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## Hitting the trail

Bicyclists exit from the newly open Permanente Creek Trail tunnel following the June 12 public dedication ceremony for the trail. See story, Page 7.

## Affordable housing plan may push out two taquerias

By Daniel DeBolt

Members of the City Council voted to continue planning a \$9.3 million affordable housing project Tuesday that will displace 48 low-income residents and two popular taquerias at the corner of Rengstorff Avenue and Old Middlefield Way.

Council members voted 6-0 to move forward with the project, with Mayor Mike Kasperzak absent.

City officials say the city attorney's office has spent many hours dealing with the existing building's numerous code violations,

and a court order that could slowly empty the building is expected soon.

"We've got to fix it, and to me the easiest way to fix it is to go to another project that is compliant," said council member Tom Means. "My feeling is we just move ahead and get this to be a better site. It gets rid of a headache to some extent."

The 1940s building known to house La Costena and La Bamba taquerias would make way for 51 studios above a 2,700 square-foot-retail space developed by ROEM and Eden Housing, the same developer building 51 affordable

family homes on Evelyn Avenue at Franklin Street.

The studios would be rented to those making between \$21,800 and \$32,625 a year, with rents ranging from \$521 to \$793 a month. Up to two people can rent a studio, and city planners estimate 57 tenants based on occupancy rates of similar projects.

Building owner Charles Gardyn had initially promised that the building's existing tenants could return to the redeveloped building, but it was revealed at

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## City tells developer to scale back

COUNCIL SHOCKED BY SIZE OF PROJECT

By Daniel DeBolt

In a study session Tuesday, City Council members rejected a new redevelopment proposal for San Antonio shopping center, telling the developer to come back with a project that fits the city's standards for density and height.

At the corner of California Street and San Antonio Road developer Merlone Geier proposes a 150-room hotel, 300,000 square feet of retail, and space for 3,000 employees in three office buildings, one of which would be the tallest in the city at 160 feet and 11 stories.

The project could mean \$2.6 million a year in hotel, property and sales tax revenue for the city, Merlone Geier's Mike Grehl told the City Council Tuesday.

"Our city is not for sale," said council member Jac Siegel, who said he was shocked by the project's density and scale. "You can't have somebody come in and say 'we'll give you this much revenue; let us do what we want.'"

Council member Ronit Bryant said heights of six to eight stories were supported by the city's draft general plan guidelines for the site, and "suddenly we have 11. That makes no sense."

City planners said the proposal was "significantly above" the density of 3.0 floor area ratio called for in the draft precise plan for the shopping center, and would therefore require a "significant public benefit" to meet city guidelines.

"We're talking about multi-millions if you are going to pro-

vide public benefit," said council member Laura Macias. "None of that type of public benefit has been proposed here."

The developer has said that the hotel is a public benefit and that the size of the office building was necessary to pay for the cost of developing the full service hotel, something the city has long sought and once considered subsidizing with \$30 million at a different site in North Bayshore.

A pedestrian tunnel under California Street was suggested as a potential public benefit, while council member Margaret Abe-Koga suggested the developer contribute to a new community center at Rengstorff Park.

**'Our city is not for sale.'**

JAC SIEGEL  
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

"I understand the demand for a hotel because you could rent a yurt in Mountain View today to Google," said Doug Delong of advocates for affordable housing.

"I don't think there's enough public benefit lipstick that can be put on this pig to make it salable. The hotel is jammed into this corner and the land use mix is wrong. This is the first proposal I can recall in front of the city I would describe as obscene."

City Council members said they had received a letter from Merlone Geier assuring officials that the firm was following the law after several business and property owners accused the developer of using a cyclone fence to force them to sell their land. The fence, now removed after city officials said it was unpermitted, blocked access to a parking lot at Ross and BevMo.

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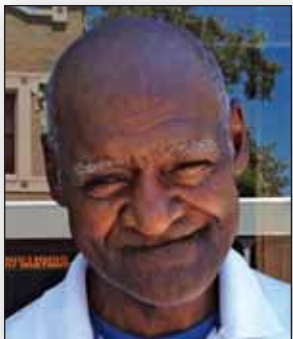
Asked in downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Emily Efland.

What is your favorite thing to do on a hot day?



"I like to go to perhaps the park, like Shoreline Park, or I can go to a nice cold restaurant and get some drinks."

**Tony Lyu**, Palo Alto



"I like going to Red Rock coffee shop."

**Eugene Holmes**, Mountain View



"I'd love to go get some iced tea from Tea Verde or Tea Era."

**Jack Slater**, Oakland



"I like to go to the beach with my kids, or maybe to the park or somewhere where there's a lot of shade in the redwoods."

**Kristy Brooks**, Petaluma



"I like to get pearl tea, because it's really refreshing, and then go walk around downtown."

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**CRIME BRIEFS**

**TEENS SUSPECTED OF SETTING TWO FIRES**

Police believe two teenage boys are responsible for setting a pair of fires inside of a garage can and a recycling can at Eagle Park in the 600 block of Franklin Street on June 6.

According to Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie, an officer on patrol came upon the first fire in a recycling can near the the park's playground and bathrooms at about 11:15 p.m. He put the fire out with a fire extinguisher he had in his squad car.

Firefighters found another small blaze in a trash can in the northeast corner of the park, which they put out, Wylie said.

One witness saw two boys who were standing near the recycling bin before the fire started and ran away from the blaze afterward, Wylie said.

One of the boys was described as a white male, about 14 years old, with shoulder-length blond hair; the other boy was described only as a youth wearing a white shirt. Both were last seen running north toward Church Street.

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**BATTERY**  
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**VANDALISM**  
 800 block Castro St., 6/5  
 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 6/5  
 300 block Sylvan Av., 6/7  
 2000 block Jardin Dr., 6/11

**COUNCIL BRIEFS**

**FIREFIIGHTERS STEP UP FOR COST CUTS**

The city could save up to \$550,000 over three years under a new contract with the city firefighters union, saving money in ways the union itself proposed, officials said.

"We want to thank you guys for the process this year," said John Miguel, president of Firefighters Association local 1965, to new city manager Dan Rich and assistant Melissa Stevenson Dile. "It had a whole different feel to it than it's ever had before."

The union is the first of four city employees groups expected to announce agreements in the coming weeks.

"Employees have been very generous in coming forward in these difficult times," said council member Margaret Abekoga. "They came forward and made concessions. You don't hear that very often."

Officials said the agreement exceeds the city's goal of saving \$165,000 in the coming fiscal year. It caps vacation time that can be accrued at 80 hours, encouraging employees to take vacations rather than save hours to be cashed out later. Firefighters will pay an additional 2 percent of their salary towards their pensions (on top of 9 percent already paid) and a \$10 copay for hospital visits. A pay raise of 2 percent is included in the third year of the contract.

The contract's savings may be as little as \$250,000 if the city does not decide to join the CalPERS pension retirement program, an option the city will study this year.

**COUNCIL PASSES NEW \$93 MILLION BUDGET**

Patching the smallest deficit in years, City Council members unanimously passed a \$93 million general fund budget Tuesday.

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## Design firm builds green dream home

MV-BASED VOX TOUTS ITS LATEST PROJECT AS ONE OF STATE'S MOST ECO-FRIENDLY

By Nick Veronin

The builders of a new house now under construction just a few blocks from Castro Street are touting their design as “one of California’s greenest homes.”

It’s no small claim to make in Mountain View — a community where examples of highly efficient design abound. But taking a walk around the 343 Paul Ave. property, one can see that Forrest Linebarger and Ken Arends of Vox Design Group aren’t being hyperbolic.

The home will feature a living roof composed of drought-resistant plants; triple-paned windows and structurally insulated walls to keep heat in or out; a constructed wetlands in the backyard to filter the home’s greywater; a catchment system, which gathers rain runoff from the roof; an overall design that

takes into account the movement of the sun throughout the seasons to minimize the need for heating, air conditioning and the use of indoor lighting; and a moat, which in addition to being aesthetically pleasing will help draw cool air around the home at different parts of the day, depending upon which side of the structure is in the sun.

Rob Koo, who works as head of story for Dreamworks, hired the Mountain View-based Vox to create his new home. But according to Linebarger, a customer doesn’t need to have as desirable a job as Koo’s to afford his services.

Although it cost roughly 10 percent more to build a green home when he founded Vox back in 2003, today that is no longer the case, Linebarger insists.

“It costs exactly the same if you

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CEO Forrest Linebarger, left, and Ken Arends at Rob Koo’s house, which their firm, Vox Design, is remodeling.

## Bullis reaches milestone

CHARTER SCHOOL CELEBRATES FIRST CLASS TO MAKE IT THROUGH ENTIRE ‘COMPREHENSIVE’ PROGRAM

By Nick Veronin

The very first class of students to make its way from first through eighth grade at Bullis Charter School matriculated last week.

“This is a particularly exciting event for us,” Wanny Hersey, superintendent and principal of BCS, said of the milestone, which was commemorated with a June 7 afternoon ceremony. “Not only has it been an extremely success-

ful class, in terms of academic achievement, but the students were also the ones who helped us pioneer our innovative curriculum.”

Six of the 24 graduating students in the eighth-grade class

of 2012 started their academic careers at Bullis, winding their way all the way up through the school’s “comprehensive and integrated” program, Hersey said.

