efficient Schools — a group backing the Mountain View Whisman School District mea-

sure — raised \$61,250 between March 18 and May 19, according to papers recently filed with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. The biggest contribution came from Piper Jaffray, a Minneapolis-based investment bank that contributed \$25,000.

The same documents indicate the campaign spent a little more than half of the money raised —

\$32,412.27 — over the same time period.

While the pro-Measure G campaign's fund-raising success could be seen as an indication of the bond's future success at the polls, the man leading the opposition to Measure G said it is only evidence of a corrupt political process.

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Neighbors frothing over beer garden plan

By Daniel DeBolt

A handful of condo dwellers on Bryant Street have so far been successful in blocking a new restaurant and beer garden proposed for 895 Villa Street, but applicant Ted Kim is asking for the City Council to reverse the decision before summer break.

Kim says he will pay a \$2,500 fee by June 1 to appeal the ruling by Zoning Administrator Peter Gilli, who cited neighbor concerns about noise in capping the proposed restaurant's patio use to 6 p.m. half the year and 8 p.m. the other half.

"It would be a huge part of our business we'd be losing," Kim told the Voice. The business would not be viable without the patio open for diner, he said. He had already reduced the patio's size from 160 to 64 seats and moved the restaurant's entrance off Bryant Street.

Kim says it's been his dream for five years to open a "German-inspired American rendition of a beer garden," and says the Villa Street location was seen as the perfect spot after a year-and-a-half-long search. He plans to invest \$1 million in the restaurant and hire over 60 employees to serve "gourmet comfort food" and "high-end beer." And he's recruited an award-winning chef, he said.

The proposal was effectively blocked by a handful of neighbors in the 20 unit-condo com-

plex at 230 Bryant Street, some of whom attended the May 9 administrative zoning hearing. They complained about existing problems with the Monte Carlo night club, whose patrons spill out into the parking lot behind 895 Villa at 2 a.m. and are known to urinate, fight and litter near the condos.

Neighbors complain

"Until the noise problem at present levels is mitigated, I wouldn't want to expand alcohol licenses," said 230 Bryant Street resident David Lynn.

"I personally don't want listen to 64 people talking outside my bedroom window seven days a week," said another resident, Michelle Lynn.

Roger Koa, the owner of 895 Villa, was incensed by the comments.

"Stein's Beer garden hasn't opened yet," Koa said. "How can you complain they are noisy?"

Comparisons were made to the Tied House next door, as it has an outdoor patio behind it facing another condo complex at 108 Bryant Street. Kim says he wants the same hours as the Tied House, which is open until 10 p.m. most nights, and 11 p.m. on Fridays. Lynn claimed he could hear people cheering at the Tied House Patio during hockey games. "I like the Sharks but sometimes my child is trying to sleep," he said.

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Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, June 5. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. To find your polling place, go to sccgov.org and click on the Registrar of Voters link. This election brings several changes — new open primary rules take effect, and as do newly redrawn districts for state Assembly and Senate races that affect Mountain View. Election results will be available online after the polls close at mountainviewonline.com.

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How do you think California should deal with its budget deficit?



"I think that California should deal with its budget shortfall by increasing taxes across the board, and especially towards the higher income."

Dan Zieber, Sunnyvale



"What I don't want to be cut is the education funds, because my wife is a teacher. Another possibility is the retirement funds, but again, my wife would be hurt from that."

Dean E., Santa Clara



"I definitely think the budget cuts should come from the prison system. We shouldn't be pushing the budget cuts onto education while keeping the budget for the prisons."

Lauren Barton, Redlands



"I don't really know where the budget cuts should come from, because they've been cutting for ten years. It's just so hard to find any money anymore. They're going to have to raise taxes, there's no other option."

Henry Jordan, Palo Alto



"I think the super rich must make a move and pay their taxes duly, and contribute to the betterment of the economic situation of California."

Niru Srivastava, Cupertino

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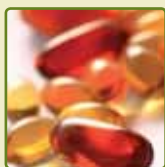
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CRIME BRIEFS

DA DROPS CHARGES IN BIKE THEFT

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's office has dropped some of the charges initially filed against a Sunnyvale man who was accused of trying to steal a bike by force two months ago in downtown Mountain View.

"They had the wrong guy," said attorney Thomas Salciccia, who represents Craig Jordan, the man arrested April 14.

Two charges, attempted robbery and making criminal threats, have been dropped, according to Cindy Hendrickson, deputy district attorney with Santa Clara County. Two drug-related charges stuck.

"If I have a reasonable doubt, then I won't take a case to trial," Hendrickson explained of her decision to drop the charges. "There certainly was probable cause to believe he did it," she said, but after taking all the evidence into consideration, she said that it would have been difficult to convince a jury of Jordan's guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt."

"There was an abundance of evidence to indicate Jordan was responsible for the robbery," said Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman with the Mountain View police. "So we arrested him."

Wylie said that Jordan met the description of the thief, as reported by the victim, a Red Rock employee who was punched twice in the face and hit over the head with a bag containing a heavy object when he attempted to stop his bike from being stolen at about 11:10 a.m.

Salciccia insisted that the probable cause police claim to have had in arresting his client was flimsy and prejudicial. "They found somebody that had a record and they just assumed it was him."

Jordan was shown on security footage entering the CVS drug store at 850 California Street about 10 minutes after the attack occurred — proof that it couldn't have been him, Salciccia said. "He didn't have enough time to go from the (light rail) station to where he was filmed," Salciccia said

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Holocaust survivors tell their story to students

By Nick Veronin

It was standing room-only in Christopher Chiang's world history class at Mountain View High School as Lenci Farkas recalled her horrific ordeal. The teens listened in silence as the nonagenarian woman told of how she was taken from her home in 1944, shipped first to a Jewish ghetto and then by train "in cars for cattle" off to

the infamous Nazi death camp, Auschwitz.

Some snacked on potato chips or sandwiches as she described trading with fellow concentration camp prisoners — a few scraps of linen from the camp's blanket factory for a small lump of stale bread. It seemed uncomfortably hot at times, even as she recalled huddling together for warmth with other children in an abandoned rural house after

escaping from one of the many "death marches" the Nazis forced her people to participate in.

Farkas, a San Mateo resident, has been telling her story of death, fear and survival to children and teens for more than 30 years. Her intent is to raise awareness among students and show them what small prejudices can turn into if they are not

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MICHELLE LE

Holocaust survivors Livia Grunfeld, left, and Lenci Farkas talk to students and teachers at Mountain View High School.

Hospital could lose taxing power

COMMISSION'S AUDITORS CRITICAL OF DISTRICT'S BOOKKEEPING

By Nick Veronin

For the second time in less than a year, a governmental watchdog agency has delivered a severe critique of El Camino Hospital — but this time, the future of the tax-collecting special hospital district hangs in the balance.

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCo) found the hospital and hospital district lacking in transparency, unaccountable to its constituents and in need of serious reform in its audit. The lengthy report was released May 23, about one year after the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury's report identified similar deficiencies at El Camino.

A great deal is at stake. Unlike the Civil Grand Jury, which can draw public attention and make recommendations, LAFCo has

the authority to initiate the dissolution of the hospital district. And, if the district is unable to make its operations more transparent, that is exactly what the agency will move to do, a LAFCo official said.

In a hospital press release, El Camino district officials said that they "strongly disagree" with some of the report's recommendations, as they "would limit how the district provides its health care services."

Audit's origin

Officials at LAFCo had not initially intended to conduct such an intense investigation of the hospital corporation and hospital district — they had only planned on performing a standard five-year service review. However, in light of the El Camino's 2009 purchase of the former Los Gatos Community Hospital — which is

located outside of the El Camino Hospital District's boundaries, and beyond what is referred to as the hospital district's "sphere of influence" — the officials at LAFCo wanted to take a more in-depth view of the district.

LAFCo officials hired a public sector management consulting firm to audit the hospital and special district, according to Neelima Palacherla, the commission's executive director. Once Harvey M. Rose Associates started digging, they discovered that the health care organization had changed extensively since its founding in 1956 and was not necessarily operating the way that its founders intended.

Transparency needed

Over the past several years, while El Camino has shone as a beacon of technological achievement in the healthcare industry,

the organization has struggled through a series of public relations battles related to financial woes and disagreements between the hospital's workers and its administrators. As local surgeons have championed adopting the latest procedures, nurses have shouted in board meetings over fears of losing their jobs. And as on-site researchers have worked toward the next generation of life-saving medical devices, a CEO was dismissed — suddenly and without explanation — in spite of managing to pilot the hospital from red to black ink.

A common theme in recent years among those who have spoken out against the hospital is a perceived lack of transparency.

"I think there are some concerns about the transparency and accountability of the district," Palacherla said. "In the report

we've provided some recommendations of how this could be a more open process — easier to understand and more clear."

Because of the complex relationship between El Camino Hospital District and El Camino Hospital — wherein the district

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collects taxpayer money and channels it through its private corporation counterpart — transparency and accountability are paramount, Palacherla said. "These are public funds,"

Palacherla said of the roughly \$16 million the hospital district collected from taxpayers during the 2009-10 fiscal year. "It is the public's right to know how these funds are being used."

"It's not clear what's being done with the public funds," she said.

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DANIEL DEBOLT

The EPA found a high level of toxic fumes in this building at Moffett Field.

EPA finds toxic vapors in NASA building

CHEMICAL TCE IS EXPOSING WORKERS TO DANGEROUS FUMES

By Daniel DeBolt

A building occupied by facilities workers at NASA Ames Research Center has 10 times the limit of toxic vapors coming from an underground plume, according to recent tests by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Short-term exposure at that level, particularly for pregnant women, would be an issue," said Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Envi-

ronmental Oversight. "Birth defects are caused by short-term exposure."

The reading was taken over a large toxic plume flowing under northeastern Mountain View and Moffett Field. Fairchild, Intel and the United States Navy were among those who used the industrial solvent Trichloroethylene and either dumped it on the ground or leaked it from storage tanks over the years.

Known as Building 10, the

former Navy structure appears to have been built in the 1930s and houses a massive boiler used to heat nearby buildings and a locker room for workers.

While the plume has been undergoing cleanup for more than a decade, tests have only recently begun of the air inside some of Moffett's buildings. Siegel said the delay was caused by a dispute between the Navy

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A memorial service for Concetta Marie Mirenda DiFazio, a longtime Mountain View resident, is set for Thursday, June 7, at 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. She died May 8 at the age of 89.

Born April 11, 1923 in Brooklyn, New York, she was the youngest of three children born to Sicilian immigrant parents, Antonino and Anna Cali Mirenda.

She worked as a clerk for Navy Intelligence during World War II, and in 1944, she married Raymond DiFazio, an Army sergeant

just returned from Africa and the European Theater. In 1951, she moved with her husband, two small children and her elder sister and her family to Mountain View. There, they reunited with her parents and her brother and his family. The family was very close and always gathered for Sunday dinner.

DiFazio was an active member of St. Joseph's Parish and a founding member of the Parent Teacher's Guild at St. Joseph's School. With only a high school diploma, she worked her way up from clerk-typist at the local municipal court to Clerk of the Court, and eventually was named Citizen of the Year in Sunnyvale, her family says. In 2010, she moved to Salt Lake City to be near her daughter,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Concetta is survived by her son, Ray DiFazio Jr. of San Francisco; her daughter, Regina DiFazio Fischer of Salt Lake City; her grandchildren, Christina Fischer Phelps of Havertown, Penn., David Fischer and Julianna Fischer Ahrend, both of Salt Lake City; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, her sister, Carmela Simone, her brother Philip Mirenda and her grandson, Jeffrey Fischer.

