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Steve Rasmussen, owner of the Milk Pail market, talks to longtime customer **Leane Reelfs** on Tuesday. Reelfs, who has been coming to the Milk Pail since she was a child, says there's nothing else like it in Mountain View.

Will the Milk Pail survive?

SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT MAY FORCE GROCER'S CLOSURE AFTER 40 YEARS

By Daniel DeBolt

To many residents, the Milk Pail market is a charming Mountain View institution, celebrating its 40th year selling affordable produce and gourmet cheese in a quirky, open air European-

style setting. But its future has been uncertain ever since a developer arrived on the scene, threatening a critical part of the Milk Pail's business: a friendly agreement allowing the Milk Pail's customers to use a neighboring property's parking lots. "My life these days is filled

with the word 'parking,'" said Milk Pail owner Steve Rasmussen, who has only five parking spaces on his property, but needs 22 to meet city requirements to stay open. He says his current arrangement isn't a

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Teens trash, burn home while owners away

14 MV YOUTHS ARRESTED AFTER 'PARTY HOUSE' IS TORCHED

By Andrea Gemmet

Police said Tuesday that 14 people have been arrested in connection with a fire that burned a house in the 1700 block of Fordham Way in the early hours of March 16. Investigators say a series of drug- and alcohol-fueled illicit parties at

an empty house went awry, leaving the home seriously damaged when a fire started by three juveniles burned out of control.

While the residents were away on vacation, the house was also burglarized, and an Audi A4 stolen, said Sgt. Saul Jaeger, spokesman for the Mountain View Police Department. The

car appears to have been stolen on March 14 and was recovered in San Francisco, he said.

Jaeger said he expects more arrests to be made in the coming days.

The parties were attended by students from local high schools and Foothill college. Twelve juveniles and two 18-year-olds have

been arrested in connection with the case, said Jaeger.

Brandon Pak and Gilbert Gomes, both from Mountain View, were arrested this week on charges of burglary and child endangerment, with Pak facing an additional charge of providing marijuana to juveniles.



Brandon Pak



Gilbert Gomes

The juveniles, whose names and ages were withheld by police, face charges ranging from arson, burglary and auto theft to drug possession and drug sales, Jaeger said. Most of the students attend Mountain View High School, with a few

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Ordinance would soften gentrification's sting

DISPLACED LOW-INCOME RENTERS WOULD RECEIVE COMPENSATION FROM LANDLORDS

By Daniel DeBolt

Residential landlords may soon have to pay higher compensation costs to renters being displaced by renovations and redevelopments around the city, City Council members indicated Tuesday.

"Rents have gone up very, very steeply," said council member Jac Siegel. "I don't believe this is going to keep anyone in Mountain View, I really don't. This will at least help to keep their dignity (to) get by and live in a decent place."

Council members voted 6-1 for city staff and planning commissioners to develop an ordinance in which landlords would have to pay three months rent to displaced households, based on average market-rate rents (now \$2,320 for a two-bedroom, one-bathroom apartment). Renters would qualify if they earn less than 80 percent of the "area median income" or AMI, which was \$101,000 for a family of four in 2013. The ordinance may see final council approval by summer break at the end of June and go into effect 30 days later.

It was found that a 2010 tenant relocation ordinance was inade-

quate, serving only 17 households since 2010 because few displaced tenants met a requirement that they earn less than 50 percent of the AMI. It also provided only two months of rent to displaced tenants, based on their rent at the time of being displaced. There was also \$2,154 for households with "special circumstances," which would be raised to \$3,000 in the new ordinance. "A special-circumstances household is defined as having at least one person that is either over 62 years of age, handicapped, disabled or a legally dependent minor child (less than 18 years of age)." Lauzze wrote.

Council members did not support an option to provide significantly more assistance to displaced renters. That option was based on a state-required practice which was used to relocate tenants living above La Costeña Taqueria. Because state funds were used for the affordable housing project that displaced them, tenants had to be given enough funds to help cover 42 months of higher rents (residents are still expected to pay rent equal to 30 percent of

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Kevin Forestieri.

What activities do you do when it rains?



"I stay inside and eat warm comfort food. I also like to listen to the rain outside."

David Creedy, Mountain View



"I don't mind going out when it's raining because I grew up in Oregon. It's nice to see rain again and we do need it."

Harold Miller, Sunnyvale



"I try to stay inside and watch Netflix, and cuddle with my dogs — two chihuahuas and a French bulldog."

Jenn Dao, San Jose



"It depends how hard it's raining. If it's just showering, I'll be outside downtown. If it's pouring, I try to stay indoors."

Jenny Dela Cruz, Mountain View



"When it's raining I head to the bars! I go to the bar every day."

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CRIME BRIEFS

ARREST OUTSIDE BURNING HOME

Police arrested a man who was trying to enter a burning house on a charge of being drunk in public.

The man, identified as 53-year-old Michael Lugea from Mountain View, is a resident at one of the two houses that caught fire at Wortham Court on March 18. He appeared drunk when he approached Mountain View police officers and firefighters outside the two-alarm fire at 2:45 p.m. according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. Police said the man wanted to get into his house while the building was on fire and even firefighters were not entering the building.

Jaeger said the man was uncooperative and caused a chaotic scene, and was arrested by police officers.

WINE SHIPMENT STOLEN

Police received a report on Monday, March 24, that a large shipment of wine, valued at around \$24,000, was stolen at 211 Whisman Road.

Two pallets of wine were set to be delivered to the airport and shipped out of the country to another company. An person who claimed to be the driver who would bring the shipment to the airport picked up the wine, but the two pallets never arrived.

The shipment of wine went missing on Tuesday, March 4, and was reported by the owner of the wine when he discovered it. There was no description of the suspect who left with the wine.

ASSAULT WITH BASEBALL BAT

Police arrested a 46-year-old woman after she attacked a young woman with a baseball bat during an argument on Sunday, March 23.

The woman attacked the 19-year-old victim after a disagreement between the two regarding "treatment" of the victim's father. The victim sustained minor injuries to her legs and hand.

The attacker, identified as Pauline Partti from Mountain View, was booked into county jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Kevin Forestieri

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 200 block S. Whisman Rd., 3/24
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 200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 3/21
 400 block Easy St., 3/24
 200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 3/24
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UP, UP AND AWAY

Taking advantage of a break in the rain on Tuesday, Lauren Johnson, 17, practices her reverse layup at the basketball court at Moffett Field. Johnson is a member of the St. Francis High School Girls Basketball Varsity team. More rain is predicted throughout the weekend and into early next week.

New technology links local police

MOUNTAIN VIEW, PALO ALTO AND LOS ALTOS SHARE UPGRADED COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos police departments rolled out a new dispatch system March 18, after a two-year joint effort to improve communication between the three neighboring police departments. The tech upgrade is expected to reduce police response times

and increase efficiency across the three cities.

The new computer-aided dispatch system, developed by Intergraph Corp., is designed to standardize telephone and radio communication between the police departments. With it, the departments can do a better job of coordinating vehicles and other resources in emergencies that cross jurisdictions.

Previously, each departments had its own stand-alone dispatch system that did not connect with other cities. The upgrade is the biggest information technology improvement project for public safety in the last decade, according to a press release from the Mountain View Police Department.