Hearing the students speak at the commencement ceremony was vindicating for Hersey, who said it was great to watch “a very full, well-balanced, articulate group of young people who are able to really recognize the benefits of the special program they were involved with.”

That “special program,” according to the charter school’s mission statement “offers a collaborative, experimental learning environment that emphasizes individual student achievement and inspires children, faculty and staff to reach beyond themselves.” According to Hersey, the school’s faculty and staff aim to create 21st century citizens, ready to excel in

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## Google donates \$1 million to local elementary

By Nick Veronin

Even as California’s primary and secondary schools are facing a best-case scenario of no funding increase next year, and a worst-case possibility of \$2.4 billion in spending reductions, officials with the Mountain View Whisman School District found cause for celebration Thursday, June 14, as Google announced it would once again give \$1 million to local elemen-

tary and middle schools.

The grant — earmarked to support the implementation of a program known as “Explicit Direct Instruction,” or EDI, and the introduction of high-tech teaching methods to help socioeconomically challenged students — is the second \$1 million donation the locally based search giant has awarded the district in as many years, and comes in response to the success of last year’s grant, a Google official said.

“I was really blown away by the engagement of the teachers and the students,” said Heather Spain, Google’s manager of community affairs, referring to the time she spent touring MVWSD classes implementing the EDI method. “It seemed like a really successful program that we want to continue to support.”

“We feel extremely fortunate,” MVWSD Superintendent Craig Goldman said, referring to the

grant — the largest single contribution in district history. “As a district we’re extremely fortunate to be at the hub of Silicon Valley.”

Goldman said that when viewed in the context of his district’s entire 2012-13 budget — which he projected will be somewhere around \$45 million — Google’s \$1 million contribution may seem like a drop in the bucket. “But if not for that \$1 million we would not be able to

do what we’re doing in terms of professional development, and we would not be able to make the changes that we are attempting to make in terms of instructional technology.”

Last June, the Internet and mobile technology giant awarded its first \$1 million grant money to the district. A Google representative said the grant was the largest monetary contribution

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# Bullis heads back to court

By Nick Veronin

After a brief respite, the battle between Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District is returning to court.

For several months the two educational organizations have been engaging in negotiations led by professional arbitrators in an attempt to settle upon a long-term lease agreement that would give the charter school a somewhat permanent home somewhere within the district.

Early last week, LASD board member Mark Goines thought his district had reached a tentative agreement with Bullis. However, on Friday, June 8, it was announced that the charter school and the district would be heading back to court to continue their years-long, potentially precedent-setting legal contest.

The move surprised officials at LASD, according to Goines. The district's board of trustees approved an interim agreement with Bullis at its June 4 public meeting.

"I thought we were going to bring the community together

and we were going to compromise a little bit, but no such luck," he said.

But officials at Bullis said the district had no reason to be surprised, as they clearly knew that things had deteriorated greatly since the two educational organizations had reached a tentative interim agreement in early May.

"There was no surprise. BCS is fully ready to honor the mediated agreement that was jointly published on May 7," said Ken Moore, chair of the Bullis board. But the school cannot accept the district's current proposal. "The interim agreement was May 7 and anything after that was backsliding on their part. They kept all the concessions we made in order to get to a long term deal and gave us none of the benefit of those concessions."

According to Moore, the interim agreement was reached based on the proposition that the district would issue a bond that would provide them the funds to build a tenth site in the district. When the preliminary community polls on the bond were conducted, and the district got a response they didn't expect,

they changed their tune, he said. "Rather than just stand up and say we don't want to do this deal, they created this other completely wild scenario which was to take everything we gave in the mediation and give you nothing in return."

That's not quite right, said Doug Smith, vice president of the Los Altos School District's board of trustees.

The way Smith tells it, Moore is right about one thing. The district did get an unexpected response from the community when they polled local residents about the possibility of issuing a school bond to build a new campus: residents didn't want the new facility to house an LASD school; they wanted it to be the new home for Bullis.

Under the initial interim agreement, Smith said, district officials proposed building a new site, moving a current district school to the new site and giving the vacated site to Bullis.

But, Smith said, as many district residents told him, they had built their lives around the

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a variety of fields — not just one specialized area of expertise. The world today demands that young people entering the workforce be comfortable working on their own or on teams, and understanding right-brained "creatives," left-brained analytical thinkers, and all types of people in between.

To prepare students to be able to thrive in the modern world, school officials designed a curriculum where all classes — from science to history to art to writing — intersect and overlap. Additionally, students learn from mentors in the fields they are studying. Application developers, biologists, engineers and finance experts all have visited classes at Bullis.

Lynn Steffens, who sent all four of her daughters to Bullis, said the school's integrated approach clearly made a difference in the development of her children, especially her youngest — the only one to go through her entire primary education at the charter school.

Steffens, who was able to compare her older daughters' experiences against her youngest, said the integrated program at Bullis

took her kids "a lot deeper" than traditional school programs. The overlapping curriculum and size of the school also make for a much more intimate learning experience, where all of the teachers know all of the students, she said.

"When the kids are going through it, over time they really get to know the whole school community," she said. "It makes a big difference throughout the year. That's a very hard thing for a traditional school to do — regardless of the caliber of the school."

Perhaps the biggest difference Steffens noted with her youngest child was the positive attitude she had about school. When she asked her older daughters how their day went, all she would get in return was a grunt.

"My youngest gets in the car and says, 'This is what we're working on in school and did you know this, mom?'" she said. "She is so engaged in the academics and she is excited to learn more."

"They just hold themselves to a higher expectation at that school," Steffens said.

Most of the BCS eighth-grade graduates will attend high schools in Los Altos, Mountain View or Palo Alto. ■

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# City opens new \$9 million bike, pedestrian trail

By Daniel DeBolt  
Photos by Michelle Le

After the ceremonial ribbon was cut, a crowd swarmed onto the new Permanente Creek Trail extension Tuesday, striding across a new bridge over Highway 101 and a tunnel under Old Middlefield Way.

A crowd of over 100, including government officials, residents and many Google employees, patiently waited before racing over the extension with giddy excitement, although some were restrained a bit by the hot sun. A pair of Googlers on brightly colored Google bicycles led the way at one point.

"All you have to do is look at all those cars," on Highway 101, said council member Laura Macias as she walked over the bridge Tuesday. "Maybe a few pedestrian bridges is not a bad thing."

Construction workers spent the last 18 months on the bridge and tunnel, pouring 2,500 cubic yards of concrete and assembling 470,000 pounds of steel. The extension connects residential areas in western Mountain View to thousands of jobs north of U.S. 101.

The options for pedestrians in the area had been overpasses for Shoreline Boulevard, Rengstorff Avenue and San Antonio Road, all of which "are just really scary," said bicyclist Jarrett Mullen. Accelerating cars getting on and off the freeway will make you "mincemeat."

Macias said she had balked at the original \$3 million price of the extension, which grew to \$9.9 million with the unexpected inclusion of the tunnel under Old Middlefield Way. "We did the right thing," she said of the tunnel, which protects bikers and pedestrians from cars speeding off Highway 101 onto Old Middlefield Way.

"People are already asking when we'll build the next segment," Macias said.

The 1,300-foot extension ends at Old Middlefield Way, but the next segment would continue south to connect to Crittenden Middle School and Middlefield Road. To the north, the Permanente Creek Trail splits the Google headquarters and Shoreline Golf Links and ends near the historic Rengstorff House in Shoreline Park.

"The public works folks did a great job," said former city manager Kevin Duggan as he walked the extension Tuesday. City Manager Dan Rich said Duggan was the original "guiding light" for the project, originally proposed in 2004 and approved in 2008.

Bicycling advocate Andrew Boone, who said he worked with Facebook to get bike lanes in Menlo Park, said Mountain View's



commendable work on its trails shows other cities, "Hey, you can do this," and he's heard officials in Palo Alto say, "Why don't we have any urban trails, like Mountain View?"

City officials say it took several nighttime closures of Highway 101 to build the bridge and a three-month closure of Spring Street to build the tunnel. In all it took 38,000 man hours

for contractor Gordon N. Ball, a company that has also constructed several other segments of the Stevens Creek Trail,

It's not the only trail segment opening this month. On Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. there will be an opening ceremony at the end of Sleeper Avenue for a new segment of the Stevens Creek Trail over Highway 85 to Heatherstone Way. ■

*Clockwise, from top, bicyclists and pedestrians use the new extension to the Permanente Creek Trail following the June 12 public dedication ceremony; an overhanging tree provides welcome coolness to users of the trail extension; brothers Samuel Chin, left, and Daniel explore the new tunnel; dedication-day participants check out the new tunnel that's a part of the trail project.*

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## Caltrain to expand service

By Gennady Sheyner

**S**purred by a swelling number of commuters, Caltrain plans to bolster its weekday service by adding six trains and having more existing trains stop in Palo Alto.

The proposal, which Caltrain presented to Palo Alto's City Council Rail Committee Thursday afternoon, June 7, would raise the number of weekday trains from 86 to 92. This includes adding two trains in the afternoon peak hours and restoring four "shoulder peak" trains that were suspended in 2011 when the agency was wrestling with budget cuts. These trains run at the tail end of the morning rush and before the busy afternoon hours.