The family prefers memorial contributions be made to the Concetta DiFazio Memorial Fund at St. Joseph's School, 1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View CA 94040.

SKATER

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He'd never seen a sign about the law.

Brown spoke at the May 22 City Council meeting about reversing the ban and has so far gathered 50 signatures of support with an online petition.

The city's rule against skateboarding was created in 1992 and probably targeted a different sort

of skateboarder, Brown said.

"The first text message in a cell phone was sent in 1993," said Brown, a computer engineer. "Look what has happened with that technology in 20 years. The same thing has happen with longboards."

Thanks to his \$500 board's large wheels and long flexible deck, "This is one thing I could do today better than I did when I was 20 years old," he says.

He says city officials have told him that the concern about skateboards is that they can fly out of control and injure others, but he says that's unlikely on the flat trails.

"On a flat trail the reason you fall is you hit a rock," Brown said. "The board sits there, unless Mountain View has outlawed the second law of motion."

Brown said the city should make skateboarding legal everywhere, as long as someone is going from one place to another. As it is now, skateboards are illegal in Shoreline Park and the Stevens Creek Trail, said the city's recreation supervisor, John Marchant.

"I was not with the city at the time this was established, therefore I do not know the initial purpose or reasons for the code," Marchant said in an email.

Brown is an avid cyclist, but was looking for an alternative form of exercise. Running was too hard on his joints and walking wasn't enough of an aerobic workout, he said. Having been a skateboarder as a kid, longboarding piqued his interest.

His new board allows him to maintain speed without touch-

ing the ground by "pumping" or swerving from side to side. The skateboards of his youth weren't up to the task. "You'd go half a mile and huff and puff and say, 'There's got to be a better way,'" Brown said.

Brown said the city need not worry about gangs of skateboarders. The trails are already too boring for the majority who prefer ramps and rails at skateboard parks. "But for skaters like me, 10 miles of nothing, that's perfect," Brown said. "You've got the bay and the birds, a nice breeze, everything."

Brown has received some support from the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail and has presented the issue to both the city's Parks Commission and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

"I just informally surveyed our present board of directors and the consensus is that we have no issues with skateboards as long as public safety is maintained," said Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail board member Aaron Grossman in an email.

Brown said he averages about the same 10 miles-per-hour speed on the flats as the Segway scooters Mountain View allowed on trails in 2010, the only city around to do so.

"The really good guys may average 12 to 13 miles per hour," Brown said. "But they are like, Olympic-class athletes." He says he stays away from the overpasses on the trail as there isn't enough trail width to safely control his speed on a descent.

"I think I've fallen down four times in nine months," he said. "But if you are falling down, you are doing something wrong."

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COURTESY THE DAY WORKER CENTER

Sid Espinosa, director of corporate citizenship at Microsoft, unwraps one of six laptops the company donated to the Day Worker Center on May 25.

Laptops land at Day Worker Center

MICROSOFT DONATION SKYPE, ROSETTA STONE AVAILABLE

By Daniel DeBolt

Thanks to a donation of six laptops from Microsoft on Friday, Mountain View's Day Workers can access the world of cheap international calls via Skype and English language learning with Rosetta Stone, among other things.

"Microsoft came along and basically said, 'Tell us your dream,'" said Craig Sherod, president of the board of Mountain View's Day Worker Center.

The dream it turned out, was fairly modest. Six laptops with special language versions of Microsoft office arrived in a Microsoft employee's car Friday, along with a few more WiFi access points to improve Internet connectivity and eight headsets for talking on Skype and practicing English. Sherod said the center's leaders restrained themselves from asking for more than two copies of Rosetta Stone which alone cost \$800, not wanting to take a gamble with someone else's money in the event that the language learning software turns out to be unpopular with the workers.

"They gave us an Xbox as well, which wasn't on our list at all," Sherod said. "For some of the workers at the Center,

a computer is a very foreign thing. Maybe having a cool computer game might be a way to get them to be more comfortable around a computer, then transition to something more useful."

Some workers already have plenty of computer experience, including two the center entrusts with its computer maintenance.

'Microsoft came along and basically said, "Tell us your dream."

CRAIG SHEROD, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF MOUNTAIN VIEW'S DAY WORKER CENTER.

"Microsoft would be willing to give us some ongoing tech support too," Sherod said. "We declined their generous offer so we could kind of do it ourselves and get the opportunity and the training for the two workers."

One of them is already getting jobs for such work informally, he added.

Workers have begun blogging

on four existing computers the center received in a donation last December, said Sherod, who was happy to report that one post in particular had received 400 hits. "Now there will be more computers available for that," Sherod said, and workers will be able to get more feedback from readers.

There's been a lot of interest from workers in starting their own businesses, and "if things keep going in this direction could be we might teach something like Quickbooks," Sherod said of the accounting software. "The starting-your-own-business type thing is something we want to promote."

Sherod says the center doesn't have an "ironclad plan" for the computers, and is waiting to see what sticks with the workers. They have been offered free use of Rosetta Stone before, but weren't willing to trek to Foothill College's Cubberly campus to use it, Sherod said.

"We are not going to cut back on the in-person instruction at all," Sherod said of the center's popular volunteer-taught classes. "But sometimes workers have to go out on a job and miss class." Rosetta Stone "is kind of a way people could focus on ESL but on their own schedule." ■

Inspirations

a guide to the spiritual community

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Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 2012 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard in the Council Chamber, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, has been set as the time and place for a public hearing and adoption to receive citizen input on the use of funds for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget; on the use of funds for the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Capital Improvement Program and Community Development Block Grant; on proposed water, wastewater and solid waste refuse and recycling rates; and various City fees.

If you are unable to attend the budget public hearing but would like the City Council, Boards and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, California 94039, or an e-mail to city.clerk@mountainview.gov on or before Friday, June 8, 2012.

Copies of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Proposed Budget, supporting documentation for proposed water, wastewater and solid waste refuse and recycling rates and various City fees will be available for review by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012 at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd Floor, Mountain View, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and during public hours at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St, Mountain View. The budget document and related reports will be available on Friday, June 8, 2012 at <http://laserfiche.mountainview.gov/WebLink/Browse.aspx?startid=35382&&dbid=0>.

Dated this 15th day of May, 2012.

Patty J. Kong
Finance and Administrative Services
Director

MEASURE G

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TBWB Strategies was paid a total of \$26,402 for the help it provided the campaign, according to Fiona Walter, a district board member and chair of the pro-Measure G campaign. The San Francisco-based political strategy and communications firm was paid a flat \$20,000; the remaining \$6,402 went for reimbursements for various campaign expenses — such as the creation of special “Yes on G” envelopes, fliers and buttons.

Walter was also paid \$6,010.27 from the campaign fund — reimbursement for money she spent printing “Yes on G” T-shirts, a mailbox for campaign purposes, as well as for lawn signs and other miscellaneous items.

Over a longer period of time — beginning Jan. 1 — the group opposing the measure raised a little more than \$1,000, according to Steve Nelson, chair of No on June Bond Measure G. The majority of the money was donated by Nelson, with a smaller amount coming from Alan J. Keith, co-chair of the No on June Bond Measure G, according to campaign filings with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters’s office.

The campaign spent the majority of the money on advertisements with the Mountain View Voice, the filings show.

Craig Goldman, superintendent of the district, said he views the gap in funds raised as evidence of a similar gap in support.

‘Bad public policy’

Nelson argued that the large sum raised by the pro-Measure G campaign is not necessarily indicative of massive community support for the bond measure. Rather, he said, the spending offers a window into a broken system — one which allows contractors to put up money in support of bond measures from which they stand to gain.

“These kinds of campaigns are generally funded by the companies outside the community that are going to directly benefit from the bond money that is going to be spent,” Nelson said, referring to a number of construction firms and financial organizations that have either been guaranteed a piece of the Measure G pie, or will have a shot at getting a slice, if the bond passes next week.

Piper Jaffray will work with the district to issue the bonds should the measure win. The agreement between MVWSD and Piper

Jaffray was reached before the campaign began.

“It’s perfectly legal what they’re doing,” Nelson noted. “I think it’s just bad public policy.”

He said Piper Jaffray’s campaign contribution represents a conflict of interest. If two of the other contributors — civil engineering firm Brio Engineering Associates and contract architects Artik — get contracts with the district for Measure G projects, it would amount to a “pay to play” scenario. Records show the two San Jose companies gave \$2,500 and \$7,500 respectively to the pro-Measure G campaign.

“There is absolutely no quid pro quo,” Goldman said, countering Nelson. “I don’t know who has contributed to the campaign or how much they’ve contributed, and, furthermore, as a district, we do not make our contractual decisions based upon who makes a financial contribution.”

“I think what they (contractors) are looking for — not surprisingly — is an opportunity to bid on these contracts,” Goldman said.

An opportunity is not a guarantee, he said. “You don’t have the opportunity to bid on a contract if the contract doesn’t exist.”

School bonds are good for the entire community, Goldman

reasoned. They stimulate the economy by creating work for a variety of contractors. And just as parents shouldn’t be precluded from contributing to a campaign that would benefit their children or improve their property value (as better schools are known to do), contractors shouldn’t be stopped from donating to causes that might ultimately result in more business.

“The bottom line, just like in all campaigns, is that there is a clear prohibition against any kind of quid pro quo,” Goldman said.

Nelson noted that almost all of the major contributors to Mountain View for Safe and Efficient Schools are contractors or financial firms that stand to benefit from the passage of the bond.

25-year bond

The proposed bond, which will appear on the June 5 ballot, would be supported by district homeowners who would pay up to \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed property value annually for 25 years. It requires a yes vote of 55 percent to pass. It would come on top of Measure C, the eight-year, \$3 million voter-approved parcel tax that went into effect in 2009. Depending on parcel size, property owners are assessed anywhere from nearly \$150 to over \$1,000 a year under Measure C.

Proponents of Measure G say the Mountain View Whisman School District needs the money to pay for an array of projects at all nine of its campuses — including major structural repairs, safety and accessibility improvements,

technological upgrades, and the construction of new, energy efficient classrooms, along with the removal of permanent and portable structures past their prime.

Nelson said the district should have sought more community input and that it overlooked simpler, more cost-effective solutions.

Nelson was challenging Measure G back when it was merely an idea being bounced about in MVWSD board meetings. He has pushed the district to do a better job of including the public in the planning process, called the plan disorganized and spent his own money taking the district court in an effort to get the pro-G description found in the county voter’s guide reworded (he called the original MVWSD wording “misleading”). A judge denied his claims.

Nelson said it’s not that he doesn’t like the idea of improving local schools, he just feels this current plan is the wrong plan.

Goldman said Nelson’s critique of Measure G’s campaign finances is simply the latest in a slew of ill-fated attempts to stop a bond that has broad community support. Nelson has tried, and failed, numerous times before to derail the project, Goldman said.

“It’s unfortunate that he (Nelson) is trying to cast very ethical service providers (Piper Jaffray, et al.) in a negative light. He has misrepresented the district’s position on a number of occasions and it doesn’t surprise me that he is continuing to do so in the final days prior to the election.” ■

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OBAMA GETS HANGAR ONE PLEA

It was the opportunity that Hangar One supporters had been waiting for. President Barack Obama landed at Moffett Field for a fundraising visit to Silicon Valley on Wednesday, May 23, and preservationists seized the opportunity. Congresswoman Anna Eshoo pointed out the hangar and the group of nearly 100 people who stood with signs at the Moffett main gate chanting "Save Hangar One!" as the president's motorcade drove by. Hangar One supporters say it was perfect timing as massive structure could use a little help from the White House. It was revealed on May 9 that NASA wants to give up Moffett Federal Airfield and Hangar One, derailing a proposal from the founders of Google to restore it after NASA and Congress could not come up with the funding. As much as \$45 million is needed. The Navy is in the middle of a \$25 million project to remove the hangar's siding, which is laced with toxics.