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City Council expects to spend \$71 million in park funds

By Daniel DeBolt

There's a silver lining to all of the real estate development in Mountain View—a truckload of park funds paid for by developers.

City officials now anticipate having funds for a long list of desired projects, from a \$38 million renovation of Rengstorff Park to a new \$1.7 million park on the Stieper property at 771 North Rengstorff Ave. The city has accumulated \$41 million in

various park funds and \$30 million more is expected to pour in over the next five years

"I think there is a possibility to do it all, quite frankly," said City Manager Dan Rich in a study session held Tuesday, March 25.

Council members gave their support during the study session for a prioritized list of projects, including a new Community Center in Rengstorff Park, which could be built in the next few years at a cost of \$20 million

Residents in areas where there

is lack of park space may see new parks soon, with \$8 million set aside for acquiring new park space in their neighborhoods along with \$2.1 million for a new park in the Whisman area. Parks-deficient neighborhoods include the San Antonio area, noted council member Ronit Bryant, who recalled being "incensed" when park funds from the development of the Crossings were allocated for the Cuesta Annex

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MV researcher wins Turing award

LESLIE LAMPOR T RECIPIENT OF THIS YEAR'S "NOBEL PRIZE" FOR COMPUTING

By Elena Kadvaný

Leslie Lamport, a principal researcher at Microsoft Research's Silicon Valley lab in Mountain View, has been awarded the 2013 A.M. Turing Award, a prestigious technical award often referred to as the Nobel Prize of the computing world.

Lamport, 73, will receive a \$250,000 prize for "imposing clear, well-defined coherence on the seemingly chaotic behavior of distributed computing systems, in which several autonomous computers communicate with each other by passing messages," the award website reads. "He devised important algorithms and developed formal modeling and verification protocols that improve the quality of real distributed systems. These contributions have resulted in improved correctness, performance, and reliability of computer systems."

His development of various algorithms and computing tools were also cited, including ones relating to security, cloud computing, embedded systems and database systems. He contributed to Byzantine Fault Tolerance, a tool to defend against "Byzantine failures," or when a system fails in arbitrary, unpredictable ways. He also created TLA+, a language for writing Temporal Logic of Actions (TLA) applications, used by hardware and software engineers, as well as

LaTeX, a document preparation system and document markup language that is the standard for publishing scientific or computing documents.

The award, created in 1966 by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), is named after Alan Mathison Turing, a 20th century British mathematician and computer scientist known for making critical advances in those fields.

A Microsoft release on the selection calls a paper Lamport wrote in 1978, "Time, Clocks, and the Ordering of Events in a Distributed System," "one of the most cited in the history of computer science."

"This is well-deserved recognition for a remarkable scientist," Microsoft CEO Bill Gates said in the release. "As a leader in defining many of the key concepts of distributed computing that enable today's mission-critical computer systems, Leslie has done great things not just for the field of computer science, but also in helping make the world a safer place. Countless people around the world benefit from his work without ever hearing his name."

Lamport's career included positions at Menlo Park-based SRI International and Digital Equipment Corporation (later Compaq Corporation) before he came to Microsoft in 2001. He's also authored or co-authored

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Leslie Lamport, a principal researcher at Microsoft's Mountain View lab, was named the 2013 A.M. Turing Award recipient.

MILK PAIL

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“free lunch” — he pays a neighboring property owner for access to ample parking in the Ross and BevMo! parking lots.

Developer Merlone Geier has other plans for the Ross and BevMo! lots and the 9.9 acres surrounding the Milk Pail: a 70,000-square-foot movie theater, a seven-story hotel and a pair of six-story office buildings with new ground-floor shops around a public square. Plans also call for over 1,480 parking garage spaces, but so far none for Milk Pail customers.

If a solution can't be found, Rasmussen says he will be forced to close his doors when his parking agreement ends in 2016.

City officials have been inundated with questions and concerns about the future of the market. Over 700 people have signed a petition on Change.org calling for the City Council to act “to impose a continuation of the existing shared parking policy with the Milk Pail as a condition for approval of the Merlone-Geier Phase II Project.”

The conflict appears to be “a David and Goliath story that won't end well” unless the City Council steps in, says resident Nancy Morimoto says, a board member of the Greater San Antonio Community Association, which represents residents of the Crossings and Old Mill housing complexes across the street from the Milk Pail.

Rasmussen's luck in having a neighboring property owner friendly to his parking needs may have run out, unless a new agreement is reached soon. Merlone Geier's development may be approved by the City Council in just a few months. City officials say they can't force Merlone Geier to agree to lease parking spaces to the Milk Pail, but “we have very strongly encouraged that,” said City Manager Dan Rich.

“A lot of people are saying this



Fresh tomatoes draw in a Milk Pail customer.

is not the City Council's place to meddle in the affairs between two property owners — we're not buying that argument,” said Morimoto. “It is very frustrating because what I keep hearing is every business is required to have parking for its own business. At the moment he (Rasmussen) has got a solution. He pays the property owners who do have overly sufficient parking. I don't know why they can't require that to continue to happen.”

Council member Jac Siegel did not want to say that council members couldn't or wouldn't act to save the Milk Pail with some sort of condition on the project's approval.

“I don't think there's a person in the city government that doesn't want them to stay, myself included,” Siegel said. “Do we have the power to make (Milk

Pail parking) a condition of approval of Phase II? We probably do. But if we do that we're subject to a significant lawsuit. It would be something we'd have to weigh very carefully. That's essentially the big issue.”

Hoping to clear up confusion from residents, city officials sat down with the *Voice* to explain the city's perspective. City Attorney Jannie Quinn, planning director Randy Tsuda, communications director Shonda Ranson and City Manager Rich all spoke on the issue.

They say there is a lot of confusion over the notion of “shared parking,” which doesn't mean what it seems. City officials say that the shopping center's privately negotiated “reciprocal parking agreement” only allows shopping center customers to move freely between certain properties and doesn't exempt individual property owners from the city's parking requirements, which state that Rasmussen must have legal access to 22 parking spaces in order to remain in business.

“Their (Merlone Geier's) development doesn't change (Rasmussen's) fundamental legal obligation, under today's law, to have 22 parking spaces,” said Rich. “That has always been the case and will remain the case.”

If Merlone Geier were required to give the Milk Pail parking “essentially what would be asked of them is to add 17 spaces at their expense to another property owner,” Rich said. “That's a highly unusual circumstance. I don't know if that's ever been done.”

Ranson likened it to a resident wanting to build a shed in their yard and being told by city staff that “in order to get the permit you have to re-landscape your neighbor's yard.”

When asked if the council could make Milk Pail parking a “public benefit” of Merlone Geier's project, City Attorney Jannie Quinn said “that's going to be not only a policy issue but potentially a legal issue as well, because traditionally public benefits are things that (directly) benefit the community — so that's street improvements, bicycle lanes, trails, parks. So that would be an issue for the City Council to consider — whether requiring Merlone Geier to provide parking spaces for a private property owner would be a public benefit.”

Quinn said it could also mean fewer public benefits of the type the council has already expressed interest in: bike and pedestrian mobility improvements around the San Antonio shopping center.