Two of these limited-stop shoulder-peak trains would depart San Francisco at 9:37 a.m. and 2:37 p.m. The other two would depart San Jose at 9:33 a.m. and 2:33 p.m., according to Caltrain.

The proposal, which the agency's board of directors is

tentatively scheduled to vote on next month, would also add an additional stop to 12 existing trains. Six of these would stop at Palo Alto's downtown station and six others would stop in Sunnyvale. The new stops would add about two minutes to a trip on the baby-bullet train.

The changes were prompted by a surge of ridership at the popular train service. According to Caltrain statistics, the number of riders jumped from 37,779 in February 2011 to 42,354 in February 2012, a 12.1 percent jump. Jayme Ackemann, Caltrain's government affairs officer, said many of the existing trains currently operate near or beyond capacity. In many cases, riders stand in the trains' vestibules or in aisles. The high number of bicyclists also adds to the congestion.

"We have to bump bicyclists more and more frequently because there's not enough spaces to carry their bicycles," Ackemann told the committee.

The Palo Alto committee was

generally supportive of the proposal, though it urged Caltrain to take a closer look at another part of Palo Alto — the Caltrain stop at California Avenue. While the University Avenue stop is the second-busiest station on Caltrain's line and will likely continue to get the bulk of service increases, city officials argued that the California Avenue stop is increasingly important because of its proximity to Stanford Research Park, residential neighborhoods and the California Avenue Business District.

Ackemann also said Thursday that Caltrain's service changes aim to accommodate riders from the technology community, many of who work different hours than typical work commuters. Many of these riders were not satisfied with Caltrain's service levels during peak hours.

"We're adding stops to several of our express trains to further accommodate some of the ridership increase we've seen," she said. ▀

## Hospital names three new board members

MOVE WILL ADD EXPERTISE IN FINANCE, QUALITY CONTROL AND POLICY

By Nick Veronin

**E**l Camino Hospital's board just got bigger. In a move intended to help the hospital board make better decisions, the health care organization finalized the appointment of three new directors on June 7.

Dr. Neal H. Cohen, Dr. Jeffrey Davis and Nandini Tandon — all of whom have experience in medicine and business — will help the hospital board "apply governance best practices" and "create more depth of subject matter expertise in the areas of finance, quality and policy," according to an El Camino press release.

The new members will join the five current directors, plus El Camino CEO Tomi Ryba, to bring the hospital corporation board to nine members total. In addition to bringing more points of view and a greater level of expertise into the hospital's decision making process, the new members could be perceived to be bringing greater outside oversight to organization.

A recent audit by the Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission was critical of the fact that the hospital corporation board was composed

of the same members as the hospital district board. The lead author of the audit, Stephen Foti, said that the district board ought to be composed of different members than the hospital corporation board in order to avoid the potential for the directors to make decisions during hospital district meetings based upon their interests in the hospital corporation.

Chris Ernst, spokeswoman for the hospital, said the decision to appoint the additional board members had nothing to do with allaying the concerns of Foti and LAFCO officials.

"The addition of the three new hospital (board) members ... has been in process for the last 18 months," Ernst wrote. "The District Board researched best governance practices over the past year and decided to expand the hospital board to best reflect that governance research."

All three new board members boast backgrounds in health-care.

Cohen is a medical doctor with multiple master's degrees in business and public health and has experience in risk management and regulatory affairs; he is currently working as a professor of anesthesia and perioperative care

and medicine at the U.C. San Francisco School of Medicine.

Davis is also a medical doctor with a master's degree in public health; he is the chief medical officer of Avivia Health — a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kaiser Permanente — and the medical director of national sales and account management at Kaiser.

Tandon holds a doctoral degree in biochemistry. She has 20 years experience serving on the boards of pharmaceutical and biotechnology firms and worked as a venture capitalist in Silicon Valley for a decade.

"Drs. Cohen, Davis and Tandon bring years of clinical and business expertise that will further strengthen the board's expertise — not just in finance, quality and policy — but also add a new dimension to our knowledge in hospital and physician relations, managed care, population health and disease management," El Camino Hospital District Board Chairman, John Zoglin, said in the press release. "Beyond these areas, their understanding of the dynamic health care market in Northern California will help us continue providing high-quality care for our patients in a rapidly changing health care environment." ▀



### COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

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For further information, please call the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379

## GREEN HOUSING

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build it green or if you don't," he says. "That's the irony — like, why isn't everybody doing this? It's a lack of knowledge."

The only thing that adds on to the price tag, he says, are solar panels. However, the cost of installing those is eventually offset by the energy they produce and the overall efficiency achieved by living in a green home over the long run.

The water catchment system is going to collect an anticipated 16,000 gallons of runoff, which can be used to water Koo's living roof and backyard plants. The living roof, lined with native sedums and succulents, which don't require much watering, will keep the home cool in the summer and warm in the winter. And the house's many

windows and light tunnels won't only help with the electricity bill, they may also help Koo live a healthier, more productive, life.

"We're doing some great stuff with the light," Linebarger says. "All the natural light has the potential to reduce seasonal disorder effects, and has been shown to improve productivity."

Examples of some of the design applied to Koo's new home — which Linebarger hopes to complete within three months' time — can be found at Vox's office, located at 421 Castro St.

Koo said he is looking forward to relaxing on the living deck that will extend out from his bedroom and overlook his backyard. Asked what he plans to put out there besides a healthy assortment of plant life, he replies: "a couple of lawn chairs and a cocktail bar." ■



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**Above,** Rob Koo in the first floor of his house, which is being remodeled by Vox Design. **Below,** Ken Arends of Vox and homeowner Rob Koo walk down an unfinished stairwell.



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**Ken Arends** at his desk at Vox Design.



## COURT

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current school structure and they didn't want their children to change schools, even if they would be going to a "new bright and shiny school."

When the district told BCS that the district could build them a new school at an as yet undetermined site, Bullis said they couldn't go for that unless they knew more about where their new school would be.

"Unfortunately, they wouldn't accept the interim agreement without that specificity being there," Smith said, "which we obviously couldn't do because we hadn't nailed down all the details that were necessary." So, the district attempted to hammer out a new temporary deal with BCS — offering them extra portables on their current site at

Egan until the district could get the proposed building of a tenth site straightened out.

The way Moore framed it, his district couldn't simply agree to an unknown campus in an unknown location. He added that he felt like the new interim deal the district offered was akin to a bait and switch — like Lucy pulling the football away from Charlie Brown just as the poor kid was about to kick. "Unfortunately, for me," Moore said. "I'm Charlie Brown."

The two educational organizations have been in and out of court since 2009. A lower court first ruled in favor of the district, but that decision was overturned on appeal, and when the California Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal from the Los Altos School District, the two par-

ties entered into professional mediation.

Now that mediation has failed, the Bullis lawyers are once again asking the courts to enforce the March 23 ruling of California Superior Court Judge Patricia Lucas, who issued an order declaring that LASD "violated Proposition 39 and its regulations..." by (among other things) housing Bullis students on a temporary campus with significantly less student space than at comparison group schools, according to a press release put out by the charter school. Lucas has set an August 15 hearing on the matter, according to an email sent out by Moore.

Bullis board member Anne Marie Gallagher, along with Moore, made it clear in previous interviews with the Voice that Bullis needs its own campus and

it needs it as soon as possible.

"I think we've been working hard to come to a compromise and that takes time," Goines said "I think we've been very deliberate going through this process. I just think its going to take a long time."

In January, Diane Ravitch, an educational adviser to presidents, education author and expert on charter schools, said this case, once resolved, has the potential to set a significant precedent.

In the Bullis email, Moore said that unless something changes between now and the beginning of the school year, the charter school will send its kindergarten through sixth-graders to classrooms on the Egan campus and the remaining seventh- and eighth-grade kids to the Blach Intermediate School campus. ■

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

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City officials were faced with \$1.1 million deficit until they became aware of \$350,000 in unexpected city employee health care savings recently, reducing the deficit to \$750,000. Other savings in the approved budget include \$600,000 in concessions from four employee groups, though only one has finished negotiations.

New energy-efficient lighting and air conditioning in city buildings saved \$91,000 on the city's PG&E bill, while another \$100,000 in savings came from the consolidation of fire and police administration to form a new "Fire and Police Support Services Division."

City manager Dan Rich said he plans to use some of the savings to replenish reserves spent to balance the budget during the recession.

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A rendering of the proposed project from Merlone Geier Partners.

## SAN ANTONIO

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One neighbor said it was proof that Merlone Geier would be a bad neighbor.

"If we're building a neighborhood in the area, then going by the legal requirements is not good enough," Bryant said. The project's plans also wall off the small businesses at the corner, including Milk Pail market, which has relied on a shared parking agreement with Ross to meet city requirements. "If those properties were willingly accepted into the project and made a part of it, I would look at that very favorably."

Merlone Geier's architect and landscape designer presented detailed images not released to the public, enthusiastically pitching an interior urban environment that would be created in the courtyards and promenades between the buildings. But several residents criticized the project for facing inward too much and leaving nothing but parking garages and trees facing San Antonio Road

and California Street. Council members noted that Santana Row in San Jose is similarly designed and was often cited as an example of what residents wanted for the site.