—Daniel DeBolt



MICHELLE LE

HOSPITAL

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As they did in the wake of the Civil Grand Jury report, El Camino officials defended the healthcare organization in a carefully worded press release, which made sure to highlight the LAFCo audit's acknowledgment that the hospital district's practices are "consistent with state law."

According to Palacherla, the hospital district is technically doing what it is required to do with taxpayer dollars. It has created a system to delineate between what comes in from district residents and what it generates in the private hospital corporation. Still, she said the hospital has a long way to go before everything is "transparent and clear."

"The consultants did have some trouble understanding (the way the money was separated)," she said. "And they are CPAs."

El Camino spokeswoman Chris Ernst said "We are committed to transparency and already have taken steps to better inform the community about the relationship between the district and the hospital corporation."

improved budgeting practices "should include detailed reporting of transfers between entities as well as debt service requirements."

"It's real hard to make any sense of the budget when they go over it in public meetings," said Kary Lynch, a psychiatric technician with the hospital, who also serves as a steward for El Camino's workers' union. "I would like to be able to go there (to a board meeting) as a member of the public having looked at the budget and be able to have some kind of intelligent feedback in that process. I imagine that other people in the community would too."

The only problem with that, Lynch said, is that the hospital often only publishes board meeting materials — including details of proposed budgets — a day or so before the actual meeting, which makes it very difficult to come to a meeting with an understanding of what is being discussed. And when the budget is presented, it is often breezed through quickly and members of the public are only given a few minutes to speak to the board, he said.

Countering Lynch's critiques,

Ernst noted that hospital has been working hard to "enhance financial reporting and to increase outreach and education regarding the district." She pointed to a number of efforts the hospital has been making. El Camino has instituted "a review of the governance and organizational process," they have created "a separate and distinct district website" from the corporation's website to "ensure separation between district and the hospital corporation activities," and they are working to expand the El Camino Hospital Board by three seats, as well as to institute board advisory committees with experts in policy, finance and healthcare quality.

The board

It is unknown whether the plan to expand the hospital board and bring on advisory committees will satisfy the auditors, who are critical of the way in which the two boards oversee the hospital corporation and the hospital district. "The district and corporation maintain almost identical governing boards, which include identical voting members, so

that decision-making is almost indistinguishable between entities," the authors of the audit wrote.

Hospital officials told the *Voice* that keeping the members of the district and hospital boards the same ensures that the hospital is not susceptible to a hostile takeover. Back in the early 1990s the hospital district was almost dissolved after a merger with the Shoreline Medical Group and Sunnyvale Medical Clinic resulted in "significant financial losses, conflicts of interest and declining physician and patient confidence in the system's ability to deliver quality patient care," Ernst said. "By regaining control of the hospital, the district was able to right the ship and as this report even says, the entities are operating both effectively and efficiently."

Uncertain future

As the *Voice* prepared to go to press on May 30, LAFCo was holding a public meeting to discuss, amongst other items, the El Camino Hospital District Audit and Service Review Report.

"As we have in the past, we are always open to looking at ways

to improve transparency and accountability," Ernst said before heading into the meeting. "We welcome a constructive dialogue about how to best serve those living in the district and further increase transparency. Already we have taken steps to better inform the community about the relationship between the District and the Hospital Corporation, to enhance financial reporting and to increase outreach and education regarding the District."

But, Ernst emphasized, if the district were forced to follow all of LAFCo's recommendations to the letter or if the district were dissolved, it would only hurt the community.

"If the district were to be dissolved, we are concerned that vital health care services currently provided by the district through the community benefits program would no longer be available to district residents, not to mention that it would inhibit the hospital's ability to continue providing state-of-the-art care," she said.

The full LAFCo report can be found online at tinyurl.com/ECH-LAFCO. ▀

Accountability

Palacherla said that the hospital and hospital district's issues surrounding transparency have worked to create an El Camino that is not accountable to the community it is supposed to serve. One of the clearest examples can be observed in the hospital's budgeting process — which, although open to the public, is difficult to understand and therefore hard to challenge in open meetings.

"The district and the corporation should establish enhanced budgetary reporting and controls," according to the Harvey M. Rose Associates audit. These

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Clockwise from left: Lenci Farkas recalled her time in concentration camps; Mountain View students listen to tales from Auschwitz; Chiang's classroom has a wall with historical facts and figures from the Holocaust.

HOLOCAUST

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checked.

Just as it is hard to imagine that anything so depraved as genocide could happen in America today, so too was it unfathomable when she was growing up in former Czech Republic. "I feel it is very important to know what can happen if you let it happen," she said after her hour-long talk and half-hour-long question-

and-answer session in Room 101 at MVHS. She was joined by Burlingame resident Livia Grunfeld, who did not have to bear the horror of a concentration camp, but who did live in a Jewish ghetto controlled by the Nazis.

Her message was not lost on Leah Higgins, a ninth-grader who listened to Farkas' talk. "There are inhumane things going on here," Higgins said, referring to the United States and the issues of racism and other

forms of prejudice with which our country continues to struggle today. The freshman said hearing stories of Nazi Germany helped her see the slippery slope of racial intolerance and jingoism.

Anastasia Garachtchenko agreed with Higgins, and added that seeing the face of someone so deeply impacted by racial intolerance really helped drive the lessons of the Holocaust home. "We learn about this in school, but when you actually have someone

there, it makes it feel a lot more personal," she said.

Higgins said of Farkas, "She looks just like my grandma."

One of the most moving anecdotes told by Farkas was a story in which she became acutely aware of the humanity of her mortal enemy. She described being struck by the beauty of a female SS officer — an observation she chose to vocalize at a

moment when she faced severe punishment from the woman. Telling the Nazi guard this may have saved Farkas' life, she said.

Later in her talk Farkas wondered if only more people could see the beauty in their so-called "enemies" the world might be a better place.

"Why are we still not understanding, that we are all God's children?" she asked rhetorically. ▣

BEER GARDEN

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Others disagreed.

"It would be a nice addition to downtown," said Cliff, a resident of 108 Bryant. "It's not a club, it's not a bar, it's a restaurant. They serve high quality beer. It's not Budweiser and people are not doing keg stands. With the amount of tax money it would bring, it would help the city."

"I don't like going to crowded, obnoxious bars on Castro Street," said one resident who didn't give a name. "If Stein's is not invited into our community, people will continue to go elsewhere, including myself."

"I feel very strongly that this

new tenant should be treated in a welcoming way," said downtown resident Julie Lovins. "I live across the street from a beer garden that seats 100 on the patio. We never hear them, they are wonderful neighbors."

At least one neighbor may be willing to compromise.

"To me, 9 o'clock does seem somewhat appropriate, rather than 11," said Kristen Yee, adding that a 10 p.m. closing time on weekends also seems acceptable.

Gilli said the staff had come up with the proposed 7 p.m. closing time, which was modified to allow the patio to be open until 8 p.m. only during half the year when the days are longer, and 6 p.m. the other half.

Gilli said it would be irresponsible for Kim to invest up to \$1 million on the project if there were just going to be problems with neighbors. "If Tied House were coming in right now, they to go through exactly the same thing," Gilli said.

Kim said that such hours for the patio would be a deal-breaker. "We cannot have a viable business under these terms," he said.

Neighbors said Sonoma Chicken Coop spent much of a year looking at the property, and so did six other businesses, Kim said.

"Sonoma Chicken Coop was told the same thing — the outdoor dining is going to be a problem," Gilli said. ▣

CRIME BRIEFS

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Jordan was never even at the coffee shop, but went straight from the VTA light rail to CVS before he was taken into custody.

Jordan suffers from a condition that makes it very difficult for him to run, according to his lawyer, he was supposed to be at work within 11 minutes of the time he was apprehended, and "he owns two bikes." Why would he steal a bike, Salciccia

argued, if he already owned two?

While the attempted robbery and criminal threats charges were dropped, Jordan pleaded no contest to drug possession for a small amount of methamphetamine found on him at the time of arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia, Hendrickson said. He was sentenced to 60 days in county jail and placed on probation.

—Nick Veronin

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TCE

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and NASA over which was responsible. The Navy left Moffett Field to NASA in 1994.

The source of the vapors is an underground steam tunnel connecting to Moffett's massive Hangar One. The EPA is pushing to have something done about tunnel, "which is serving as a conduit to this building," EPA project manager Alana Lee said. Inside the tunnel "we saw elevated levels of TCE greater than 1,000 micrograms per cubic meter," Lee told the Moffett Field Advisory Board.

After the EPA found the contaminated air, a temporary ventilation system was installed in Building 10 and the Navy is set to conduct follow-up measurements of the air inside. The Navy will also test 21 other buildings nearby.

"The Navy is working with NASA as well

as EPA to find out about mitigating this building," Lee said of Building 10. "NASA does plan on using this building."

Elevated TCE levels have also been found inside the Moffett Field museum (Building 126), a portion of which was at 23 micrograms per cubic meter during the last published test in 2009.

TCE vapors were found inside Building 10 at 50 micrograms per cubic meter. To put the measurement in perspective, the EPA has recommended a limit of 15 micrograms per cubic meter for short-term exposure to workers at a nearby Google campus construction site, Siegel said. Five micrograms per cubic meter is the EPA limit for long-term exposures in the

area's commercial buildings.

Siegel said that the long-term limit for commercial buildings would be only 2 micrograms per cubic meter if new information were implemented from a toxicological assessment of TCE released by the EPA last year. The assessment found TCE "carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure" and says that inhalation can cause "hepatic, renal, neurological, immunological, reproductive and developmental effects."

Lee confirmed at a recent Moffett Field RAB meeting that there are no plans to change the cleanup requirements at Moffett in light of the latest TCE risk assessment.

"I don't necessarily agree, but the idea is you don't change everything you are doing

every time there is a new risk assessment," Siegel said.

Siegel says NASA has raised issues about vapor intrusion from underground tunnels at Moffett for years. Hangar One may also require some unique mitigation if it is eventually restored.

"I've been warning people if we ever get Hangar One re-covered we'll have to test air inside," Siegel said. "It is so big air will be diluted. It will be an interesting study in the movement of VOCs in indoor air because it is such a large space to test. Does it accumulate near the roof, the floor? It is above the plume. I think the groundwater contamination under Hangar One is 100 parts per billion."

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By Rebecca Wallace

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The third-generation Northern Californian expresses his love for his home through color — vivid, jazzy color. Trees are so green that they're sometimes blue; hills are so warm that they're sometimes orange. The terrain may not technically look like this,

late about adding a tree or the Stanford Dish. He says: "A painting ought to be interesting; it ought to have direction, motion. There's something missing. Until I find it, it'll just sit there."

He laughs and points to a closet shelf where canvases are stacked tightly, sometimes rarely seeing the light of day. "Or it'll go to the back of the class."

Coleman knows about artwork left at the back of the class. For years, he hardly had time to paint while teaching English and history at Leland High School in



Gary Coleman's landscape, "New Mexican Earth."

but this is how it makes Coleman feel.

"I'm taking what I see and making it what I'm seeing when I'm painting," he says. "I think I've made it more alive."

Coleman often works on abstracts at the same time as his landscapes. Perhaps the fanciful influences spill over. He'll have four or five paintings going in his San Jose home studio, where paint speckles the door handles.

He ponders one abstract canvas, which may have its urban, angular roots in his Oakland upbringing or the Scissor Sisters music he listens to. Then he looks at a landscape he's working on, of the Stanford hills near Interstate 280.