Siegel suggested that Merlone Geier and the Milk Pail enter arbitration so that a neutral arbitrator could create a fair agreement between them — as a condition of the approval of Phase II. City staff members balked at that option.

“Merlone Geier may never be able to meet that condition,” if the Milk Pail is not satisfied with the agreement, Quinn said. “I don't think we have a way to force both parties to engage in arbitration at this point,” Tsuda said.

“We share the public's desire that the Milk Pail be successful but the government can't be involved in picking winners and losers between two property owners,” said Rich.

The Milk Pail's other options

With no agreement for parking with Merlone Geier, Rasmussen says he's been looking at other locations, where he'd be relocated with Merlone Geier's help.

“We have made three distinct offers to Steve,” said Merlone Geier's Mike Grehl in an email, declining an interview. “The first two were offers to relocate the Milk Pail within the project. The third offer was based on Steve's decision to relocate to another Mountain View location he identified as desirable. As part of all of these offers, we would pay for the entirety of the expenses related to the relocation, including the build-out of the new store in addition to purchasing his existing property for more than fair market value. Steve has stated that moving slowly has always worked for him in the past. As such, we anticipate continued progress over time.”

Rasmussen said he first considered the former Dittmer's site across San Antonio Road, on the ground floor of another large development. He met with a commercial broker about using the site and “nothing became of that meeting,” Rasmussen said in an email.

Then Merlone Geier offered two spaces in San Antonio shop-



Cars fill parking spaces in front of a site offered to the Milk Pail near San Antonio shopping center's new dog park.



Merlone Geier has offered the Milk Pail this proposed building at Pacchetti and California Streets.

ping Center. One, a large vacant space under an apartment building near the dog park, is already built. The other is in a proposed building at Pacchetti and California streets, which would make it a gateway site at a main entrance to the new shopping center. In both sites, Rasmussen said he was advised that a business like his may not be able to compete for parking against a flurry of movie theater patrons, retail shoppers, restaurant-goers and dog park users. And he noted there are policies against reserving parking spaces for individual businesses at the center, which Merlone Geier confirmed.

"We cannot provide exclusive parking at-grade for the Milk Pail nor for any tenant because of legal agreements governing the San Antonio Center," Grehl said in an email. "We've proposed creating short-term parking in front of the potential Milk Pail location within the project to allow for his significant customer turnover."

Parking concerns aside, Rasmussen said he also has concerns about higher costs from paying rent and losing the charming nature of his current site, which he owns and remodeled not long ago.

"I can sell things for very reasonable prices because I have a very strong control over my cost," Rasmussen said in November about the likelihood of having to rent the Pachetti site at a premium. "I'm very concerned about moving into an extraordinarily expensive environment that is of a different nature than what the Milk Pail has been all these years."

Rasmussen said he has also considered buying the corner property next door where Oh My Sushi and Savor Mexico Taqueria are located, and using it for parking. But Merlone Geier bought the property instead, presumably to redevelop also. "Did I mention that I'm not a bank?" Rasmussen said of the deal.

Merlone Geier also wants to buy the Milk Pail property. It's the last one of the small corner lots by the Milk Pail that the company hasn't bought.

"The forces I'm up against with this \$600 million project are rather huge," Rasmussen said. "The last three years of my life have been competing with an organization that raised \$1.8 billion" for various projects in recent years.

"With the enormous change that all of us are seeing now in

Mountain View, finding a suitable location is far from easy," Rasmussen said in an email. "Retail spaces are being consolidated for high-cost housing and expensive office buildings. It is my opinion that the small business community is clearly being left behind by the development community."

"I have no idea what the future holds," Rasmussen said. "It's been quite a ride, I guess, and it continues to be quite a ride."

The Milk Pail does have something going for it: its parking agreement stands in the way of much of a \$600 million development and "the Milk Pail's parking agreement cannot be unilaterally canceled" before 2016, Grehl said. "Any early termination would be coupled with an agreement to relocate the Milk Pail."

Whatever happens, Rasmussen thanks the community for its support.

"I, along with the Milk Pail staff, have been greatly comforted by the outpouring of support from hundreds or even thousands of residents speaking out for the survival of the Milk Pail to City Council," he said.

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Milk Pail's array of produce is a big draw for the market.

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County to require schools to assess TB risk

Santa Clara County, which has more cases of tuberculosis than most U.S. states, will shift from testing public school students for TB to requiring a "risk assessment" for the disease, officials said.

Beginning June 1, students must be examined by health care professionals, provided by their parent's insurance or elsewhere, to see if they have TB and give their schools the results, county TB Controller Dr. Teeb Al-Samarrai said.

Al-Samarrai, who works for the county Public Health Department, said that the county decided to change to assessing risk factors for TB because the current policy of universal testing resulted in too many false positives.

"This means rather requiring testing to every child, we will focus our effort on those children with the biggest risk factors of having been exposed," Al-Samarrai said.

Among the risk factors for TB,

a bacterial infection of lungs that can result in death, is having been born abroad in or traveled to countries with high TB rates, including India, Vietnam and the Philippines, Al-Samarrai said.

The new risk assessment for schools, involving a form with a checklist of factors, would identify the children who were born or have been in high-risk counties and then getting them tested and treated faster, Al-Samarrai said.

Many residents of the county's diverse population who have TB contracted it overseas, Al-Samarrai said.

"Keep in mind that TB can lie dormant for many, many years," Al-Samarrai said. "It's important to test for it, you can identify it in its early form and you can treat it with just one medication or two medications so it doesn't develop into active disease."

Al-Samarrai, accompanied by county Supervisor Ken Yeager, spoke at a news conference at Washington Open Elementary

School in Santa Clara to acknowledge World TB Day.

The day commemorates March 24, 1882, when German physician Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the bacterium that causes the disease, according to health department spokeswoman Amy Cornell.

Al-Samarrai said that TB is "the world's oldest disease" and Santa Clara County has seen an increase in cases for the first time in six years.

Yeager said that while cases of TB have been declining in all of California, Santa Clara County experienced an alarming increase in 2013.

Some 181 known cases of the disease were recorded last year and about 180,000 people in the county have the disease in latent form "and do not know they are infected," Yeager said.

Al-Samarrai said that the county's 181 cases was higher than those of 38 U.S. states.

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TURING AWARD

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nearly 150 publications on concurrent and distributed computing and their applications and received many prestigious awards. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1960 and went on to Brandeis University to

attain his master's and doctoral degrees, also in mathematics.

"The Internet is based on distributed-systems technology, which is, in turn, based on a theoretical foundation invented by Leslie," Bob Taylor, founder and manager of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center and then founder and manager of Digital Equipment Corp.'s Systems Research Center, said in the release. "So if you enjoy using the

Internet, then you owe Leslie."

Lampert is the fifth scientist from Microsoft Research to win the Turing Award. The others are Chuck Thacker (2009), Jim Gray (1998), Butler Lampson (1992) and Tony Hoare (1980).

ACM will officially present Lampert with the award at an annual banquet on June 21 in San Francisco.

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Seen Around Town



WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?