***'It's clearly too big for the community. I think that's what is really important.'***

MAYOR MIKE KASPERZAK

"I'm not a planner, I'm not an architect, I have no idea what this should look like," said council member Tom Means, questioning all the criticism from the public. "Look at who is putting something on the table, who is taking some risk."

Council members declined a request from zoning administrator Peter Gilli to take a vote on whether the general mix of uses in the project was acceptable.

Means said he was concerned the council was being too vague and would slowly kill the project.

"I do think having a mix like this is appropriate," said mayor Mike Kasperzak. "Castro is an intimate street; San Antonio Road is not an intimate street. People like Santana Row because it is inwardly focused. It does look pretty blockish on the outside. Inside it feels good. We have the same problems here."

Kasperzak agreed that the buildings were too big.

"It's clearly too big for the community," he said. "I think that's what is really important."

The council had also rejected Merlone Geier's first phase of the redevelopment at one point. The Safeway, five-story apartment buildings, and dozens of retail spaces are now under construction at El Camino Real and San Antonio Road.

"I think the developer is probably over there in shock again, sorry guys," Kasperzak said. ▀

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## HOUSING

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the meeting that the retail space would be only 2,700 square feet, and La Costena taqueria and market alone now occupies 3,500 square feet. Council members said they hoped that at least two of the five existing businesses in the building would be able to move back into the building.

The city will spend \$744,000 relocating existing residential tenants from the building, which could be demolished early next year, at the earliest. City staff members had originally expected

to pay \$500,000, but learned that 48 people were living in the 10 existing units.

The council gave an initial green light to the project in November, allowing the developer to spend less than a third of the \$9.3 million in city housing funds allocated for the project until a better design for parking could be worked out. There were still concerns about the large size of the parking lot, which provides .75 of a space per unit. A survey of similar studio projects found parking use at .57 spaces per unit, while city planners recommended .62 to compen-

sate because of a lack of access to transit.

"I'll join the rest of council with something of a heavy heart," said council member Ronit Bryant. "Spending a lot of money on this project using half the lot for parking doesn't sit well with me. And moving successful businesses is something I'd much rather not do. However I have enormous respect for ROEM and Eden Housing. I believe the final project will be a good project." ▀

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# Setting the Record Straight

## ABOUT THE EL CAMINO HOSPITAL DISTRICT



For more than 50 years, the El Camino Hospital District has been committed to providing quality health care services to the community in an effective, efficient and transparent manner. As a member of the community, you may be hearing things about the El Camino Hospital District and we wanted to take a moment to set the record straight.

**Q. Why was a service review and audit conducted of the El Camino Hospital District?**

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County (LAFCo) conducts a service review every five years to better understand the public service structure and ensure that health services are being efficiently and effectively provided in the District.

The audit was conducted to answer specific questions related to how the District is governed, its financial relationship to El Camino Hospital, and the financial reporting/transparency of both entities.

**Q. What were the findings of the Service Review and Audit?**

The report, which was prepared for LAFCo by a third-party consultant, concluded that the District and the Hospital are operating appropriately, effectively and efficiently, that tax proceeds are properly accounted for and tracked, that they provide a vital health care service in the community and, most importantly, that the District has demonstrated an ability to contain costs and improve financial performance.

Despite affirming the District's successes, however, the report suggested that the District give up ownership of El Camino Hospital or potentially LAFCo could dissolve the El Camino Hospital District entirely.

**Q. What happens if the El Camino Hospital District is dissolved?**

Taxpayers would receive no refunds, nor a reduction in taxes. Tax revenues collected would be redistributed to other government agencies that receive property taxes with no legal mandate to use the tax allocation for health care purposes.

Further, dissolution could result in a change in how the Hospital is governed, which would decrease transparency and accountability to the residents of the District.

**Q. Is there still a need for the El Camino Hospital District?**

Yes. The District ensures local public control and ownership of the Hospital for the benefit of residents. The District provides support for critical health care services that reach thousands of residents annually through its Community Benefit program, and for improvements to hospital facilities in the District.

**Q. As a concerned resident, is there anything I can do?**

District residents can send a written comment to the LAFCo Commissioners, asking them to vote against recommendations presented in the El Camino Hospital District Service Review and Audit. Comments submitted by June 22 to [dunia.noel@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:dunia.noel@ceo.sccgov.org) will receive a response from LAFCo.



To learn more about the Service Review and Audit, and to read the District's response, please visit: [www.elcaminohospitaldistrict.org/audit](http://www.elcaminohospitaldistrict.org/audit).

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the company had ever given to a single school district.

The bulk of that money was used to set up the Explicit Direct Instruction program. The district paid DataWORKS, a Fowler, Calif.-based company, to teach MVWSD teachers the instructional system, which is designed to keep students engaged through a variety of methods — including the use of individual white boards and peer-to-peer quick-study sessions — while simultaneously allowing teachers to quickly identify those students who are having trouble with the material as well as those who have a grasp on concepts, so that they can

spend time with those children who need extra help and let the faster kids move ahead. Efficiency is the name of the game with EDI.

Instructors from DataWORKS came to district schools and ran clinics for a small group of teachers over the summer before the 2011-12 school year. DataWORKS instructors were able to give the teachers immediate feedback as they learned the ins and outs of EDI while simultaneously teaching summer school classes. When the school year began, those teachers who had practiced the method over the summer showed what they had learned to their colleagues, and DataWORKS checked in periodically to critique teachers' technique.

This year, Goldman said, the district plans to use the money to establish a group of four dedicated EDI teachers by paying some faculty to work full time going from class to class to help improve the EDI skills of every teacher in the district — making sure the system is being implemented properly and efficiently by providing real-time observation and feedback to colleagues and collaborating to help teachers develop their EDI lessons and troubleshoot issues that arise in EDI lessons.

According to Google spokesman Jordan Newman, his company is especially appreciative of the EDI program's goal of teaching in the most efficient manner possible and the methodical nature through which the method achieves that goal.

"That kind of attention to detail is something that you see in Google's culture," Newman said. "I think the way that they (DataWORKS and MVWSD) have approached all of this is very very Google-y."

The grant will also be used to continue to explore ways in which the district can incorporate technology into the classroom, Goldman said. There is no word yet on exactly how that will pan out, but Spain said officials with her company were pleased to see the work some teachers at MVWSD schools were doing with the Mountain View-based producer of education software and YouTube tutorials, Kahn Academy.

Asked whether Google expected anything in return for its heavy investment in the district,

Spain said her company is hoping to hire talented individuals from its own backyard in years to come, and that investing in local education is a surefire way of ensuring the company can do just that.

She also pointed out that while Google specified that the district use the money to bolster science, technology, engineering and math studies, the EDI program ultimately has proven useful in history, literature and language studies as well — an assertion Goldman backs up and which the *Voice* observed in a tour of classrooms implementing EDI in March.

"We want to continue supporting our hometown schools," Spain said, "and ensure all students in Mountain View are getting a strong education." ▀

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### ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Few surprises in local elections

Despite the implementation of a new primary system that did away with party designations and simply awarded the two top finishers a run-off slot, there were few surprises for Mountain View voters in last week's election.

Not unexpectedly, the city's big winner was passage of Measure G, the \$198 million in school bonds for the Mountain View Whisman district, which won approval from 66 percent of the voters, far more than the 55 percent needed. Only a small percentage of property owners were put off by the cost of the bonds, which at \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation will cost about \$150 a year for a home assessed at \$500,000.

It was the second time in four years that local property owners stepped up to support Mountain View Whisman. In 2008 a parcel tax that ranges from \$150 to \$1,000 depending on the size of a property passed by nearly 80 percent of the vote. The eight-year tax will expire in 2017, long before the bond issue, which will continue for 25 years.

Outside the school bonds, the most interest here was the race for state Senate in District 13, pitting former mayor and state Assembly member Sally Lieber against Jerry Hill, an Assembly member representing San Bruno. The two, both Democrats, finished far in front of the four-person field that also included Democrat Chris Chiang and Libertarian John Webster, who did not mount strong campaigns. Hill ran strong in San Mateo County, his home territory, after mounting an aggressive campaign. He picked up 51 percent of the votes as well as a wide range of financial support from unions and many other interest groups, raising more than \$500,000 since the first of the year. Hill has been actively seeking strong measures to censure P&E for its role in the 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno.

Lieber, who trails Hill in fund-raising, nevertheless has saved more than \$200,000, including \$100,000 of her own money, to spend during the run-up to the general election. She considers herself a maverick, who supports environmental causes and women's rights.

In the finale for the state Assembly race, voters will see a two-part match-up pitting incumbent Democrat Rich Gordon against Republican Chengzhi "George" Yang, who like Gordon, is a Menlo Park resident. Gordon, with 56.1 percent of the vote, easily outdistanced Yang, who finished with just under 30 percent. Gordon currently represents District 21, which includes Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, Portola Valley, East Palo Alto and Palo Alto. With redistricting, District 21 will become part of a reshaped District 24, adding Mountain View, Sunnyvale and most of the San Mateo County coastside from El Granada south.

Perhaps the easiest race to predict was termed-out state Sen. Joe Simitian's run for county supervisor in District 5, to replace Liz Kniss, who is also termed out. Simitian, who served in many elected positions in Palo Alto over the years, easily prevailed over two opponents, winning 57 percent of the vote and avoiding a run-off.