"It's not really speaking to me," Coleman says. He traces the gentle slopes. "Maybe it needs an upward thrust. What do you think?" He and a visitor specu-

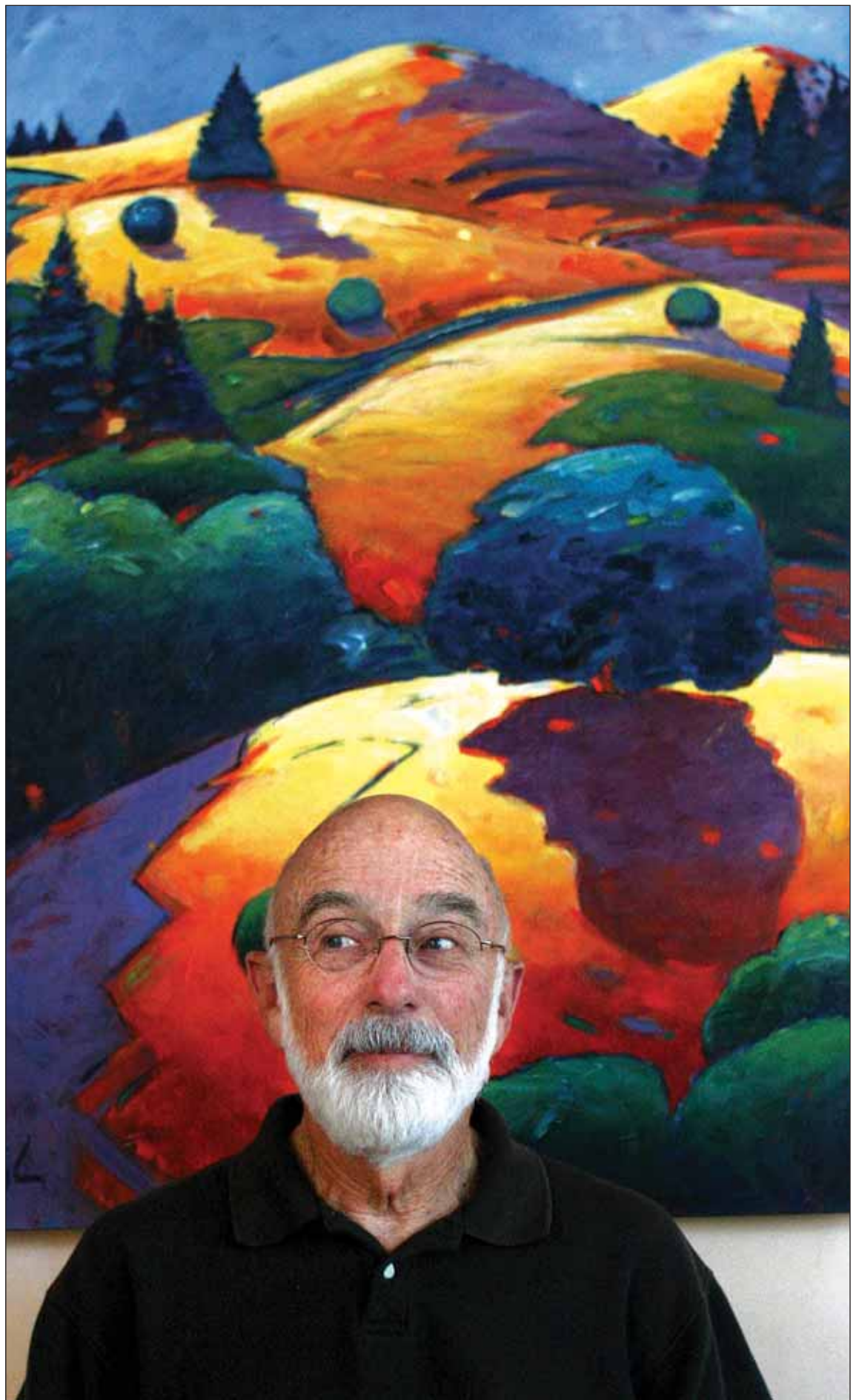
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Pacific Art League, the figure was his own. The exhibition was called "Artist as Landscape," playfully reflecting how the artist saw himself sans mirror. The viewpoint was often looking down at his hands and feet. In "Contemplation," the artist sits on the toilet, pants around his ankles.

Coleman smiles. "I never, ever thought there was a possibility that I would sell this. But a lady in Atherton bought it."

Another painting, "Duck," proved so controversial that it sparked an art-league board meeting. It shows the artist in the bath, his feet, legs and genitals showing. A toy duck floats in the water.

"I think the reason it was objected to is because it's a male nude. You see female nudes everywhere," Coleman says.

Over time, Coleman did more landscapes of the California hills, sometimes en plein air, sometimes from photos or sketches. Ever since his family moved to Walnut Creek when he was in the eighth grade, he's been drawn to those hills. He used to be a regular cyclist, and still sometimes hikes with his wife, Karoline.

Coleman usually doesn't paint the other places he's been, though the palette would be broad. In 1964, a taste for change led him to a job as a diplomatic courier for the U.S. Department of State, based in Germany. He'd carry sealed bags with secret materials to Cairo and then Ethiopia, or to Beirut, or to Cold War Moscow. Coleman remembers the Russian guards on the trains, with long coats and machine guns, German shepherds sniffing under the cars. "It was so cool."

Coleman met Karoline, who is from Germany, and they lived in Belgium when their children were young. They still make regular trips overseas.

Nowadays, Coleman spends much of his time painting, and not much on marketing his art. "Things kind of happen by accident," he says. Sometimes he knows another artist who's shown at a gallery, and that gives him an in; or people buy paintings through his website.

"I'd like to keep seeing growth in my work, to say: 'That's interesting. That's new,'" he says. "When I was starting out, I wanted to be nationally known. Now I just want to see positive change, to feel what I'm doing is worthwhile."

He grins. "It doesn't hurt that this pays for our travel to Europe."

Gary Coleman's landscapes are on display through June 18 at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St., with a few at nearby City Hall.



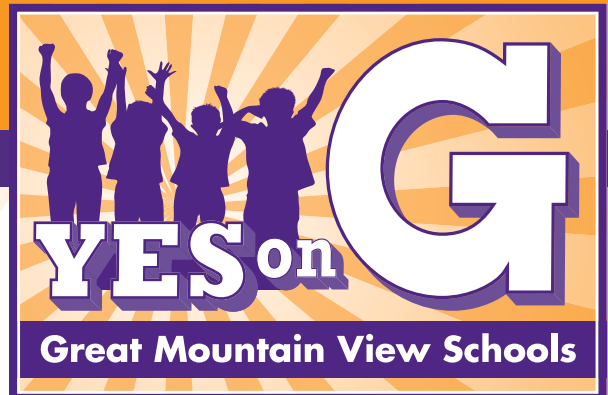
Above: "Blue and Gold #2" by Gary Coleman; **right:** "Long Shadows."



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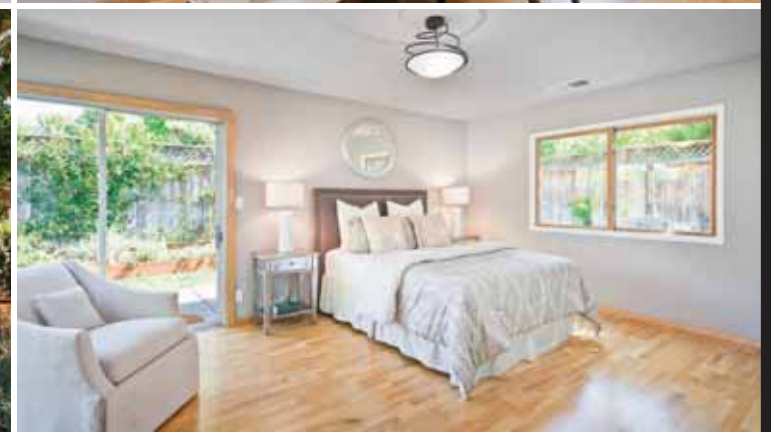
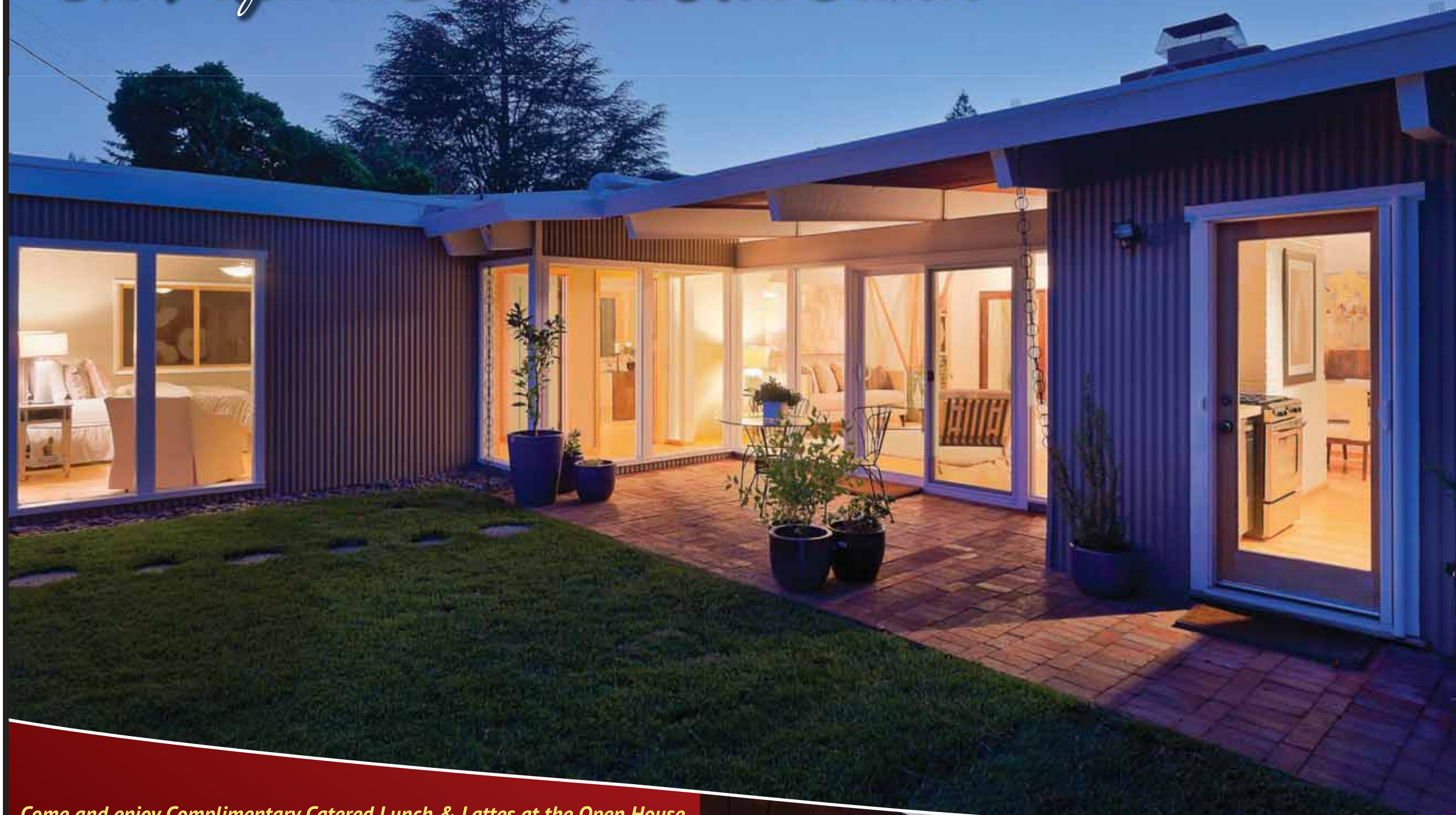
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HSR board names new CEO

The California High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors announced Tuesday, May 29, that it will hire Jeff Morales as its new CEO.