This apricot-colored valley carpenter bee was spotted buzzing around Shoreline Park on a recent Sunday by Mountain View resident Astrid Albaugh, who snapped its photo. She said it's the first such bee she's spotted in her nearly 30 years living in the area. "They are supposedly not seen that often," she said. "They are an inch long and the largest bees in California."

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Counties crack down on e-cigarettes

Smoking e-cigarettes is getting harder to do in parts of the Bay Area after the San Francisco and Santa Clara County boards of supervisors approved restrictions on the devices on Tuesday.

The smoking devices are battery-operated and involve inhaling a vaporized liquid that can include nicotine and other substances.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors took on the issue at the meeting March 25, and approved preliminary changes to the county's no-smoking policy to include restrictions on e-cigarette use and sales where cigarettes are banned, including at county facilities, parks, hospitals, and areas near county buildings, along with apartment buildings, hotels and motels.

The board agreed that there would be restrictions for e-cigarette sales similar to those for regular cigarettes.

A more comprehensive ordinance covering e-cigarette regulations will be back for a board vote in May.

A staff report compiled for the meeting stated, "Unfortunately, the rapidly increasing use of

e-cigarettes threatens to undo much of the social norm change around tobacco."

According to the staff report, while there are no federal regulations yet, "over 100 cities and counties across the United States, including more than 40 counties and cities in California, have placed restrictions on the use of e-cigarettes."

Supervisor Ken Yeager said he is concerned that the devices are being marketed to young people and have unknown health consequences.

"It's harder to know exactly the health impacts on people who inhale the vapors from these e-cigarettes, but we know that they are being very much marketed to youth, and that is a great concern given all of the efforts that we have done to discourage people, particularly minors, from smoking," he said at today's meeting.

Detractors of the e-cigarette bans include members of the state chapter of NORML, or the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, and the national Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association.

The groups are concerned about restrictions on vaporizer

use, which would impact medical marijuana and other non-tobacco product users.

Supporters of e-cigarettes fear medical marijuana users will be forced to smoke outside with cigarette smokers, and that new laws will impact people who use the device to stop cigarette use.

The groups also say there is scarce evidence on the health risks involved with using e-cigarettes and that the faux cigarettes may be a safer alternative.

An ordinance regulating use and sales of electronic cigarettes was unanimously passed in a final vote at the San Francisco Board of Supervisors' meeting March 25.

E-cigarettes will be treated like other tobacco products and will have sale restrictions and age limitations like their traditional counterparts.

San Francisco Supervisor Eric Mar sponsored the bill that prohibits use of electronic cigarettes where traditional cigarettes are already banned. According to Mar, there are potential health risks from the vapors released, and flavors such as grape, peach and chocolate are enticing youths to use the product.

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NEW BALL FIELDS FOR SHORELINE

New public baseball, softball and soccer fields for youth and adult sports leagues may begin construction soon near the Google campus. On Tuesday, City Council members unanimously gave the green light, despite a price hike for the \$15.5 million project that city officials blamed on a construction boom. City officials had ordered massive piles of dirt placed on the site to help settle the landfill there. "I think that's going to be a great asset to residents of Mountain View," said Vice Mayor John McAlister.

PARK FUNDS

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across town, instead of benefiting the neighborhood.

"We have good chances of getting significant amount of money over next few years," said

council member Ronit Bryant. "We need to find balance with the needs of neighborhoods and building something like the Community Center."

Among the projects on the list is a new "Fayette Park" along the Hetch-Hetchy right of way near San Antonio Road. New

bathrooms for Landels, Castro and Huff parks are also on the list, along with preliminary work toward extending the Permanente Creek Trail further south.

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their income or their prior rent cost, whichever is less). The formula meant that compensation would have been at least \$51,240 for renters of two-bedroom units at 819 N. Rengstorff, plus a little more than \$1,100 for moving expenses.

Council member Margaret-Abe-Koga and the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors expressed concern about passing the costs of relocation onto future homeowners and tenants, but resident Vicki Proseck disagreed. She said she was being displaced by a renovation of her complex so the landlord can raise rents over \$3,000, which is a story council members say they hear about quite often. She's looking for a new home as far away as Salinas or Hollister.

"These relocation fees are not paid by city of Mountain View, they are going to be paid by the developer and they have theoretically more money than they know what to do with," Proseck said.

"The amount doesn't really matter," said Day Worker Center member Job Lopez. "It is just something to make the whole thing look nice and appear fair." Displaced residents still "have to

struggle to find where they can afford the rent they can afford. I know hundreds and hundreds of people around me in my own community who do not make more than \$24,000 a year. How can they pay apartment rent somewhere else?"

Council members expressed concern about how to help tenants who aren't named on leases, as a mother complained was the case with her disabled son.

'How can they pay apartment rent somewhere else?'

JOB LOPEZ

Council members acknowledged that it was a "painful" issue, but expressed concern that not requiring that those who receive funds be named on the lease could open the door to dishonest people wanting to take advantage of the situation.

"If there was an adequate supply of housing in the region, we probably would not be having this conversation tonight," said Joshua Howard of the California Apartment Association.

He added that the state's closure of redevelopment agencies "turned our affordable housing program up on its head," along with cuts to section 8 funds and court rulings against the city's practice of charging the cost of housing subsidies to developers. "All of these problems made our problem 10 times worse," he said.

To prevent issues with landlords and tenants, the proposed ordinance also introduces a new rule that tenant relocation be paid within 15 days of a request. A tenant relocation consultant who provides advice to the displaced tenant at the landlord's cost must be selected by the city, not the landlord, as is the practice now. Tenants facing eviction have complained that landlord-hired consultants are "less likely to be sympathetic to their situation," Lauzze wrote.

A survey of large cities, including San Francisco and Berkeley, found that tenant relocation assistance ranges from \$7,600 to a high of \$16,950 per household and special circumstance assistance ranges from \$2,500 to \$8,950. Not other city in Santa Clara County provides tenant relocation help to the extent that Mountain View does.

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ARSON ARRESTS

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from Alta Vista High School and Foothill College, he said.

One of the teens knew the family was gone on vacation, broke in the house and had a party the weekend of March 7, Jaeger said. More parties followed.

"It was your typical house party gone bad," he said.

According to detectives, the parties featured heavy alcohol and drug use.

"It's super lucky that nothing worse happened, that nobody died because of a huge fire like this," Jaeger said.

Just before 2:20 a.m. on March 16, firefighters responded to a two-alarm fire at the home,

according to Jaeger. The fire was extinguished by about 3:30 a.m. and there were no reported injuries and no other homes were damaged by the blaze. It became an arson investigation later that day, and starting on March 17, multiple search warrants were served on homes in Mountain View and Los Altos, said Jaeger.

Jaeger said he didn't have a dollar amount for the estimated damage to the house. "It looked like a total loss. When you can see through the house to the other side ..." he said. The Santa Clara County Fire Investigation Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) assisted Mountain View police in the investigation.

The police department has

been working closely with Mountain View-Los Altos School District officials on the case, Jaeger said. The fire highlights the police department's "See something, say something" campaign encouraging public involvement, he said.

"The ironic thing is that the police did not receive a single call with a noise complaint, or complaining of a loud party," said Jaeger. "It's a little disconcerting."