### ■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### HOSPITAL DISTRICT HAS OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS

The El Camino Hospital District has outlived its original purpose, which was to build El Camino Hospital to serve residents of the district. The district does not run the hospital, as it has spun off the hospital into a nonprofit corporation. The two are separate legal entities, although the same people sit in control on both boards.

That legal separation is the basis for the specious claim that no district taxes went toward the purchase of the Los Gatos hospital. The hospital district collects taxes, while the nonprofit corporation purchased the Los Gatos El Camino Hospital. Taxes go in the left pocket, while the purchase comes out the right pocket.

At one time the district and the taxpayers owned and controlled El Camino Hospital. But now spun off as a nonprofit, the hospital is governed by its separate board and is answerable only to itself, since there are no stockholders and the taxpayers have no control. The hospital now fancies itself the hospital of Silicon Valley. This is the opening to executive empire building.

Now that it has completed its original purpose of building the first El Camino Hospital, the district has looked for places to spend excess tax collections. The district spends "unrestricted funds" on community health

improvement programs. Notwithstanding the value of these programs, it is time to call the district a success and end the hospital district, just as the state ended the redevelopment agencies. The profitable El Camino Hospital should stand on its own. The continued existence of the district only serves to extend the unlimited liability of the district taxpayers for the benefit of the greater Silicon Valley outside the district.

Gene Lee  
Ernestine Lane

#### SUPPORT LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS

The Milk Pail is a treasure and haven for Midpeninsula residents seeking healthy foods at affordable prices. In a David and Goliath battle, we need to stand up for and support the little local guy who's doing credible work and not allow big bucks to squelch honest endeavor which contributes to the common health and welfare.

Betty Meissner  
Menlo Park

#### CITY SHOULD PUSH BANKS FOR REINVESTMENT

Good to know that there is a federal law on the books regarding reinvestment requirements for banks. Are we in Mountain View getting some of the assets

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## Google gets behind new General Plan

By David Radcliffe

Through the proposed General Plan update, the city has outlined a bold and transformative vision for guiding its future. As a major landowner in North Bayshore that has called Mountain View home for the last 12 years and where more than 2,000 of our employees live, Google strongly supports the draft General Plan. It reflects the shared community values that define Mountain View's unique character and is also essential to guiding its future success.

It is through the city's adoption of this plan that Google as well as countless other innovative companies in Mountain View can continue to grow here in a way that benefits the community — setting a new standard for sustainability in a city that has become a global hub of innovation.

### Mixed-use "village centers"

The suburban office park model has played itself out. By clustering our growth into more dense "village centers," as called for in the plan, we can help reverse the current pattern of sprawl and avoid consuming space where other businesses could locate. This is not only essential to accommodating the growth of our business, but also helps protect the diversity of com-

merce that we all value.

Furthermore, these "village centers" will allow for a more vibrant urban-style core in North Bayshore where residents, employers and businesses of all sizes can thrive. Imagine more walkable streetscapes, new residential and retail spaces, improved pedestrian and bike trails, better transit connections and more public amenities and open spaces.

We envision a diverse mix of small businesses along North Shoreline. And we believe that it's important to provide street-level spaces for these local businesses that make up our unique community fabric.

### Parks and open spaces

One of the most promising elements of the plan, (which is not only good for Google but great for the community and environment) is the concept of transfer of development rights. That means transferring development away from sensitive ecological areas to more densely populated areas, so we can create public parks and open spaces for the community to come together — including multiple soccer/sports fields. Through our redevelopment, we expect to more than double the amount of public open space in North Bayshore.

We also want to foster a community that prioritizes pedestrians and bicycles over cars. We

envision significant pathways that would allow uninterrupted travel via walking or biking through North Bayshore, with a continuous loop of connected green belts that link to improved trails along the creeks.

### Regional transit solutions

It's clear that new investments in transportation infrastructure are needed to better serve our community — and we look forward to being an active collaborator in addressing this regional issue. We intend to partner with the city and regional governments to make significant improvements in connecting mass transit networks to North Bayshore. Creating a healthier jobs-housing balance also means less driving, and progressive mixed-use environments have long demonstrated that providing housing uses is one effective way to mitigate traffic.

We know that Mountain View is going to get bigger as it continues to develop into a major hub of innovation. We want to help ensure that it gets better, too. Google looks forward to working with the city and community to support the long-term social, environmental and economic health of Mountain View and our entire region.

*David Radcliffe is vice president of real estate and workplace services for Google.*

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or are these assets being transferred out of our community?

Mr. Fischetti is right to inquire. I agree. We need to have a dialogue with the Bank of America (with whom our city does business). Other cities — Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Oakland and many others — are also engaged in determining what their bank policies are regarding foreclosures and mortgage modifications. We have to ask city officials now.

**Barbara Goodwin**  
W. Middlefield Road

### ARE POLICE TOO BUSY TO DIRECT TRAFFIC?

On a recent day the traffic signals at El Camino Real and Shoreline Boulevard and El Camino and Castro Street were not functioning. Traffic was backed up for miles.

I called the Mountain View

Police department. The woman who answered said that they knew about the problem. I suggested that she send police to direct traffic as I saw the possibility of accidents. I explained that I had just driven through both intersections, and I saw several near misses. All I got was silence and a "thank you."

It seems that the police are too busy counting their fat paychecks, large benefits, and outlandish pensions to direct traffic. Perhaps they think that directing traffic is beneath them?

What happened to protect and serve? It has been replaced with give me, give me, and give me more!

**Konrad Sosnow**  
Trophy Drive

### PROTECT SMALL BUSINESSES AT SHOPPING CENTER

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, small businesses represent 99.7 percent

of all employer firms and have generated 65 percent of the new jobs in the past 17 years.

It is clear that small businesses are essential in getting the United States economy back on track. Thus, it's upsetting to see that developer Merlone Geier put up a fence in order to deter customers from small businesses and force land sales to continue with their own project. The truth is that Mountain View will benefit more from the local businesses such as the Milk Pail Market than it will from a new hotel and office area.

**Kathy Dong**  
San Jose

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## There's heart in this groove

INVENTIVE BAND GROOVELILY  
TAKES A MOVING  
AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL JOURNEY  
AT THEATREWORKS

By Jeanie K. Smith

The eclectic band GrooveLily has been a local favorite ever since its first musical, "Striking 12," played at TheatreWorks in 2004 to raves and accolades. The musicians' latest work, "Wheelhouse," is again bringing audiences to their feet at the satisfying end of a feel-good journey through emotional, relational and artistic catharsis.

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Valerie Vigoda,  
Brendan Milburn, and  
Gene Lewin perform in  
the world premiere of  
"Wheelhouse."



PHOTO BY TRACY MARTIN

Gene Lewin, Valerie Vigoda, and Brendan Milburn visit a waffle house while on the road in "Wheelhouse."

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"Wheelhouse," presented again by TheatreWorks, takes us back in time to 2001-2002, before "Striking 12," to a time when the band was sorting through a kind of identity crisis. The trio — Valerie Vigoda on violin, Gene Lewin on drums, Brendan Milburn on keyboards, and all three on vocals — had just begun to think of themselves as a real rock band when they decided to go on the road in a Winnebago, leaving New Jersey behind and playing gigs across America in the hopes of building a following.

Only Lewin tenuously kept his "day job," holding on to precious income as well as his patient girlfriend back home via his cell phone. Vigoda and Milburn, already married to each other, approached a self-imposed Day Of Reckoning, when they planned to force a decision about having children, keeping the band going and/or opting for different career paths.

The autobiographical road trip gets chronicled in both narrative and song, taking us along every highway and pit stop as the musicians experience challenges they hadn't anticipated: dwindling audiences; indifferent audiences; problematic venues, like laundromats and basements; the difficulty of booking viable gigs; and the unpredictable factor of RV repairs. But all these material challenges really expose the problems they're having maintaining relationships with each other as they deal with the difficulties — as friends, as band members, as marriage partners, as artists.

Knowing the band, we know the outcome already. But it's the journey that compels us to stay engaged, and I would wager that all of us identify with at least

some aspect of the trip. We all face difficult choices at times, life-changing decisions about dreams and aspirations, visions built on ideas about who we are and what we're capable of, decisions affecting our loved ones and ourselves. How we navigate, how we take the wheel (or don't) is of huge import, and GrooveLily tells its particular story with unflinching honesty and a healthy dose of humor.

The music is "classic" GrooveLily: a mix of rock, jazz and musical-theater styles, sometimes all at once, with occasional flights into folk elements or even "found" instrumentation. Each band member gets vocal and instrumental solos along the way; each has his or her bravado numbers as well as quiet, thoughtful pieces.

The overall effect is of a continuous wash of music, taking us along for the ride, as it were, through emotional hills and valleys and coming to a glorious resolution. The show does start off kind of slowly, a little tentatively, but soon grabs you with the narrative, and then the music takes hold and you're hooked. The only thing I didn't get enough of was Vigoda's powerhouse violin. I kept waiting for that knockout solo flight that I've loved in the band's other shows.