Morales has experience managing major transportation projects, including projects with the California Department of Transportation and the Chicago Transit Authority. He has also worked at the federal level on such projects as President Obama's transportation transition team and Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review. He currently works as the senior vice president of

Parsons Brinckerhoff Americas and is serving as its director of strategic initiatives and government relations.

Board Chairman Dan Richard said he and the rest of the board were impressed with Morales' experience with and dedication to transportation issues on a large scale.

"Jeff Morales is exactly the right person to take the helm at this pivotal time and capitalize on the positive momentum that has built up over the last several months," Richard stated in a press release.

—Lauren Sliter

Drop in holiday DUI arrests

DUI arrests over the Memorial Day holiday weekend were down in Santa Clara County compared to the same three-day weekend last year, authorities said Tuesday.

The county saw a sharp drop, from 144 drunken driving arrests last year to 80 this year, according to California AVOID, which runs multi-agency anti-DUI enforcement campaigns in each Bay Area county over various holiday

weekends.

Officers reported making five drunken-driving arrests in Mountain View over the long weekend.

The holiday crackdown lasted until the end of the night on Monday. AVOID programs will return with increased patrols and DUI checkpoints for the Independence Day holiday, according to officials.

—Bay City News Service

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CSA HOLDS GALA

The Community Services Agency is hosting its annual spring gala on June 10 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View. The fundraiser benefits programs for local disadvantaged and elderly people, and runs from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This year's gala theme is "Imagine," a tie-in to Silicon Valley's innovation and creativity, and offers food, beer, and wine-tasting, musical entertainment, and a silent and live auction.

The Community Service Agency has been providing social services for Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills residents since 1957. The nonprofit offers emergency assistance with food and financial aid, senior citizen assistance, care for the homeless and gifts for disadvantaged families during the holidays. According to Executive Director Tom Myers, the agency aided over 6,000 people last year through its programs and services. More information on the Community Service Agency and the spring gala is at csacares.org.

Tickets cost \$115. Donation opportunities are also available through the event's website, and potential sponsors can contact Development Director Jim Boin at jboin@csacares.org or (650) 968 - 0836 x115.

MARIPOSA PARK OPENING DAY

City officials will hold a dedication ceremony for Mariposa Park on Saturday, June 9, beginning at 10 a.m. The ribbon-cutting and a community photograph will follow the dedication at 10:15 a.m., after which the park will be open to the public. There will be refreshments, and free games and crafts for children.

The park has a butterfly theme, a nod to its name — mariposa is Spanish for butterfly. It was approved in September 2010, and construction began approximately one year ago.

Located between the west end of Dana Street and Mariposa Avenue, the ceremony will take place at 305 Mariposa Ave.

—Emily Efland

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Hotels, office dominate center plan

Back in the days when Sears was a high-traffic store that could draw customers from miles around to San Antonio Shopping Center, customers came for one thing: to go shopping.

Unfortunately, the center's current make-over by Merlone Geier includes shopping as an afterthought, something to squeeze in among the apartments, office buildings and hotel that will dominate the 21 acres of this storied property when the San Francisco firm completes its makeover in the next few years.

The latest example is the company's request to build a 12-story, 167-foot-tall office building in Phase 2 of its plan for the northeast end of the property at San Antonio Road and California Street. The proposed 741,000 square feet of offices would dwarf the 66,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space facing a slim, 1-acre park built over the Hetch Hetchy right of way, which could not be developed anyway. A 150- to 200-room, six-story hotel and parking for 2,858 cars is also part of the proposal that was presented to the Environmental Planning Commission May 16.

The commissioners were rightly skeptical of the plan.

"To realize we're potentially constructing the tallest structure in Mountain View, I was pretty surprised by that," said Environmental Planning Commissioner Chris Clark.

Of more concern, is the charge that on the evening of May 10, without warning, Merlone Geier decided to erect a temporary fence behind the five buildings it is attempting to purchase along San Antonio Road and California Street. The owners say it is simply a way to pressure them to sell out. And already the owners of the Barron Park Plumbing Supply building are under contract to sell. The others, including the popular Milk Pail Market, which has a contract for some parking in the center for the next few years, are not interested now. But even though the city forced the fence to come down, the company is using security guards to shoo unwanted vehicles away.

Meanwhile, work continues on the first phase of the project at the old Sears site, where Merlone Geier is making room for more retail shopping, with a Safeway store and several large and small retail spaces, but the landscape is dominated by three apartment buildings and lots of parking.

In our view, the City Council should not accept Merlone Geier's 12-story office building and parking garage that could be sited anywhere in the city. And the same goes for the eight-story hotel. This corner of the property should welcome shoppers, not office workers.

Owning only about a third of the 56-acre center, Merlone Geier apparently has dropped any effort to lure more retail stores to this busy venue. Why? With the right configuration, retailers should flock to this busy location at the confluence of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos. It makes no sense to waste this property on office space and a hotel. It is time to send Merlone Geier a message that "shopping" is the best use of this space.

The Voice recommends:

Jerry Hill for State Senate

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Yes on County Measure A

Yes on Measure G, Mountain View Whisman school bonds

Important reasons for supporting Measure G

By Jim Pollart

Mountain View's elementary and middle schools are quietly becoming some of the most sought after in the region.

After years laboring in the shadow of nearby high-performing school districts, the Mountain View Whisman School District has established its own reputation for outstanding education. For each of the past five years, student test scores have improved. Our scores now exceed state standards for excellence.

Our teachers work hard every day to deliver results in the classroom. Now it's time for Mountain View voters to pass Measure G, which will provide the funds needed to modernize our schools so our students can continue moving forward.

Most of our schools were built over 50 years ago. Older school buildings threaten our students' safety and inhibit their academic performance. Measure G will

enable our district to address the following issues:

■ School buildings must be brought up to current earthquake standards and made safe from hazardous materials;

■ Older buildings cost more to operate, wasting energy and dollars that could otherwise go to the district general fund;

■ With ongoing state budget cuts, our schools struggle to keep pace with changing technology that is essential for a 21st-century education;

■ As word spreads that Mountain View's schools are on the rise, more families are moving into our district and student enrollment is growing, putting further pressure on our district's facilities.

How do we tackle these challenges? The answer is simple: vote yes on Measure G, which will upgrade our aging buildings with a focus on safety, efficiency, and modernization. Let's bring our schools up to current seismic

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■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SIMITIAN A CLEAR CHOICE FOR SUPERVISOR

Joe Simitian is the clear choice in the race for the 5th District of the county Board of Supervisors. Not only has he served one term on the board already, but he has developed invaluable knowledge about the state and the budget which will serve all Santa Clara County.

Joe has been a strong and consistent advocate for his constituents over the years, is brilliant and accessible and is, in my opinion, the only real choice in this years election to replace Liz Kniss as our representative on the Board of Supervisors.

Mike Kasperzak
Mountain View mayor

MEASURE G WILL KEEP SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE

I am voting yes on Measure G because I value the outstanding education my children have received in the Mountain View Whisman School District. My family chooses to live here specifically because we value the quality of life we have in this community, and we work hard to make sure our local schools thrive.

Over the past few years the district has completed a very thorough facilities improvement plan. Information about the projects and the planning that has already been done is available on the district website.

All children deserve a great education in a safe and modern learning environment, and that is why I have decided to vote yes on Measure G. I hope you will join me and support our schools on June 5.

Laura Blakely
View Street

PRINCIPAL SEES REASONS TO BACK MEASURE G

As a long-time member of the Mountain View community and current principal of Graham Middle School, I deeply believe supporting Measure G is not only in the best interest of our students, but also our community.

Many years ago President John F. Kennedy said "Children are the world's most valuable resource and its best hope for the future." If our children are our future, then it is up to each of us to provide them the best learning environment possible. Quality public schools are essential to

our community. Together we can provide our students with the best schools.

On June 5, I will be voting yes on Measure G and I hope you will join me in voting yes too.

Kim Thompson, principal
Graham Middle School

TEACHER AND RESIDENT SUPPORTS MEASURE G

I am a veteran teacher in the Mountain View Whisman School District and have been a Mountain View resident for over 10 years. I have been on top of Measure G and I am impressed by the work and thoughtfulness that has gone into it. I have decided to vote yes on it.

Unfortunately, our 50-60 year old buildings are in need of major safety renovations, efficiency upgrades, and modernizations for new technologies and 21st century teaching and learning. Fire, security, and earthquake standards must be met. Energy efficiencies will result in general fund savings that can go straight back into classrooms to better serve students and teachers. Modernizations will help ensure that our students have had the same opportunities as surround-

ing districts. This will help us continue living up to our commitment to the success of every child.

In addition, Measure G provides locally-controlled funds that cannot be taken by Sacramento or used for administrator salaries. It's black and white. The

money will be used as is promised.

As a long-time Mountain View resident, it is an easy choice for me and I hope my community will join me in voting yes on Measure G.

Jenni Cummings
first-grade teacher

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codes, and remove all hazardous materials. Measure G would:

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Something for everyone

ASIAN BOX OFFERS FAST, FRESH FOOD IN ENDLESS COMBINATIONS

By Sheila Himmel

Asian Box is destined to be called the Asian Chipotle. There is a system, and it works.

First, pick your rice or noodle. Second, pick one of five proteins. This determines the price of your box, from coconut curry tofu (\$7.25) on up to garlic-soy-glazed beef (\$8.55).

Step 3 is where it gets complicated. Here are your "add-ons," which start with vegetables, steamed or wok-tossed. Proceed next to "box toppers," including bean sprouts, fresh jalapeno, scallion oil, fried shallots, herbs, pickled vegetables, lime.

Part 3 of Step 3, the sauces, is critical and easily flubbed. No one will remind you if you order something stupid or leave off sauce altogether, as I did on the long grain jasmine rice box (\$7.95) with lemongrass pork, steamed vegetables, crisp bean sprouts, excellent pickled radish, and a few fresh herbs with a lime to squeeze. It was all very tasty, but needed a sauce to bring it together. The addition of a caramel egg (\$0.95) helped.

Asian vegetable salad (\$8.55) offered three good-size and tasty shrimp, slathered in tamarind sauce. We added fresh herbs, fried shallots, crunchy peanuts and crisp, cold bean sprouts.

Vegetables are wok-fired or steamed. The difference is, for example, steamed carrots are diced and mushy. Wok-fired carrots are crunchy matchsticks. With broccoli, we couldn't tell much difference between the two.

Another sauce error occurred with chilled rice noodles (\$7.65). My composition was good: chicken, wok-tossed vegetables, and all the box toppers, except for the "Asian street dust" mix of dry spices instead of a liquid sauce. Cold rice noodles need sauce, not dust.

A side dish of jungle jerky (\$2.95) is sweet and fresh, not like eating a stick of wood, as packaged jerky can be.

Spring roll (\$3.50) is literally that: one small roll. Ours had been sitting in the case too long,

and the rice paper wrapper went rubbery. Dipping sauce was thin and very vinegary. Peanut sauce is 75 cents extra.

You aren't in Ho Chi Minh City. Also note that there is no tip line on the receipt, which shouldn't be surprising at a place where there's no table service, but explains why prices are higher than street food. Also, the rents at Town & Country must have changed considerably since its resurrection with palm trees and all you can eat.