Police are asking for the public's help in gathering information about the party. Anyone with a tip may call 650-903-6395. Anonymous tips may also be sent via text to 274637 — include 'mvtips' in the body of the message.

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DISPATCH

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For years Mountain View interacted with neighboring departments by radio, according to Jaeger. Now, the more sophisticated communication technology will allow for visual, live updates. "Anyone with access to the system can monitor activity in real time and can now see and

track, via a GPS-enabled mapping module, where each asset is for each city," Jaeger said.

The \$3 million cost of the new system was split proportionately between the three cities, with Mountain View and Palo Alto paying more than Los Altos. The cost includes the first year of maintenance for the system.

The transition to the new dispatch system was successful beyond expectations, according

to Mountain View officials. Intergraph staff worked closely with the departments to develop the new technology, and was on-site when the new dispatch system went live. "We were confident that any problems would be minor at best," Jaeger said. "So far the system has exceeded our expectations and there haven't been any problems."

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Unfortunately, the pod car never took off

Mountain View residents who may have dreamed of seeing a space-age transportation system of “pod cars” strung along Shoreline Boulevard between downtown and the North Bayshore had to be disappointed when the City Council pulled the plug on a small investment in the experimental system proposed by SkyTran.

Talking about the rush-hour traffic crunch of Google and other high-tech employees trying to get to work in North Bayshore, council member Ronit Bryant perhaps summed up the council majority’s hesitancy best: “We do not have any direction from our residents that pods hanging from the sky going to and from downtown is our solution to this problem. This (a city investment) is really premature. The proof of concept should happen at NASA Ames.” The SkyTran company is based at NASA-Ames, just a stone’s throw from the North Bayshore home of Google.

Championed by council member Mike Kasperzak, the pod cars have not been able to attract any interest from investors to test the true viability of the system. Kasperzak’s request to use \$75,000 of the Shoreline Fund to back a Department of Transportation-led development program for the technology fell on deaf ears, as council members said the idea needed to have support from North Bayshore businesses as well as more proof the technology would work.

Kasperzak said SkyTran would not be the only company working on the technology funded in part by the city’s \$75,000 grant. But the company’s claims, particularly their ability to carry as many passengers as three freeway lanes, did not seem genuine to some council members. Bryant cited a study of a system proposed to serve San Jose Airport and the Diridon light rail station that concluded the pod cars would not do the job, at least not with current technology.

“They thought the carrying capacity wasn’t there to do that, and that was in 2012,” Bryant said.

“I am not interested in committing myself to technology that isn’t there and has a carrying capacity that I find hard to believe,” Bryant told the council.

SkyTran has been trying to get Mountain View interested in pod cars since 2010, when it was estimated that an 8.5-mile pod car system to connect downtown to Moffett Field with 24 stations would cost between \$60 million and \$130 million. It is difficult to imagine how a very modest \$75,000 investment by Mountain View would get the ball rolling on such a costly project.

John McAlister, the vice mayor, said he had been told, “This is not the type of venture people put money into.” Instead, he suggest that studying pod cars would be more appropriate for the city’s newly minted Transportation Management Association, which is composed of the city’s major companies, including Google, and is tasked with the job of managing traffic congestion and sharing employee shuttle services.

It is worth noting that none of the city’s top companies have expressed much interest in pod cars. Google is focused on its driverless car technology. Rather than pod cars, a Google representative suggested that the city partner with the company to study a range of options for reducing North Bayshore traffic, including getting more people to bike, join carpools and use transit.

So despite watching this shimmering vision of space-age pod cars disappear in a convincing City Council reality-check, no one can deny that it would be really cool if Mountain View was the first city in the United States to install a system of pod cars whose passengers would glide above the clogged highways and interchanges in comfortable pods, stopping between major destinations along the way. If the system would work as planned, it would take thousands of vehicles off our already stressed local traffic network, shuffling workers between Caltrain and the North Bayshore. Sadly, it was a dream that won’t come true, at least until someone antes up a few million dollars to get the pod cars off the ground.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

GUN RIGHTS BULLIES

I was disappointed in Don Letcher’s criticism of Sally Lieber’s anti gun rally.

As far as I know, Sally Lieber is a good, even an excellent politician, but even if she weren’t, in the matter of the ordinary citizen’s right to walk down the street in safety, where the voice of thousands is drowned out by the amplification of thousands of corporate dollars, asserting the right to carry guns in the public street and funneling millions in campaign contributions to enforce their cult.

Don, of all people, should be on the side of the people being bullied.

*Stephanie Munoz
Palo Alto*

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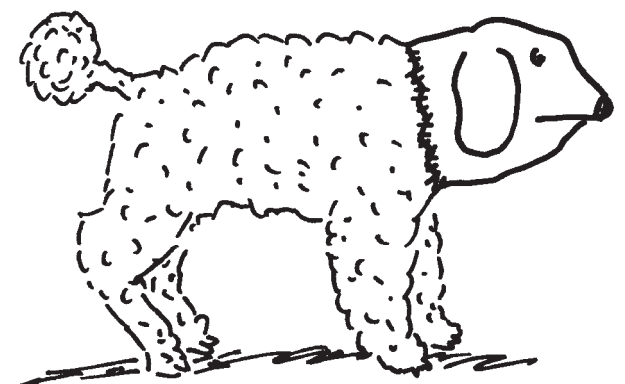
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■ GUEST OPINION
VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

Affordable housing and homelessness

By Michael Fischetti and Marilyn Winkleby

In the last two years the number of homeless people in Mountain View has increased by almost 300 percent.

Recent articles in the *Voice* have drawn attention to several long-term Mountain View residents who have been forced to move due to rising rents. Concern about the increasing displacement of our Mountain View neighbors seems worthy of discussion. There is an ongoing community-wide discussion in the paper and online about the wisdom of creating more jobs without provision for adequate housing.

Many of those who are displaced have lived and worked in our city for many years. They prepare food, wash dishes, clean homes, mow lawns and change hotel bed sheets — not to mention building houses, teaching our children, and policing our streets. These women and men have long-term family and social connections and contribute to our vibrant city. When forced to move because of skyrocketing rents, they often lose the social and economic benefits associated with being close to family and connected to a community, leaving them even more vulnerable.

When displaced, women and men can look for less expensive housing (hard to find), send their children to work to help pay for food, double up with family or friends, move to another city or, as some have had to do, move into their cars or RVs or onto the streets.

The majority of people who are displaced lose their housing because of conversions and sudden large increases in rent. Exorbitant rents are real. The new Madera complex on West Evelyn by Caltrain is 100 percent occupied with rents for 2-bedroom units ranging from \$5,263 to \$6,711 a month.

The 2013 Santa Clara County Homeless Survey conservatively estimates the number of homeless in the county at approximately 8,000. This is sad and sobering considering that we live in the second richest county in the U.S. but have the fifth largest number of homeless per capita among the 3,100 counties in America.

From 2011 to 2013 the number of homeless in Mountain View has increased from 37 to 139. There has been about a 130 percent increase

in Cupertino, and increases in Saratoga, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Homelessness is the tip of the iceberg, the so-called “canary in the mine,” reflecting the worst fate for those displaced as rents are raised to accommodate those able and willing to pay more.