Lights by Steven B. Mannshardt, scenic design by Kate Edmunds, and projections design by Jason H. Thompson all work together to provide a superb backdrop and support for the storytelling, sometimes with wonderful whimsy. Sound designer Kris Umezawa has done an excellent job of balancing the band and voices in the space; no earplugs necessary, and you can hear every word of the narrative.

GrooveLily fans will enjoy

learning more about the band's past and feeling like the three band members are old friends. The show's intimacy invites that kind of warmth and familiarity.

Those who haven't seen the musicians before will have a chance to get to know this amazing group. Their brand of musical theater is like nothing else: imitable, quirky, fun, fanciful — and, in this case, inspirational. ▣

■ INFORMATION

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**Where:** Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St.

**When:** Through July 1, with shows at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday; 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; and 7 p.m. Sundays.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Slow food goes Mexican

LULU'S NEW LOS ALTOS EATERY DELIVERS FRESH, TASTY DISHES, BUT IT CAN TAKE A WHILE

By Ruth Schechter

There's a whole new subset of Mexican food pervading the mid-Peninsula. The latest generation of burritos, tacos, tamales and other icons of Mexican cuisine touts freshness, sustainability and organic, local ingredients. In principle, that's a good thing.

Lulu's on Main Street, which opened in January, is the newest branch of a local chain that started in Menlo Park in 2005, and keeps freshness at the fore. An open kitchen displays piles of lettuce, avocados, peppers and other ingredients ready at hand for kitchen workers to dice, slice and prep for an extensive menu of mostly traditional

Mexican dishes. A salsa bar holds about 10 variations made fresh every morning, ranging from mild roasted red salsa to bright green tomatillo sauce. The manager told me that the kitchen uses only olive and canola oil, and that tortilla chips are made fresh all day long.

The largest of the four Lulu's, the Los Altos branch has about 15 inside tables, plus outdoor seating both in front and back. Concrete floors, shiny metal tables and chairs, wide-screen TV, pumpkin-colored walls and Katy Perry blasting away make for a young mainstream vibe.

The menu is posted along one wall, so patrons need to

**A salsa bar holds about 10 variations made fresh every morning, ranging from mild roasted red salsa to bright green tomatillo sauce.**



MICHELLE LE

**A taco salad** offers a choice of meat served with lettuce, tomatoes, corn, salsa fresca, avocado and cheese in a flour tortilla shell.

find a spot to decide on their selection before getting in line to order. Once the order is placed, you take a seat and wait for your number to be called. In theory, all well and good, but when the weather is too chilly to eat outside, the floor plan creates uncomfortable logjams.

On two evening visits, the place was packed, which

meant that patrons were stalled near the door trying to read the menu, backed up among the tables to order and then bottlenecked on the sidelines staring at diners and praying for a spot to open up before their number was called. Because of the barrage of teens and families, the salsa station was not maintained, the utensils were not well

stocked and crumbled napkins remained on the floor.

A late afternoon visit went much smoother, but the layout remains illogical and can be intrusive to those already seated. The place needs a designated queue.

As for the food, flavors are fresh and well-defined. Most selections come with a selection of meat, ranging from

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**Top**, a fish taco with garlic-marinated fish served with lettuce, salsa fresca, avocados and spicy chipotle sauce on corn tortillas. **Above**, nachos served with simmered chicken.

pollo asado (grilled chicken) to carnitas (slow-roasted pork), machaca (shredded beef), albanil (seasoned ground beef and chorizo) and chile colorado (seasoned pork in tomato sauce). The menu includes several gluten-free and vegetarian options, and pinto, black and refried beans are cooked without animal products.

The chimichanga (\$7.95), a deep-fried burrito served with your choice of meat, was accompanied by a colorful dabs of sour cream, salsa and guacamole. Although a little drab for my taste, it was light and not at all greasy, and the variety of condiments came in handy to add a little punch. Shrimp ceviche

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**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW 2030 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE  
UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Wednesday, June 27, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.  
Mountain View City Hall, Council Chambers - 500 Castro Street

The Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) will hold a public hearing to provide a recommendation to the City Council on the City of Mountain View's 2030 General Plan, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program and 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

The General Plan provides a comprehensive strategy and policies to guide future preservation and change, and addresses topics such as land use, mobility, parks, public safety, conservation, noise and infrastructure. It also includes a new General Plan Land Use Map describing land uses and intensities in Mountain View. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program includes goals, policies and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Mountain View. The General Plan EIR evaluates both the General Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Once the EPC forwards its recommendation, the City Council will hold a study session on this topic, and then a public hearing to consider adoption of these documents. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (650) 903-6304 or visit the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) on or after June 28, 2012 to confirm the date, time and location of future City Council meetings regarding this topic.

Copies of all 2030 General Plan materials are available at [www.mountainview2030.com](http://www.mountainview2030.com), or can be viewed in the Community Development Department and City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, and at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street. Compact discs of materials are available by contacting the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or via email at [community.dev@mountainview.gov](mailto:community.dev@mountainview.gov).

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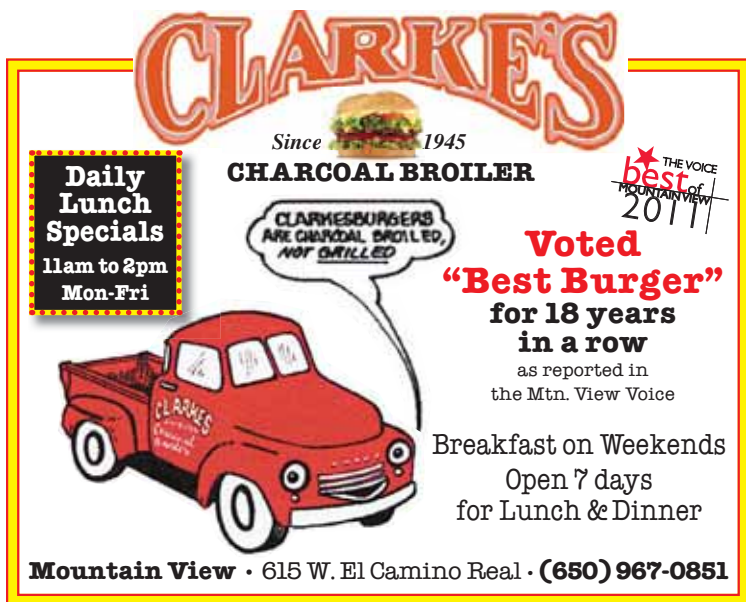
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Customers take advantage of late spring weather to eat outdoors at Lulu's.

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tostada (\$4.50) was a generous mound of shrimp in a strangely sweet red sauce over a crisp corn tortilla.

A cup of the pozole soup (\$4), made with chunks of chicken and tender hominy in a mellow green broth, was simply fabulous. Though rich and well-balanced all on its own, the soup can be garnished with onion, lettuce, tortilla chips, radishes or avocado. The fish taco (\$4.50) was another unequivocal hit — so delicately fried that the flavor really shone through.

Another visit was less suc-

cessful. The chicken mole rojo (\$13.50) consisted of a few dry chunks of white meat drowning in a thick red sauce. While the manager would not tell me the ingredients used in Lulu's version, it lacked the complexity of flavors of the chilies, seeds, spices and chocolate used in other moles I have savored. The dish came with a choice of beans — the refried beans were delicious — and fresh warm corn tortillas. An appetizer of cheese nachos (\$6.50) arrived ice cold, but the mishap was quickly and graciously remedied.

Lulu's drink menu includes aguas frescas, horchata (a Mexican beverage made with

rice and cinnamon) and a selection of margaritas (\$7).

Despite some glitches here and there, servers were genuinely upbeat, friendly and eager to please. Made-to-order fresh dishes take time to prepare — with sometimes disconcertingly long waits — but each staff person made it a point to acknowledge any delay with sincere regret.

I like and admire what Lulu's is trying to do in terms of modifying traditional Mexican dishes for our current health-conscious sensibilities. When the dishes are done right, they really do combine the best of both worlds. But there are still plenty of details to address. ■



**NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT  
PERMANENTE CREEK FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT**

**CUESTA ANNEX FLOOD DETENTION BASIN**

You are invited to the following Mountain View City Council meeting where the Council will consider approval of the conceptual plan for flood detention facilities in and around Cuesta Annex. The facilities are part of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project.

**Tuesday, June 19, 2012**

**6:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the item can be heard)**

**Mountain View City Hall  
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA**

The report providing information on this item to the City Council will be published on the City's website ([www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)) after 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Sean Rose, Acting Design Engineer, at (650) 903-6311. Comments may also be emailed to [public.works@mountainview.gov](mailto:public.works@mountainview.gov).

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- Bathroom Cleanliness *good*
- Parking *street*

## MOVIE TIMES

**Bernie (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20:** Fri.-Sun. & Tue. at 9 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 3, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1 p.m.

**The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20:** 1:15, 4:10, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 1:15, 2:30, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 5:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 8:30 & 10:15 p.m.

**Brave (PG) Century 20:** Thu. at 12:02 a.m.; In 3D Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

**Cool Hand Luke (1967) (PG) Century 16:** Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.

**DCI 2012 Tour Premiere Century 16:** Mon. at 6:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Mon. at 6:30 p.m.

**The Dictator (R) ★★1/2 Century 16:** Fri. & Sat. at 10 p.m.; Sun. at 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 1:20, 3:30, 5:40 & 7:55 p.m.

**Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (1953) Stanford Theatre:** Fri.-Sun. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:55 p.m.

**Happiest Baby and Happiest Toddler Live with Dr. Karp Century 20:** Thu. at 7:30 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

**Headhunters (R) Aquarius Theatre:** 5, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.

**Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) Century 16:** 10 a.m.; 12:30, 2, 3, 5:40, 7:30, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m.; In 3D at 10:30 & 11 a.m.; 1:10, 4 & 4:40 p.m.; In 3D Fri. & Sat. also at 6:40 & 9:10 p.m.; In 3D Sun. also at 6:30 & 8:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 12:55, 2, 3:20, 4:25, 5:45, 6:50, 8:10, 9:20 & 10:35 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; 12:05, 1:25, 2:35, 3:50, 5, 6:15, 7:25, 8:40 & 9:50 p.m.

**Man's Favorite Sport? (1964) Stanford Theatre:** Wed. & Thu. at 5:20 & 10:05 p.m.

**Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 16:** 3:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:20 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:10 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. at 11:50 a.m. & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m.; 5:35 & 10 p.m.; In 3D at 2:20 & 8:55 p.m.

**Men in Black 3 (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16:** 11:10 a.m. & 4:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:15 p.m.; Sun. also at 9:55 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. at 1:40 & 7:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.; In 3D at 1:50, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m.

**The Metropolitan Opera: Le Comte Ory Century 16:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

**Monkey Business (1952) Stanford Theatre:** Fri.-Sun. at 5:40 & 9:15 p.m.

**Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 10 & 11:30 a.m.; 12:30, 1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 6:10, 7:30, 8:40 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:45, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:10 p.m.

**Peace, Love & Misunderstanding (R) ★1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1 p.m.

**Prometheus (R) Century 16:** 10 a.m.; 1, 4 & 7:20 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:40 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:25 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. at 11 a.m.; noon, 2, 3, 5, 6:10, 8:20 & 9:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 2:25, 4, 5:20, 8:20 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D at 10:55 a.m.; 12:15, 1:05, 1:45, 3:10, 4:35, 6:10, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:35 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 7 p.m.

**Rio Bravo (1959) Stanford Theatre:** Wed. & Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

**Rock of Ages (PG-13) Century 16:** 10:10 & 11:10 a.m.; 1:20, 2:20, 4:20, 5:20, 7:40 & 8:40 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:40 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 12:50, 2:10, 3:40, 5, 6:30, 7:50, 9:25 & 10:40 p.m.

**Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:** 10 & 11:10 a.m.; 12:55, 2:10, 3:50, 5:10, 7:10 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** Noon, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. & Tue. also at 3 & 6 p.m.

**That's My Boy (R) Century 16:** 10:20 & 11:20 a.m.; 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 5:10, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10:40 p.m.; Sun. also at 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 12:10, 1, 1:55, 2:55, 3:50, 4:45, 5:50, 6:40, 7:35, 8:45, 9:30 & 10:25 p.m.

★ Skip it  
★★ Some redeeming qualities  
★★★ A good bet  
★★★★ Outstanding

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## MOVIE REVIEWS

## MOONRISE KINGDOM

★★★1/2

(Century 20, Century 16) For well over a decade, writer-director Wes Anderson has faced criticism of his films being fussy repetitive. Though his new film "Moonrise Kingdom" is nothing if not fussy, it's Anderson's freshest, breeziest work since the high-water mark of 1998's "Rushmore." "Moonrise Kingdom" tells of a pair of troubled and gifted 12-year-olds who, in 1965, elope into the wild of New Penzance Island. Other than Anderson's own oeuvre, "Moonrise Kingdom" best recalls "Harold and Maude" as an offbeat romance of two plain-spoken lovers against the world. Anderson contrasts the simplicity of young love with the adults' insistence of complicating everything. The script by Anderson and Roman Coppola allows none of the plot elements to spin out of control, and the director keeps it short and sweet. The '60s setting lends itself to Anderson's obsessiveness of detail. So if Anderson's carefully regulated compositions and dollhouse-styled production design send you climbing up the walls, keep your distance. But this time, the filmmaker isn't too clever by half: He's just clever enough. And the film's heartfelt search and rescue of a feel-good result provides a perfect, even musical counterpoint to its regimented summer camp. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content and smoking. One hour, 34 minutes.*—P.C.

## PEACE, LOVE, &amp; MISUNDERSTANDING

★1/2

(Aquarius) Cliches, not characters, inhabit "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding," a condescendingly simplistic comedy-drama that plays off of tensions between generations and political viewpoints. Manhattan attorney Diane (Catherine Keener) packs up kids Jake (Nat Wolff) and Zoe (Elizabeth Olsen) and gets out of town, knowing she has a divorce waiting upon her return. Jake's ever-present video camera notes the sign "Woodstock 3 mi." — but it should read "Shameless Contrivances 3 mi." The tension comes between Diane and her mother Grace (Jane Fonda), at whose house Diane must stay. Fonda tries much too hard to infuse her walking stereotype with comic energy. It's all so wacky: chickens in the foyer ... too much! There's a magic bus parked nearby, and mom still protests every Saturday ("Vigilance!") when not bedding a rotation of local hippie dudes! Tres embarrassing for Diane, who despite being born into this life, repudiated it 20 years earlier, cutting off contact with Grace. To be fair, "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding" has its moments, and its strength (though wasted) is its credible casting of three generations of women. Keener fares best. Director Bruce Beresford's picture is for blissed-out Fonda fans who'll be tickled pink to see her as a kooky earth mother in tie-dyed dresses, busting out crystals and referred to as queen of the hippies. But my advice when it comes to this one: Make tracks, not love. *Rated R for drug content and sexual references. One hour, 36 minutes.*—P.C.

## SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) "Snow White and the Huntsman" is something else. It's neither the kid-friendly take of 1937's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" nor

the two-month-old "Mirror Mirror," nor the R-rated horror version offered by 1997's "Snow White: A Tale of Terror." No, it's something else. But is it enough?

And, perhaps more to the point, whom is it for? Rupert Sanders' frequently intense PG-13 film isn't for kids, and it's not exactly for adults either. The soggy new script by Evan Daugherty, John Lee Hancock and Hossein Amini doesn't dig deep enough, work hard enough, or draw compelling enough characters to unequivocally fascinate or entertain, leaving Sanders to justify his film's existence through tasteful visuals. "Snow White and the Huntsman" does give some ammo to future theses: an outpost of self-mutilated women who sacrifice beauty for better lives and a motif of nasty oil slicks that constitutes a forward-looking environmental consciousness. Still, these feints, along with Sanders' good eye and appealing naturalistic restraint, can't magically turn the thin, glossy pages of this eye-catching picture book into a transcendent fantasy fable. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and action, and brief sensuality. Two hours, eight minutes.*—P.C.

## 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 dampers 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 and 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, Century 20) 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 cosmetology, 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.

## MOVIE CRITICS

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## HIGHLIGHT

### FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

Ron Schilling, who has taught at Stanford University, shows tools that help turn ideas into action. June 21, 1 p.m. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Esculela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. mountainview.gov

## 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

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**'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. patriciacajoy.wordpress.com/community-classes/

**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

**Crime safety/personal preparedness** Supervisor Liz Kniss sponsors a follow-up to a recent Identity Theft Workshop that will include neighborhood watch programs, crime prevention preparedness, and pre-disaster steps. June 19, 7-9 p.m. at Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto 94301. Go to www.avenidas.org

**From Page to Screen: Fundamentals of Filmmaking** Workshop for middle school and high school students. Students will learn the fundamentals of filmmaking with introductions to screenwriting, directing techniques, production,

and cinematography. By midweek, students will begin production of their film. The week will end with an introduction to post-production classes in editing. June 18-22, June 25-29, Lucie Stern Community Center.

**IMPROV Workshop** The Kannon Do Zen Center will present a workshop on Improvisational Theater. A complete description of the workshop is available at www.kannondo.org. June 16, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$25. Kannon Do Zen Meditation Center, 1972 Rock St., Mountain View. Call 650-948-5020. www.kannondo.org

**Lawn Alternatives** There is a movement in the Bay Area to remove lawns and replace them with low-maintenance shrubs, perennials, meadows, and more. Using water-wise California native plants, attendees can learn to create a diverse landscape more suited to our Mediterranean climate and more attractive to local wildlife. June 16, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$31. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-493-6072. www.commongroundin-paloalto.org

**No bugs are bad bugs** Attendees join Master Gardener Candace Simpson to learn to deal with vegetable pests and diseases in the most earth-friendly way. Topics: cultural practices that discourage pests, mechanical barriers and removal methods, techniques for encouraging beneficial insects, and low-toxicity chemical controls. June 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos 94022. Go to mastergardeners.org/scc.html

**Searching on Google** What does it mean to Google? Join Monica Lipscomb as she shows you how to find fact, people, and websites in an instant through using

the internet and the search engine Google. Basic Computer Skill Required. June 20, 2:30 p.m. City of Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Esculela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. mountainview.gov

## 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

**Palo Alto World Music Day** Celebrate World Music Day in Palo Alto with a free music festival with 50 professional and amateur music groups performing a variety of musical genres. June 17, 3-7:30 p.m. Free to the public Downtown Palo Alto, University Ave. and King Plaza, Palo Alto. www.pamusicyday.org

**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. at Rinconada Park, Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto, 94301

## CONCERTS

**Irene Sharp, Cello** Special concert with internationally celebrated cellist and master teacher Irene Sharp. June 21, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

## DANCE

**Princess Dance Camp** Little dancers, ages 3-5, will have a royal dance class with a professional teacher, do a craft, play games and listen to stories, and have a snack. June 19-21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$85. For the Love of Dance, 916 Vaquero Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

**Princess Dance Camp** Little dancers, ages 6-8, will have a royal dance class with a professional teacher, do a craft, play games and listen to stories, and have a snack. June 19-21, 1-3 p.m. \$85. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.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

## 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.cityofpaloalto.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

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**Father's Day at Shoreline Lake** This event features a barbecue by the Lakeside Cafe (\$10 per plate), \$15 all day Access Passes include pedalboat, kayak, stand up paddleboard, canoe, and rowboat rentals, prepared picnic baskets and more. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m. June 17. Shoreline Lake Aquatic Center & Cafe 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd. Mountain View 94043.