As I waited, less than five minutes, for my order to be ready, each newcomer was greeted, "Hi! Welcome to the Box!" Clev-



Shrimp over rice noodles comes with a selection of "box toppers" like bean sprouts and pickled vegetables at Asian Box restaurant in Palo Alto. VERONICA WEBER

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erly, the doors say “Welcome” in English and Vietnamese on the way in, “Come again” when you leave. It’s an attractive little dining area, avocado-colored and some kind of wood that must be sustainable. Note the “bio-based” utensils from Tater Ware.com. A tall table inside has seats for eight, but most of the dining here is on the sidewalk or to go.

Asian Box is the first of this concept by Executive Chef Grace Nyugen, who comes from San Francisco’s famed Slanted Door family of restaurants. On a recent weekend, the Palo Alto outlet was well-staffed, with a cook in the main kitchen, two people ferrying around, and two at the counter. Refreshingly, they stepped in for each other as needed.

Had I thought to ask, any one of them could have steered me in the right sauce direction. Besides tamarind vinaigrette and peanut sauce, there’s no-oil fish sauce



VERONICA WEBER

From top: garlic and soy-glazed beef over vegetable salad; lime-basil shrimp over rice noodles; and coconut curry tofu over jasmine rice.

and sriracha. With tangy sweet, umami, hot and sweet, and salty, Asian Box covers all the tastebud bases. ▀

■ DINING NOTES

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Electrician **Marc Guillamo** works on the wiring for the new meat case at Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst-Haus.

Dittmer's set to reopen

POPULAR PLACE FOR GOURMET MEATS NEARLY READY, NEW GROCERY STORES COMING

By Daryl Savage
and Rebecca Wallace

Rising from the ashes, the popular Dittmer's Gourmet Meats and Wurst-Haus is scheduled to reopen this month in Los Altos. A fire heavily damaged the original Dittmer's in Mountain View more than a year ago.

Fans of the 34-year-old family

business' bratwurst, frankfurters, country-style bacon and other smoked, fresh and lunch meats should be pleased.

"Open, open, open," one person recently wrote on the Dittmer's Facebook page.

"I drive by with intense longing and near-accidents. Please open soon," another commenter urged.

The new store will be located at

4540 El Camino Real in the former Wells Fargo Bank building in the Village Court Shopping Center in Los Altos. Its 5,000-square-foot space has undergone a major transformation. Although the shell of the building remains, the interior has been redone, with artistically tiled walls, new wood floors and at least seven refrigerated display cases to hold the varieties of sausages and smoked and fresh meats.

Last week, store owners posted a photo on Facebook of the cases, all new and covered with plastic. "Getting closer. Meat cases came in today," the caption read. In response, 273 people "liked" the post.

The original Dittmer's, which was at 400 San Antonio Road in Mountain View, shut down after the two-alarm blaze in January 2011. Officials blamed the fire on a malfunctioning smoker. Wood chips inside got overheated and set light due to a faulty thermostat switch, they said. The blaze was mainly in the attic and rafters, but the store's interior suffered heavy smoke damage.

Dittmer Bubert opened the store in 1978, crafting his meats with the traditional German methods he learned in his native Germany. His son and daughter are also involved in the business.

A longtime Mountain View resident, Bubert told the Voice last December that he was sorry to move his store out of the city. But, he noted, the new location is "right across the street from Mountain View."

A hot market for markets

In other food-related retail news, construction is well underway for the new market on the northeast corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road in Mountain View. It is expected to open under the Sprouts Farmers Market banner due to Sprouts' recent merger with Sunflower Farmers Market. Both stores specialize in fresh produce.

The combined company is expected to have about 150 stores, including a Sprouts that is already in operation at 111 E. El Camino Real in Sunnyvale.

The new Mountain View Sprouts is taking over the former sites of Rasputin Music and DSW Shoes. (Rasputin moved and reopened earlier this year at 1939 El Camino Real in Mountain View.)

Meanwhile, across the way on the southeast corner of El Camino and San Antonio, a new Safeway is sprouting. The 64,700-square-foot grocery store is estimated to be completed by the end of the year, city planner Melinda Denis said.

Neighboring Palo Alto is also expecting two new grocers. The Fresh Market, a North Carolina-based, European-style market, will open its first West Coast store in the Edgewood Plaza center on Embarcadero Road.

"The Fresh Market will be breaking ground soon in Edgewood Plaza for an expected opening in late 2012 or early 2013," said Thomas Fehrenbach, city economic development director for Palo Alto.

And in late summer or early fall, Miki's Farm Fresh Produce is scheduled to move in at 3445 Alma St. in Palo Alto. The company bills itself as "an all-encompassing organic grocery store." Owner Michael "Miki" Werness is a former manager at Berkeley Bowl and Monterey Market, both in Berkeley.

Daryl Savage and Rebecca Wallace write for the Palo Alto Weekly, one of the Voice's sister papers. Send tips about retail news to shoptalk@paweb.com.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

MEN IN BLACK 3 ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) An eclectic cast and stellar visual effects coalesce to make "Men in Black 3" a quintessential kernel of summer popcorn cinema. Although the uninspired and often formulaic screenplay dampens what could have been a top-notch sci-fi comedy, the film's excellent production team and pantheon of talented actors create an entertaining escapade. Fans of the first two "Men in Black" films will find this a fitting addition to the quirky, comic-book-based franchise. Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones reunite as Agent J and Agent K, members of a clandestine government organization charged with keeping tabs on Earth's cornucopia of extraterrestrial visitors. Vile alien baddie Boris The Animal busts out of a lunar-based prison and leaps back in time to 1969 with the goal of killing his captor, Agent K, and sparking a full-blown invasion of Earth. Boris's scheme forces Agent J to venture back to '69 and work alongside Agent K's younger self (Josh Brolin) in hopes of launching a protective energy "net" around Earth and quashing Boris' machinations. A sentimental ending borders on sappy but helps bring the "Men in Black" franchise full circle. And while the picture's cartoonish quality dilutes what tension arises, it also ratchets up a sense of unabashed amusement. Enjoy the popcorn. *Rated PG-13 for sci-fi action violence and brief suggestive content. One hour, 44 minutes.* — T.H.

HYSTERIA ★★

(Aquarius) London, 1880. The telephone is cutting-edge technology. Bleeding by leeches remains a common medical treatment. And nearly a quarter of the female population has, at one time or another, been diagnosed with "hysteria" — which 132 years later provides the title of a romantic comedy. For a while, this entertainment is fairly brisk and light. Mortimer Granville, credited with inventing the battery-powered vibrator and played in the film by Hugh Dancy, quits his job and applies for a position under one Dr. Robert

Dalrymple (Jonathan Pryce), a thriving private practitioner who treats London's upper-crust women for hysteria. His treatment involves, erm, lower-body massage that makes the women very happy at least once a week, alleviating their supposed uterine disorder. But after developing carpal-tunnel syndrome, Granville develops a vibrator prototype, and we're off to the races. A la "The Taming of the Shrew," his wife-to-be has an older sister who's considered socially out of step, brazenly supportive of women's rights and determined to run a settlement house for poor women and children. This is Charlotte (Maggie Gyllenhaal), and of course this very modern woman bickers with Granville, a sure sign the two are meant for each other. The filmmakers don't seem to have any idea how to sustain the story once the vibrator comes on the scene. And Wexler at times tips the tone into Mel Brooks-land, with orgasms that have women singing opera or hooting, "Tally ho!" When it stays at ground level, this happily revisionist history is pleasant enough, but it's all rather silly, don't you know. *Rated R for sexual content. One hour, 35 minutes.* — P.C.

BERNIE ★★★

(Guild) From the "News of the Weird" file comes the comedy "Bernie," a Texan tale of murder that opens with the promise "What You're Fixin' to See Is a True Story." The unlikely leading man is Bernie Tiede (Jack Black), a roly-poly funeral director who explains his craft in the opening scene. "You cannot have grief tragically become a comedy," he warns of corpse cosmology, but it's a winking reference to the line "Bernie" cheerily crosses. For Bernie will soon murder octogenarian Marjorie Nugent (a drily amusing Shirley Maclaine), and the laughs don't die with her. While it would be easy to brand "Bernie" tasteless, the filmmakers stick closely to the facts, keeping the bizarre story all the more compelling. And it is funny, in the manner of the fictionalized "To Die For" and the fictional " Fargo." Black calibrates his performance to be all kinds of enjoyable, which is precisely the point of the film: How can we like a murderer so much? And what do we do with the irony that, apparently, not a living soul missed Marjorie Nugent when she was gone, with the possible exception

of the fella who killed her? *Rated PG-13 for violent images and strong language. One hour, 44 minutes.* — P.C.

THE DICTATOR ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Sacha Baron Cohen's "The Dictator" is literally a take-no-prisoners comedy. Get on the bad side of Cohen's latest character, Admiral General Haffaz Aladeen, and he'll make a throat-slitting gesture. That running gag is one of the mildest in Cohen's willfully outrageous film. Though "The Dictator" abandons the mock-documentary style, the filmmakers strike pretty much the same comedic notes, to diminished returns. Racist Aladeen allows Cohen to make another round of blistering satirical gags about anti-Semitism and sexism, buttons Cohen has already pushed repeatedly. This time, he also baits African-American outrage with an over-the-top sequence involving a black corpse and an absurd appropriation of "I Have a Dream." It comes dangerously close to a bad Adam Sandler comedy. Still, "The Dictator" has memorable moments, including a 9/11 run satirizing lingering "War on Terror" fears. "The Dictator" saves up its real threat for a climactic monologue, in which Aladeen indirectly demonstrates America's lack of personal freedom. On its own, this daring breach of the multiplex is almost enough to excuse the misfired gags before. *Rated R for crude and sexual content, brief male nudity, language and violent images. One hour, 23 minutes.* — P.C.

DARK SHADOWS ★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The tried-and-true tandem of director Tim Burton and actor Johnny Depp is a tantalizing proposition, but "Dark Shadows" lands in the "underwhelming" category. "Shadows" isn't an abomination, but it falls well short of the high expectations viewers anticipate from two of the industry's top talents. The film, based on a popular TV show from the late 1960s, plays as something of a comedy-horror hybrid. But it lacks the real humor of a good comedy and chills of an effective horror. Trying to walk the tightrope between two genres, "Shadows" tumbles somewhere into the murky middle, where ho-hum movies go to die. It seems like the gothic version of "Austin Powers." The central character awakens to a modern time he can't understand and hilarity ensues (or doesn't ensue). Said character is out-of-sorts in a world that has moved on without him, yet he is pivotal to quashing a megalomaniac's plot. Rehashing old jokes is no way to win over an audience. *Rated PG-13 for language, comic horror violence, sexual content, smoking and drug use. One hour, 53 minutes.* — T.H.

THE BEST EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL ★★1/2

(Palo Alto Square) Seven pensioners board a plane from England to India in this last-chance-at-love travelogue. Part of the joke of this comedy-drama is that the title isn't entirely truth in advertising. Rundown and lacking in amenities the spot isn't the best, but it is a hotel and exotic, and there's no turning back for the strangers who become the place's first guests. Though the picture cozies up to plenty of clichés, it has this going for it: The course of the film's romances isn't immediately apparent. The conclusions may not all be foregone, but more than once we're instructed. The story comes down firmly in favor of plucky and against sour sticks-in-the-mud. Each plot seems underserved and the whole enterprise too platitudinous, but with powerhouse actors like Dench, Nighy and Wilkinson, even a critic can agree it's better to be plucky than a stick-in-the-mud. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and language. Two hours, four minutes.* — P.C.

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The Crowd Roars (1932) Stanford Theatre: Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Dark Shadows (PG-13) ★★ Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m.