If more jobs increase housing demand we can expect continued rising rents and more unaffordable housing and more displaced Mountain View residents. The lives of real people are affected by policy decisions (precise plans, city council votes and so on). These friends and neighbors are essential components of the social and economic fabric of our city. Is it responsible for our elected officials to plan for thousands of new jobs and residents and ignore the needs of the current residents who voted for them?

A final thought for those with children: Will your children be able to afford to live in this wonderful city?

Michael Fischetti M.D. and Marilyn Winkleby, Ph.D. volunteer at Hope's Corner Family Kitchen in the Trinity United Methodist Church, 748 Mercy St., Mountain View.

■ LETTERS
VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

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elevated water meter cover adjacent to the sidewalk. I lay there dazed for a few minutes. Slowly rising after an additional two or three minutes, I discovered that I was bloodied and covered with severe scratches and bruises.

As my fall occurred during the rush-hour commute, a minimum of 20-30 motorists had driven by. Among all these people, not one person stopped to inquire if I required assistance, or offered to contact 911.

Was this a sampling of today's society? What commentary can be said regarding our culture?

However, perhaps all is not lost. Kudos need to go to a caring employee of the city, who indirectly learned of my mishap. Without an official request, he initiated repair at the site of my fall along with several other dangerous locations.

*Gina Rene Kaitlen
Gladys Avenue*

GRANDMOTHER SQUEEZED OUT BY DEVELOPMENT

I am a grandmother and a self-employed servant of the commu-

nity. As rents escalate I have had to raise the cost of my services in order to stay in close proximity to my son and grandchildren. They mean a lot to me.

“It takes a village,” (and I'm not talking about the rabbit warren Carmel Village), no matter the level of affluence, to benefit the health and well-being of our future generation.

As I see it, the escalation of the cost of living here adds more stress, not necessarily happiness. Mountain View attracts developers who pant with bluster to build taller structures. They come like smiling snake oil “gentrification-ators” telling us we need them.

They would have us believe might makes right, as they under-handedly squash our Milk Pail. This bullying makes me mad. There is nothing at San Antonio Village I can't find somewhere else and I will not spend my dollars there.

Our voices, opinions and petitions seem to fall on deaf ears. I am hoping our next election will bring more ears that hear and eyes that see.

*Tere Biggerstaff
Mountain View*

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Bubble tea BONANZA

MOUNTAIN VIEW HAS PLENTY OF PLACES FOR THOSE CRAVING SWEET TEA WITH TAPIOCA PEARLS

FOOD FEATURE

Story by Katie Straub // Photos by Veronica Weber

This Taiwanese drink is a local obsession in Mountain View. Stroll through downtown and plastic cups of bubble tea are spotted in the hands of passersby as frequently as cups of coffee.

Bubble tea, also called “pearl milk tea,” “tapioca tea,” or “boba,” is a tea-based drink mixed with sweetened dairy powder and the all-important scoop of starch-based tapioca pearls at the bottom. The delectable dairy drink is usually served iced.

Because Mountain View is home to quite a few bubble tea cafés, it’s about time we pulled out our straws and checked out the local scene, sampling the drinks at five popular bubble tea destinations on Castro Street and beyond. We’ve given them informal ratings based on recent visits.

Most popular: Tea Era

Tea Era Tea Room and Café is centrally located downtown. The ambiance has a distinctly “hole-in-the-wall” feel, and with little space for seating inside, it can feel cramped. Yet Tea Era frequently has lines that trail out the door, especially after dinnertime.

Black milk tea from Tapioca Express.



Tea Era

Most popular

271 Castro St.
650-969-2899

Hours: Sun.-Mon., 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed Tues.; Wed.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri.,-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-12 a.m.

Tapioca Express

Most convenient

740 Villa St.
650-965-3093

Hours: Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-1 a.m.

Ocha Tea Café

Most friendly

1350 Grant Rd., Suite 8
650-961-1813

Hours: Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-12 a.m.

Pearl Café

Most surprising

506A Showers Dr.
650-917-8988

Hours: Mon.-Sat., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Verde Tea Café

Best overall

852 Villa St., Mountain View
650-210-9986

Hours: Sun.-Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

The selection of milk teas is notably wide, featuring some unique flavors. Their roasted barley boba has a nutty flavor and is one of Tea Era's most popular menu options. The ratio of powder to liquid can vary. The boba is usually on the sweeter side and tastes notably creamy, and the pearls are delightfully chewy.

Service at Tea Era is practical, and employees seem more focused on customer turnover than on prioritizing friendliness. But the price is right at Tea Era, with a typical pearl milk tea costing under \$3.

**Most convenient:
Tapioca Express**

As part of a larger chain, Tapioca Express has more of a commercial feel than some of its local competitors. There's a fast-food vibe that can be sensed when placing an order — the milk tea is relatively cheap and it offers a wide array of entrees besides the bubble tea.

Most of the tea flavors are pre-mixed, with fresh pearls added. The tea is deliciously smooth in texture and it avoids being overly sweet. The flavor tastes natural, sometimes even earthy, which has a nice appeal to the taste buds.

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From left, Terence Liu, Jasmine Larrick, Kia Green and Reid Kovacs sit with their boba drinks at Pearl Café.

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The space is large and allows for an entire room of seating. The aging decor is heavily inspired by Asian pop culture, complete with impressively tall stacks of comic books for customers to read.

Tapioca Express's ultimate strength lies in its long hours. When the other Castro Street destinations may be closed on weekdays and weekends, Tapioca Express remains open for business.

**Most friendly:
Ocha Tea Café**

Ocha is just as much a destination for bubble tea as it is for an entire meal. The café has ample seating for large groups, inviting decor with lots of large windows and a full menu. And, with a staff that is lively and smiling behind the counter, customers feel welcome to converse and stay for a while.

The flavored boba itself, however, can leave customers with a sugar headache. The portion size for a regular cup is giant, and the powder used can be overpoweringly sweet, reminiscent of melted ice cream. The freshness noted in the chewy texture of the tapioca pearls,



Amanda Liu prepares bubble tea at Verde Tea Café in Mountain View.

though, were a saving grace.

Finally, bubble tea prices at Ocha were a little more expensive compared to most other vendors in the area.

**Most surprising:
Pearl Café**

Located in a somewhat hidden

location in a parking lot in the Showers Drive mall, Pearl Café does not immediately appear to be a bubble tea joint.

It is a charming café that primarily offers Hawaiian comfort food and American cuisine for lunch and dinner, but a significant portion of their menu is

devoted to bubble tea and other specialty drinks.

And their bubble tea is good and creamy, surprisingly delicious. The tapioca pearls can be a bit gummy, though, which may turn-off some bubble tea connoisseurs.

The space is naturally lit

through large windows and decorated with cute Hawaiian knickknacks. The staff is warm and accommodating, and the café also offers wireless Internet access.

**Best overall:
Verde Tea Café**

Verde Tea Café is tucked away just off of Castro Street and strikes just the right chord for any bubble tea expedition. With its quiet location, comfortable seating, and a more sophisticated atmosphere, Verde Tea is inviting for a formal lunch-time business crowd during the weekdays but also casual enough to attract a nighttime gaggle of kids.