**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.friendsjmz.org

## FILM

**Double Feature Week** The Mountain View Senior Center's Week of Double Features is back. Each day during the week of Monday, June 11-Friday, June 15, there will be a double feature of classic movies with

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## 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

## TALKS/AUTHORS

**Author talk: Nancy Huddleston Packer** Nancy Huddleston Packer reads "Old Ladies: Stories." The stories in this collection center on women of a certain age. And almost all discover something a little unsettling that changes their sense of themselves, for better or worse. June 19, 7 p.m. Books Inc., Town & Country Village, Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

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### 801 Apartments/ Condos/Studios

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### 803 Duplex

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### 805 Homes for Rent

**Menlo Park**  
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### 811 Office Space

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### 820 Home Exchanges



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### 825 Homes/Condos for Sale

Menlo Park, 2 BR/1 BA - \$785000  
Menlo Park, 2 BR/2 BA - 785000  
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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):  
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525 South Drive Suite 211  
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 22, 2012.  
(MVV June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012)

**ZNX**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 565527

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
ZNX, located at 1290 Lawrence Station Rd., Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
JOHN KIM  
2115 Park Blvd.  
Palo Alto, CA 94306  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 5/25/12.  
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(MVV June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012)

### 997 All Other Legals

T.S. No.: 2012-18334 Loan No.: 71725220  
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 12/15/2006. 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.

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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

Date: 5/18/2012  
Western Progressive, LLC, as Trustee c/o 18377 Beach Blvd., Suite 210  
Huntington Beach, California 92648  
Automated Sale Information Line: (866) 960-8299 <http://www.altisource.com/MortgageServices/DefaultManagement/TrusteeServices.aspx>  
For Non-Automated Sale Information, call: (866) 240-3530

Tunisha Jennings, Trustee Sale Assistant  
(MVV June 1, 8, 15, 2012)

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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Pursuant to California Civil Code §2923.54 the undersigned, on behalf of the beneficiary, loan servicer or authorized agent, declares as follows: The beneficiary or servicing agent declares that it has obtained from the Commissioner of Corporation a final or temporary order of exemption pursuant to California Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date the Notice of Sale is filed and/or the timeframe for giving Notice of Sale Specified in subdivision (s) of California Civil Code Section 2923.52 applies and has been provided or the loan is exempt from the requirements.

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## A Look at Our Markets in May

### LOS ALTOS

- 39 closed sales (compared to 28 last year); 37 additional sales in May that are pending
- 25 (64%) sold for more than list price
- Average time to sell: 17 days

### LOS ALTOS HILLS

- 7 closed sales (compared to 12 last year); 18 additional sales in May that are pending
- Sale price was an average of 99.4% of list price

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

- 31 closed sales (compared to 20 last year); 31 additional sales in May that are pending
- 18 (58%) sold for more than list price
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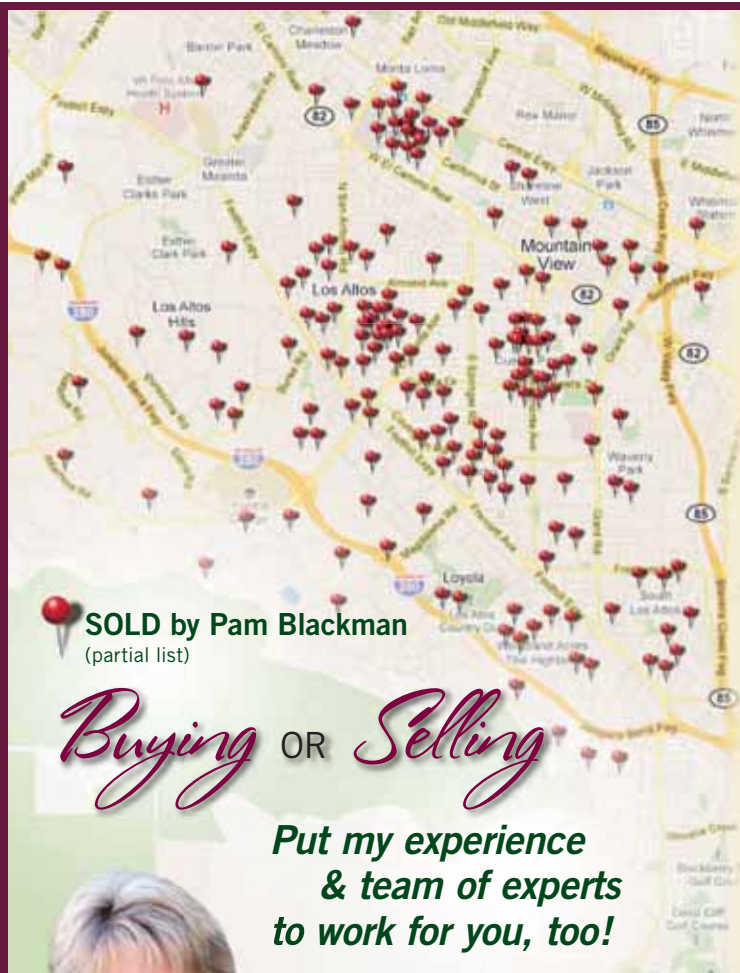
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Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 4 BR 4 BA Old World Charm with newer 2nd story addition. Formal dining room & separate family room.  
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**4014 VILLA VERA, PALO ALTO \$965,000**  
Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 3 BR 2.5 BA Lovely townhouse in sought-after Palo Alto. New paint & carpeting. Private yard w/deck.  
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**14370 BLOSSOM HILL RD, LOS GATOS \$959,000**  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 4 BR 2 BA 2048sf,9875sf Lot.Turn-key,many improvements,incl new roof,floors,windows.  
Susanne Bohl 650.941.7040



**28025 ARASTRADERO RD, LOS ALTOS HILLS \$3,300,000**  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 5 BR 5 full BA + 5 halfThis is the gated grand estate Hm on a flat acre you've been waiting for.  
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**24595 VOORHEES DR, LOS ALTOS HILLS \$4,500,000**  
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**1225 PAYNE DR, LOS ALTOS \$1,998,000**  
Sun 1:30 - 4:30 | 3 BR 3 BA Designed for outdoor living,this Spanish-inspired residence features high quality remodeling  
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## ATHERTON

**Sat 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. DiPali Shah, 650.325.6161

## LOS ALTOS

**Sat 1:30 - 4:30**  
175 Coronado Ave \$3,495,000  
5 BR 3 full BA + 2 half Formal living and dining rooms.Private officeChef'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

**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

Wonderful Home \$1,598,000  
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681 Springer Ter \$1,399,000  
3 BR 1 BA 1st time on the market!This charming 3 bdrm hm has wonderful curb appeal. Shilpa Merchant, 650.941.7040

## LOS ALTOS HILLS

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**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
11035 Eastbrook Av \$2,995,000  
5 BR 4.5 BA 6000+ square ft beautiful custom home. 1.3 acre oaktree studded lot with expansive lawns.Terri Couture, 650.941.7040

## MENLO PARK

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
10 Mansion Ct \$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

**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
150 Alma St #215 \$898,000  
3 BR 2 BA Chic single level condo. Secure building on Palo Alto border. Updated. Pool. Elevator. Nancy Goldcamp, 650.325.6161

## MOUNTAIN VIEW

Bubb Elementary School \$1,149,000  
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**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
675 Chiquita Ave \$1,149,000  
3 BR 3.5 BA New distinctive single Family Home, these meticulously designed Homes offer modern convenience. Kim Copher, 650.941.7040

**Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
671 Chiquita Ave \$980,000  
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Townhome-Style Condo \$568,000  
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**Sun 1:30 - 4:30**  
2255 Showers Dr #233 \$470,500  
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## PALO ALTO

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3 BR 2 BA Single family house. Living area about 1500+SF, Lot: 6520+SF. Bright, light. Spacious bedrooms. Donna Liu, 650.941.7040

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3 BR 2 BA Must see 3 bedrooms 2 baths. Double pane windows-hardwood floors-new bckryd lawn-sprinklers Letty Guerra, 650.941.7040

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