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Hysteria (R) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 4:45, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:15 p.m.

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Foothill College Repertory Dance Company, under the baton of director Bubba Gong, presents its 26th annual spring fundraising concert featuring a variety of dance forms, from Broadway to burlesque, ballet to tap, world beat to hip-hop and contemporary to modern. June 1-2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25, general admission; \$20, seniors and students; \$15, children under age 12; and \$100, reserved an Foothill College Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothill.edu

ART GALLERIES

'Introduction to the Cantor Arts Center' This introductory tour features objects from a variety of cultures and historic periods. Saturdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. Meets in the main lobby. Free. Cantor Arts Center, Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/visit/public_tours.html

Open Studios at Gallery 9 Gallery 9 features four of its artists in 2012 Silicon Valley Open Studios. Christine Arthur, Judi Keyani, Judy Miller Johnson and Bill Scull display their photography, etchings, jewelry, painting and pastel. Through June 2. Regular Hours: Tues.-Sat., 11-5. Sun., 12-4. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Richard Bostrom and Susan Varjaravand "Passages," featuring Bay Area Artists- painting by Susan Varjaravand and wood sculpture by Richard Bostrom, on display through July 1 at Gallery 9, Los Altos. Artist reception July 9, 5 to 8 p.m. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat., 11-5p; Sun., 12-4p. June 5-July 1, Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Intro to TV studio Production' Students get experience in operating the cameras, teleprompter, audio, switcher and character graphics. They will work with a group to do a "program piece" rotating crew positions. June 6-27, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$85. KMVT Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave, Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-698-1540. www.kmvt15.org/workshops/adult.html

'Wild Plants as Food, Medicine, and Soil Indicators' This class will cover the beneficial uses of plants commonly referred to as weeds. The class will cover topics including harvesting them for food and medicine. June 9, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$44. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

'Yoga Bliss Thursday' Anusara-inspired yoga with stretching and breathing awareness. Taught by Patricia Becker on Thursdays, 5:45-7:15 p.m. \$17 per class for drop-ins. California Yoga Center, 541 Cowper Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-494-1620. patriciajoy.wordpress.com/community-classes/

Childbirth Prep Series Included in this series: breathing and relaxation techniques, positions of comfort, partner support, visualization, options regarding labor variations, pain management, informed consent, complications and medical interventions. June 2, 2-6 p.m. \$295 per couple. Blossom Birth Services, 299 S. California Ave. Ste. 120, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-2326. blossombirth.org/CB_Classes/childbirth_prep_series.html

Communication Workshop Toastmasters meet every first and third Thursdays to work on communication skills in a friendly environment. June 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 210 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-571-1844. orbiters.freetoasthost.us

Pest and Disease Control Attendees can learn the safest ways to manage ants, snails, slugs and other pests and disease in their summer gardens. Find out about lesser-known beneficial insects that are an integral part in keeping a balance in a yard. June 2, Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org

Sacred Circle on the Edge Ginny Anderson and Darcy Elman will lead a walking meditation through Bayfront Park in Menlo Park. They will explore listening and the subtle communication with nature, while sensing the intertwining spirits within all the elements. June 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$40. Blue Iris Studio, 3485 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-858-

1440. clients.mindbodyonline.com/ASP/adm/home.asp?studioid=20841

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Annual Dads' Day Hike' Easy, child-friendly hike on the day before Father's Day. Potluck picnic. RSVP required at blossombirth.org. June 16, 10 a.m.-noon. Free Blossom Birth, 299 S. California Ave. Ste. 120, Palo Alto. Call 650-321-2326. blossombirth.org/index.html

'Coffee, Art & Chocolate' Coffee, chocolate and art talk with artists and others. Fridays through Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-3891. www.pacificartleague.org

'Just' California: Pressing Issues for 2012 A public policy forum to discuss issues of inequality and injustice to strive to create a more equitable California. Issues discussed include the governor's budget initiative, California's campaign finance reform and California's health care system. June 7, 6:30-9 p.m. Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-493-4661. www.betham.org

Los Altos First Friday More than 20 downtown Los Altos stores and galleries will be open until 8 p.m. Many of them will be hosting complimentary sweets and several will offer events in their stores. June 1, 6-8 p.m. Downtown Los Altos, State and Main St., Los Altos. www.losaltosfirstfriday.org

Stories Behind the Faces Stories of past Los Altos characters. Light refreshments will be served. June 3, 3-5 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.losaltoshistory.org

CONCERTS

'Madrigals from Around the World' The Congregational Oratorio Society, conducted by Gregory Wait, with Joe Guthrie on continuo, performs madrigals and love songs by Morley, Lassus, Marenzio, Weelkes and others. An ice-cream social follows the concert. June 3, 3 p.m. \$15 general/\$10 student and senior. First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-856-6662. www.fccpa.org/FCCPA_Site/Concerts.html

Amjad Ali Khan, sarod Sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan, in residence at the Stanford Department of Music this spring, is a proponent of North Indian classical music. He has received numerous prestigious awards and has performed in the great concert halls of the world. April 22, 8 p.m. General \$42-38, \$15 for Stanford students. Group discount available for 10 or more people. Dinkelspiel Auditorium on Stanford Campus, Stanford. music.stanford.edu/Events/calendar.html

James Welch Concert Organist James Welch will perform a concert on the historical Murray M. Harris organ. The program will feature compositions by Bach and French romantic composers, music from Mexico and China, and arrangements of American hymn tunes. June 3, 3-4:30 p.m. \$10 general, \$5 seniors and students. Saint Joseph Parish, 582 Hope St., Mountain View. Call 650-832-1691. www.sjpmv.org/events.html

PACO 2011 Concerto Competition Winners The Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra's Sinfonia presents the PACO 2011 Concerto Competition Winners at its 46th Season Finale Event. Conducted by PACO Music Director, Benjamin Simon, soloists Sabrina Kim, Caleb Yang, Julianne Oh, Dylan Dreyer, Camden Thomas Boyle and Alvin Kim will attend. June 3, 3 p.m. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 470 Lagunita Drive, Stanford Campus, Stanford. Call 650-856-3848. www.pacomusic.org

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PEAR SLICES 2012

Nine new plays for the theater's ninth season. The plays are by writers in the Pear Playwrights Guild. May 11-June 3, 8-10 p.m. \$15-\$25. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. www.thepear.org

is offering hip-hop class for teens and adults. Mondays through June 24, 8-9 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. fortheloveofdancemv.com

Social Ballroom Dancing Friday Night Dance at the Cubberley Community Center Pavilion. Lessons at 8 p.m. are beginning Country Two Step (CTS) and intermediate CTS taught by Kurt Senser, followed by dancing from 9 to 12 p.m. No experience or partner necessary; dressy casual attire preferred. \$9 cover includes refreshments. June 1, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. \$9. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-395-8847. www.FridayatThePav.com

Tap Dance The studio For the Love of Dance offers a tap class for teens and adults. Students will learn routines to upbeat music. Fridays, Jan. 6-June 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-961-6715. fortheloveofdancemv.com

ENVIRONMENT

Rengstorff Park Tree Walk Led by Katherine Naegele, a Mountain View Trees Director and ISA Certified Arborist. This is a chance to learn about the many trees in this large park. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome. Refreshments provided. June 2, 10-11:30 a.m. Rengstorff Park, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650.450.MVT1. www.mountainviewtrees.org

EXHIBITS

'Clear Story' The Palo Alto Art Center presents "Clear Story," a temporary site-specific installation by artist Mildred Howard, on view through August, 2012, 3-5 p.m. Free. Palo Alto City Hall's King Plaza, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-2366. www.cityof-paloalto.org/artcenter

'Sculpture from the Fisher Collection' This exhibit features pieces by John Chamberlain, Sol LeWitt, Claes Oldenburg and Martin Puryear, together with Carl Andre's Copper-Zinc Plain, a floor piece composed of 36 tiles; and John Chamberlain's Bijou, a large early work made of crushed automobiles and paint. Wed.-Sun.; Feb. 29-Oct. 13, 2013; open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thurs. until 8 p.m.). Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

Stanford Art Spaces - Stanford University Paintings by Jose Allen, Paintings by Wayne Jiang, & Photographs by Terry Thompson are on exhibit at the Paul G. Allen (C.I.S.) Art Spaces Gallery weekdays from April 13 - June 21. April 13, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Stanford Art Spaces, 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. cis.stanford.edu--marigros

FAMILY AND KIDS

Bug Fest (and Pizza Party) A free public event, Bug Fest, at the Palo Alto Junior

Museum & Zoo. Friends Members at the \$100 level and above are invited to a pizza party at Bug Fest from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Entomologists, games and a critter photo shoot. June 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-6338. www.friendsjrmz.org

Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo Ongoing exhibits at the museum and zoo include "Bobcat Ridge," "Africa's Bats," exhibits on physics and math, and a "Buzz" display on insects and spiders. Museum hours: Tue.-Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.friendsjrmz.org

HEALTH

John's Zumba Class Zumba classes every Thursday night, 8-9 p.m. \$10. John's Zumba Class, 2584 Leghorn St., Mountain View. Call 415-990-9965. www.thatzumbaguy.com

LIVE MUSIC

Agapi Mou at SFD Group The Greek/Albanian/Armenian/Turkish Band, Agapi Mou, will be playing for the Stanford International Dance group. The band includes Greg Jenkins, Aya and Alan Davidson and Michael Garibaldi. June 1, 8-11 p.m. \$10-students 1/2 price, kids free. Stanford Int'l Dancers, First Baptist Church 305 North California Ave (near Bryant), Palo Alto. Call 650-965-3374. home.comcast.net/~genebloch08/Stanford/

ON STAGE

'The Clean House' This play centers on a married doctor couple who hire a Brazilian housekeeper; she is more interested in finding the perfect joke than in housecleaning. May 24-June 16. \$28-32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

'Wicked' Cast in Palo Alto Presenting "Making Magic, Defying Gravity." Featuring cast from the national tour of "Wicked" and Disney Entertainment, proceeds benefit the Educational Theatre Association's scholarship fund. High school students from Palo Alto and Westmont also perform. Q & A, plus after-performance reception. June 4, 7-9:30 p.m. \$15 at https://tix5.seatyourself.biz/webstore/webstore.html?domain=schooltheatre&event=HaymarketTheater, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. schooltheatre.org/support/makingmagic/palo-alto

TheatreWorks presents Indie Rock Musical "Wheelhouse" TheatreWorks presents its 60th world premiere, "Wheelhouse" by indie rock trio GrooveLily. This autobiographical musical follows traveling tunesmiths in desperate need of a tune-up as they rocket across the country in a worn-out Winnebago. June 6-July 1, \$19-\$69. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.theatreworks.org

Verdi's 'Aida' West Bay Opera's first production of Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida." Performances on May 25 and June 2 are at 8 p.m., Sunday performances (May 27 and June 3) at 2 p.m. \$40-70. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.wbopera.org

OUTDOORS

Palo Alto Yoga Day Palo Alto Yoga Day invites yoga enthusiasts for an open-air, community yoga practice to celebrate the summer solstice. Participants will go at their own pace with local yoga instructors, and learn about yoga. June 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Rinconada Park, Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. www.facebook.com/PaloAltoYogaDay

RELIGION/ SPIRITUALITY

Lifetree Cafe Palo Alto Lifetree Cafe offers an hour of stories and conversations to feed the soul. Weekly topics focus on popular life issues. June 3: China's Dark Secrets. June 10: Crop Circles. June 17: Greater Confidence. June 24: Why God? Snacks/beverages available. Sundays, 7-8 p.m. Palo Alto Church of Christ, 3373 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 408-507-9858. www.lifetreecafe.com