The bubble tea is both refreshing and luxurious — it is not overwhelmed by huge amounts of dairy, sugar or tapioca starch but maintains a delicate, dessert-like sweetness. Also offered on the menu are snacks like pot stickers, crispy chicken and rice dishes.

Service is quick, with a staff that is cordial and attentive. Customers do pay for these elements, though, making the bubble tea a bit on the expensive side, at \$3.30 for taro milk tea with pearls.

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MOVIE OPENINGS



COURTESY FOCUS FEATURES

Jason Bateman and Rohan Chand in "Bad Words."

Bad Words ★★1/2

(Palo Alto Square) There's an old showbiz adage that directing is ninety percent casting, and that's also true of casting the directors themselves. Take "Bad Words," the directing debut of actor Jason Bateman.

With this same script, cast Adam Sandler in the lead instead of Bateman, hand the reins to actor-director Dennis Dugan (responsible for eight Sandler movies), and you would get a steaming pile of feces, guaranteed. And yet, in the hands of Bateman, "Bad Words" becomes a diverting enough outing, one that's disposable but enjoyable.

Ironically, Andrew Dodge's script was a fairly hot item, having appeared on the 2011 Black List of best unproduced screenplays. It's not hard to figure why. "Bad Words" fits a certain indie comedy formula that's likely to turn a profit, pitting cynicism against a cute kid on the way to a victory for sentiment. Call it "Bad Santa" meets "Little Miss Sunshine."

Bateman plays forty-year-old Guy Trilby, who sets aside his job of proofreading product warranties to pursue a mission of Ahab-level obsessiveness. For reasons known only to him, Guy takes advantage of a loophole to compete in spelling bees, taking it all the way to the annual, national "Golden Quill." As he shamelessly competes against eighth-graders, Guy fends off queries from all corners, including those of his journalistic sponsor Jenny Widgeon (Kathryn Hahn) of the blog "The Click and Scroll."

Guy has natural enemies in parents, the bee's administrator Dr. Bernice Deagan (Allison Janney), and the sourpuss President of the Quill, Dr. Bowman (Philip Baker Hall). But in his bitterness (and with his eyes on the prize), Guy also picks fights with his bemused young competitors, shamelessly intimidating them out of his way and battling away any inkling of friendly sportsmanship. That kind of behavior cannot deter sunny ten-year-old Chaitanya Chopra (Rohan Chand), an adorable

nerd — clutching a beloved study binder he's named Todd — who breaks down Guy's defenses to forge an inappropriate friendship.

This sets the stage for plenty of "Bad" antics, partly played out in a rap-scored montage of drinking, shoplifting, and vandalism (precursor to a junior sexual initiation of getting flashed by a full-figured prostitute). The predictability of these shock tactics, as well as Guy's race-baiting (the nickname "Slumdog," and a reference to the kid's "curry hole"), makes much of "Bad Words" more or less impressively nasty more so than it is funny. Worse, "Bad Words" doesn't seem to know what to do with itself once it gets where it's going, leading to a resolution that's limp at best.

And yet, it's hard to throw on the trash heap. Because Jason Bateman. The star, riding a career resurgence that began with "Arrested Development," has honed a comic sensibility defined by subtlety and sharp comic timing. As Guy, he wears a haughty expression and a lifted chin to cultivate an imperious, "back off" air, and as an actor-director, Bateman knows how to get and select the best performance moments from national treasures like Hahn and Janney as well as child-actor Chand.

If you can get with vile behavior as being all in good fun, there's just enough dark comedy in "Bad Words" to spell a good time at the movies. *Rated R for crude and sexual content, language and brief nudity. One hour, twenty-nine minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

The Lunchbox ★★★

(Palo Alto Square) The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, so they say. And so says writer-director Ritesh Batra in his debut feature "The Lunchbox." Though considerably more understated than a Tom Hanks-Meg Ryan movie, one might call this wry-at-times romantic drama "You've Got Lunch."

That's because the story hinges, so to speak, on Mumbai's remarkable "lunchbox service," which accidentally becomes a vehicle for letters passed between a dissatisfied housewife and a quiet-desperation widower. Fretful Ila (Nimrat Kaur)

has a young child and a preoccupied, neglectful husband (Nakul Vaid), for whom she cooks a special lunch. But in a rare glitch of the system, the lunchpail winds up in the hands of the usually restaurant-fed Saajan Fernandes (Irrfan Khan), a 35-year veteran government office worker whose early retirement will kick in by the end of the month.

Though he's told his "golden years are about to start," Saajan doesn't seem convinced. He drags his feet in training his eager-beaver replacement Aslam Shaikh (Nawazuddin Siddiqui), and now that the lonely, companionless Saajan is pulling a daily home-cooked meal from a thoughtful young woman, he begins to dread his last day all the more. Meanwhile, Ila appreciates being appreciated, quickly developing a curiosity about her witty new pen pal. Could this unlikely pair beat the odds to become a couple? And should they, given their age difference, and the potential to break Ila's home?

Batra's humble but beguiling film has an eye for the detail of Mumbai life (including the sad businessman's trend of two-banana lunches, bucked by the glorious alternative of the hot-lunch service) and a deep appreciation for the dual pleasures taken in making and consuming a good meal. Of course, "The Lunchbox" digs deeper than that, with a humanistic interest in both those darkest hours alone and the sweetest connections between people.

Kaur is excellent as the unsure but intrigued Ila, and kudos too to Siddiqui, who conspires with Batra to turn what comes on like a stereotype into a surprisingly rich character, another unlikely catalyst for Saajan's renewed yearning for meaningful personal connections. But the picture belongs to world-class actor Khan. I'll wager right now that there won't be a better performance all year, though it's not the type to win awards.

Khan is too subtle for that, carrying Saajan with a furtive alertness embodying how he knows he's getting away with something: rediscovering life just when he thought he'd be packing it in. The actor's rare gift of low-key naturalism keeps the picture fascinating even when nothing much, on paper, would seem to be transpiring. In keeping with the slow-food trend of recent years, "The Lunchbox" takes its sweet time to get this small-scale drama — with its big emotional stakes — just right. *Rated PG for thematic material and smoking. One hour, 44 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

MOVIE TIMES

300: Rise of an Empire (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: 9:20, 2:40 & 7:55 p.m. In 3D at 12, 5:20 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri 11:50 a.m. & 5 p.m. In 3D at 2:25 p.m., 7:35 p.m. & 10:15 p.m. Mon 11:50 a.m. & 5 p.m. In 3D at 2:25 p.m., 7:35 p.m. & 10:15 p.m. Tue 11:50 a.m. & 5 p.m. In 3D at 2:25 p.m., 7:35 p.m. & 10:15 p.m.

Bad Words (R) Century 20: 10:45 a.m., 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05 & 10:30 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Fri, Sat 2, 4:30, 7:20 & 9:45 p.m. Sun 2, 4:30 & 7:20 p.m.

Cesar Chavez (PG-13) Century 16: 9:10 & 11:50 a.m., 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 a.m., 12:15, 1:35, 4:10, 5:25, 6:45, 8 & 9:20 p.m. In Spanish at 2:50 & 10:35 p.m.