SENIORS

Game Day with Bullis Charter School Participants join Bullis Charter School Students and staff for an afternoon of games such as bingo, checkers and chess. June 4, 4-5:30 p.m. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Esculela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. mountainview.gov

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pop! Pour & Pair - a Champagne Dinner Champagne Dinner at Garden Court Hotel in Downtown Palo Alto on June 7 in support of Breast Cancer Connections. A reception and five-course pre fixe menu with star Chef Clive Berkman and U.S. brand ambassador Mario Rinaldi for Paul Goerg Champagnes will be in attendance. June 7, 6:30-10:30 p.m. \$150 per guest. Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Call 650-323-1912. www.GardenCourt.com

TALKS/AUTHORS

Author talk: Richard Martin Richard Martin presents "Superfuel: Thorium, the Green Energy Source for the Future," which challenges us to look back at what could have been different in history and forward to an energy revolution in the making. June 4, 7 p.m. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Breaking Through the Status Quo Barrier During this session, Tim Riesterer, chief strategy and marketing officer for Corporate Visions, will discuss how to transform sales and marketing messages into engaging conversations and compelling stories that create more opportunities and ultimately win more business. June 5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley, 2050 University Ave., East Palo Alto. Call 1-800-360-7355. bit.ly/Jb2MtY

VOLUNTEERS

Tutor with JustREAD JustREAD is a nonprofit, literacy program dedicated to improving the reading/writing skills of students. Volunteers are trained by JustREAD and work one-on-one with students. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. JustREAD Tutorial Center, 1299 Bryant St., Mountain View. Call 650-691-0416. justREADcenters.org

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): WENDY STIMSON
1191 Bruckner Circle Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 2, 2012. (MVV May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2012)

EXPERT AUTO CARE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 563970
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Expert Auto Care, located at 2570 Leghorn St. Unit #1, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): MASOUD TABRIZI
38473 Logan Dr. Fremont, CA 94536
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2-22-12. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 18, 2012. (MVV May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 2012)

THE PROFESSIONAL VIRTUAL OFFICE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 564794
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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): SANDRA MACIAS
54 Starr Way Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 5/7/12. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 9, 2012. (MVV May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012)

ATELIER LESEINE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 564793
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Atelier Lesleine, located at 1175 Solana Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): Nathalie Scanlin
1175 Solana Drive Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on May 1, 2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 9, 2012. (MVV May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2012)

PEAK PHYSICAL THERAPY FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 565283
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Peak Physical Therapy, located at 525 South Drive Suite 211, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are): APOGEE REHABILITATIVE THERAPY SERVICES
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING 2012-13

As required by Education Code section 42103, the governing board of Mountain View Los Altos High School District will hold a public hearing on the adoption of the 2012-2013 proposed budget of the district, prior to final adoption.

The public hearing will be held on June 18, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.
The public hearing will be held at: Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board Room 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040
The budget can be inspected by the public beginning June 13, 2012 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at: Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board Room 1299 Bryant Avenue Mountain View, CA 94040
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NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING 2011-2012

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The public hearing will be held at: Location: Board Room
Address: 750A San Pierre Way City, Mountain View, CA 94043
The budget can be inspected by the public beginning June 18, 2012, during the hours of 8 (AM) and 4 PM, at: Location: District Office
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 12-0009680 Title Order No. 12-0016305 APN No. 148-19-119 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/06/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by CRYSTALYN CREEL, AND BAMDAD KAMALI, WIFE AND HUSBAND AS JOINT TENANTS, dated 07/06/2006 and recorded 7/12/2006, as Instrument No. 19010810, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Clara County, State of California, will sell on 06/12/2012 at 10:00AM, at The Market Street entrance to the Superior Courthouse, 190 North Market Street , San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2255 SHOWERS DRIVE APT# 332, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA, 94040. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$572,126.51. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness.

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Trustor: RODOLFO L CARDONA AND ELVIRA B CARDONA, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS
Duly Appointed Trustee: Western Progressive, LLC

Recorded 12/28/2006 as Instrument No. 19241587 in book —, page — and rerecorded on — as — of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Santa Clara County, California, Date of Sale: 6/29/2012 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: At the entrance to the Superior Courthouse 190 N Market Street, San Jose, CA

Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$651,622.80
Street Address or other common designation of real property: 579 FARLEY STREET, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA 94043

A.P.N.: 150-12-002
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Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 5 BR 4.5 BA Fine Craftsman detailing is exemplified in every room of this 5BD/4.5BA luxury residence.
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11035 EASTBROOK AV, LOS ALTOS HILLS \$2,995,000
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 5 BR 4.5 BA 6000+ square ft beautiful custom home. 1.3 acre oaktree studded lot with expansive lawns.
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488 MOORPARK WAY, MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,488,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 5 BR 5.5 BA Exquisite Custom Home minutes from downtown Castro St. Finished in 2010.
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205 HOUGHTON ST., MOUNTAIN VIEW \$980,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 3 BR 2.5 BA Contemporary Style. Excellent location. Spacious master w/huge closet, soaring ceilings, & more
Nancy Adele Stuhr, 650.941.7040



2400 ALVIN ST, MOUNTAIN VIEW \$869,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 3 BR 2 BA Back in time! Newly remodeled Eichler in sought after Monta Loma neighborhood on lrg lot.
Kevin Klemm, 650.328.5211



2371 GREER RD, PALO ALTO \$995,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 2 BR 1 BA Cute home. Remodel or build. Approx 6400sf lot. Fantastic PA schls-Duveneck, Jordon, Paly.
Dan Ziony, 650.325.6161



508 MILITARY WY, PALO ALTO \$825,000
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 2 BR 2 BA Cute Bungalow in Baron Park. Remodel or build new. Great schools. Best buy in Palo Alto!
Brendan Callahan, 650.325.6161



15 LANDA LN, REDWOOD CITY \$895,000
15 Landa Ln Sat/Sun 1 - 4 | 4 BR 2.5 BA Private lane, family room, formal dining, eat-in kitch, 2850 sf, 2 car garage, large deck.
Drew Doran, 650.325.6161

ATHERTON

Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30
79 Quail Ct \$2,995,000
3 BR 2 BA Beautiful traditional-style home on peaceful cul-de-sac in Lindenwood. Lush gardens. Pool. Denis Morrissey, 650.325.6161

CAMPBELL

Sale Pending
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30
1260 Audrey Ave \$719,500
3 BR 2.5 BA Bordering Los Gatos. Bright, spacious open flrplan. Top quality remodeled kitchen & baths. Cindy Mattison & Karen Scheel, 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS

Sun 1:30 - 4:30
175 Coronado Ave \$3,798,000
5 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Formal living and dining rooms. Private office. Chef's kitchen, breakfast rm, & Fam Rm. Barbara Cannon, 650.941.7040

Sun 1:30 - 4:30

231 Hawthorne Ave \$3,290,000
5 BR 5 BA Beautiful Architecture + Floor Plan Amenities Abound. Gleaming HW Floors, Lovely Granite. Jim Galli, 650.941.7040

Rare Los Altos Acre \$2,999,990
3 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Incredible light, big windows w/wooden shutters, guest cottage.
Terri Couture, 650.941.7040

Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30

900 Highlands Circle \$1,788,000
6 BR 3 BA Beautiful Highlands home. Updates thru out include granite Kit, baths, & flooring.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen, 650.941.7040

LOS ALTOS HILLS

Don't Miss This One! \$4,099,000
4 BR 4 BA Seller will finance WITHOUT qual w/sizable down payment! A RARE find.
Ron & Nasrin Delan, 650.941.7040

View Home with PA Schools \$3,495,000
5 BR 4.5 BA Mediterranean Villa w/views of bay & valley. 4,900 sq. ft. on an acre and a half appx. Vicki Geers, 650.941.7040

Dramatic Home \$2,645,000
5 BR 4.5 BA Dramatic home w/bay & valley views, solarium, enclosed spa rm, elegant kitchen. Vicki Geers, 650.941.7040

Pastoral Home w/PA Schls \$2,250,000
3 BR 2 BA Old growth apricot orchards on approximately 1.85 acres are not the only thing offered. Enis Hall, 650.941.7040

Sun 1:30 - 4:30

28025 Arastradero Rd \$3,300,000
5 BR 5 full BA + 5 half This is the gated grand estate Hm on a flat acre you've been waiting for. Kirk Mahncke, 650.941.7040

MENLO PARK

Lg. Dramatic Single Level \$1,295,000
2 BR 2.5 BA + Study. Size, condition, location, price! Larger than many single family hms for the price Nancy Goldcamp, 650.325.6161

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30
928 Wright Ave #1204 \$565,000
3 BR 2 BA Beautiful top floor end unit at the desirable Lakes complex near dwntwn MtnVw. Separate DR. D. Blockhus & H. Blanchard, 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO

Lot \$5,300,000
2 adjacent lots: Lot #108 (50,965 SF) & 109 (17,424 SF) total land is 68,389SF over 1.55 acres. R. Cablayan & N. Matiyahu, 650.941.7040

Country Contemporary! \$1,995,000
4 BR 3 BA Contemporary. Nearly acre with orchard. Palo Alto schls. Lg. living room w/FP. Wide decks. Nancy Goldcamp, 650.325.6161

REDWOOD CITY

Desirable Wellesley Park \$1,348,000
4 BR 4 BA Old World Charm with newer 2nd story addition. Formal dining room & separate family room. Dorothy Gurwith, 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE

Willow Glen Gem! \$999,500
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled kitchen, hrdwd floors, A/C, 2 car garage, lrg lot, exquisite updates throughout. Maha Najjar, 650.325.6161

Tri-Level Shapel Home! \$825,000
4 BR 3 BA Spacious tri-level Shapel home. Central A/C. Near Cataldi Park, shops and schools. Teresa Lin, 650.328.5211

Sat/Sun 1 - 4:30

903 College Dr \$539,000
4 BR 2 BA + office. Amazing Chef's kitchen. Huge Liv Rm, hrdwd flrs, dual pane windows, vaulted ceilings Shelly Potvin, 650.941.7040

Gorgeous \$205,000
2 BR 2 BA Updated condo located in the North Valley community. Terrie Masuda, 650.941.7040

SAN LORENZO VALLEY

Beautiful 4Bdrm 3Bath \$949,900
4 BR 3 BA 5+ mostly level acres of your own natural preserve. Enis Hall, 650.941.7040

STANFORD

Sun 1:30 - 4:30
450 El Escarpado \$3,350,000
4 BR 4 full BA + 2 half Stanford Qualified ONLY. Exquisite 1927 Charles Sumner designed stately residence. Carole Feldstein, 650.941.7040

SUNNYVALE

Sun 1:30 - 4:30
154 S Bernardo Av \$698,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Located near dwntwn Sunnyvale & Mountain Vw features a liv rm w/fireplace & dining rm. Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen, 650.941.7040

Sun 1:30 - 4:30

152 S Bernardo Av \$598,000
2 BR 2 BA Located near dwntwn SV & MV w/liv rm/din rm combination & granite kit w/adjoining fam rm. Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen, 650.941.7040

Stunning Manufactured Hm \$130,000
3 BR 2 BA Looks like a luxury townhome featuring granite counters, tile & laminate flrs. Merrian Nevin, 650.941.7040

WOODSIDE

Prime Location! \$29,000,000
Private prestigious location. 11+ acre property in central Woodside close to town. Susie Dews & Shena Hurley, 650.325.6161

Well-Appointed Home \$3,450,000
3 BR 4.5 BA Home has been extensively rmdd. Top of the line gourmet Kit. Open LR w/faux leather walls. Royce Cablayan, 650.941.7040