Divergent (PG-13) Century 16: 9:05, 10:05 & 11:05 a.m., 12:20, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:55, 6:10, 7, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11 & 11:45 a.m., 1:40, 2:20, 3:05, 5, 5:40, 6:25, 8:20, 9 p.m. In XD at 12:40, 4, 7:20, 10:35 p.m.

The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) ★★★

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The Lunchbox (PG)

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The Monuments Men (PG-13) ★★

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Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG)

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Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30 p.m.

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Century 20: Sat 2 p.m.

So Big! (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Wed 7:30 p.m. Thu 7:30 p.m.

Son of God (PG-13)

Century 20: 9:50 p.m.

State of the Union (1948) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:05 & 9:30 p.m. Sat 5:05 & 9:30 p.m. Sun 5:05 & 9:30 p.m.

Stella Dallas (1937) (Not Rated)

Aquarius Theatre: Mon 3:30 & 7:30 p.m. Tue 3:30 & 7:30 p.m. **Stanford Theatre:** Fri 3:05 & 7:30 p.m. Sat 3:05 & 7:30 p.m. Sun 3:05 & 7:30 p.m.

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'Capturing Light: The World as We See It' "Capturing Light" is a judged exhibit and sale of 50 prints by members of the Palo Alto Camera Club, including 12 photos taken in Havana, Cuba. A percentage of proceeds of print sales will go to Cultural Kaleidoscope, a City of Palo Alto program supporting art in local schools. A public reception will be held on March 30, 2-5 p.m. March through August, town hall hours. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-339-3029. pacamera.com/?post_type=programs&p=2926

'Watercolor Travels' by Mark Garner "Watercolor Travels — Near ... and Far" by Palo Alto artist Mark Garner is on display at Gallery 9, featuring watercolor paintings based on adventures both nationally and internationally. March 4-30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Memorial Church Tour Cantor Arts Center donors provide background on the architecture, carvings, mosaics and stained glass windows of Memorial Church and its restoration after the earthquakes of 1906 and 1989. Tours meet at the church entrance. No tours April 18 and Nov. 28. Every Friday at 2 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/5/563/

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

'CSMA's Got Talent!' Event Community School of Music and Arts will hold its annual fundraising gala. Cocktails and silent auction will be included, followed by a dinner, program and a live auction. CSMA faculty and staff will perform. Black tie optional. March 29, 5:30-10 p.m. \$250. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 341. www.arts4all.org/gala

Treasure Market Cantor's big biennial art, antique and collectible resale event is approaching. The opening night party and sale will be on Friday, March 28, from 6:30-9 p.m. The sale will continue through the weekend. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$75 members, \$100 nonmembers for opening night; \$5 for each day of weekend. Arrilaga Center for Sports and Recreation, 341 Galvez St. at Campus Drive East, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/TM

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'Salad Lover's Dream' Garden Class Local organic gardener Jody Main will lead this class on basic veggie gardening skills, soil preparation easy planting and harvesting. March 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

California Native Gardening This class will provide instruction on how to create a sustainable, low-maintenance and water-conserving garden using California native plants. It will also discuss the Bay Area's water cycle. The event is sponsored by Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). Registration is required. April 3, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.bawasca.org

For the Love of Dance Classes For the Love of Dance offers training in ballet, jazz, tap and other styles of dance. Serving Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Sunnyvale, it is a family-owned studio that teaches dance to children and adults at all levels of ability. Visit website to learn about specific offerings. March through December. Prices vary. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancemv.com

Youth Studio Production Camp Students will use KMTV's professional studio equipment to learn basic skills in screenwriting, story boarding, camera work, lighting, directing, sound design, acting and editing. Students will produce an entire production, which will be broadcast on Cable

Channel 15. Monday through Thursday, April 7-11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$349. KMTV 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

Zoom In - Video Production Workshop Zoom In is a 15-hour intensive video workshop that covers how to create a digital video, edit it, upload it to YouTube and produce a DVD. Class includes all software and equipment, plus a booklet. April 5-12, Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. \$145. Midpeninsula Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686 ext. 11. www.midpenmedia.org/

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Presentation on Human-Powered Airplane At this Aero Club of Nor Cal luncheon, Mort Grosser will present on the Gossamer Airplane. Grosser was on teams that designed, built and flew six 100-foot wingspan airplanes — winning two aviation prizes and inventing some of the carbon-fiber techniques used today. Club membership is not required, but attendees must RSVP. April 3, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 (cash or check at the door, includes choice of lunch). Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-634-8062. www.aeroclubnorcal.org/events.html

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ESL Conversation Club Those learning or improving spoken English are invited to come practice at the club with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome, and no registration is required. Wednesdays, March through May, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/eventcalendar.asp?df=list&nd=90&kw=esl

Plant Exchange For one of the library's Seed Library events, community members are encouraged to bring excess plants and trade with others. All types of plants are welcome. Plants can be exchanged on the day of or donated one week in advance. March 29, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

Sew Sew Saturday Mountain View Public Library has four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger. The library invites all to come sew on Saturday mornings. Registration required to use machines, hand sewers welcome to drop-in. March through May, 10:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/eventcalendar.asp?df=list&nd=90&kw=sew

The Heart of Recovery The Heart of Recovery is a meditation and sharing support group bringing together Buddhist meditation practice and the Twelve Steps with the goal of combining meditation with a commitment to abstinence. The group meets second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-352-1499. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=169970

CONCERTS

'The History of Music from Gabriela to Gaga' A brass quintet featuring CSMA faculty will play a variety of music, from Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" to the dixieland classic "Bourbon Street Parade" and their own spin on the music of Adele. April 3, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts - Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra Concert IV This concert begins with a talk at 7:30 p.m. and features performances of Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien, Op. 45," Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" and more. April 5, 8 p.m. \$20 adults; \$17 seniors; \$10 students. Cubberley Community Center Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch4.php

EXHIBITS

'Imagined Spaces and Paintings' by Ernest Regua This exhibition will display artist Ernest Regua's abstract work at the museum from Feb. 7 until March 30, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

American Photographs: A Cultural History Professor Alexander Nemerov designed this exhibition to illuminate his course on American photographs. The 14 works on display range from a Civil War-era photograph by Timothy O'Sullivan to street photography by Robert Frank, work by Diane Arbus from the 1960s and work by Helen Levitt from the 1970s. March 12 to July 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

FAMILY AND KIDS

Cynthia Messer at Linden Tree Books

Cynthia Messer, author of "The Adventures of Jack and Rugby" books, will speak at an author event. March 29, 2-3 p.m. Free (open to public). Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Kidical Mass Mountain View A family bicycle ride will be held in Mountain View, organized into groups of riders called buses. Organizers will be on hand to help new families and give prizes. April 5, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Check website for start location, Mountain View. kidicalmassmountainview.weebly.com/

FILM

'Dersu Uzala' Screening The Shambhala Meditation Center will hold a screening of "Dersu Uzala," an Akira Kurosawa film that depicts an adventure of comradeship and survival. Discussion will follow, with snacks included. March 28, 7-10 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=175251

HEALTH

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Classes These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complimentary child care; bring children and get the first month of classes for free. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, until June, 9-10 a.m. \$4 per class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-1002. www.jackis.com/

LIVE MUSIC

Mountain View Plaza Palooza The City of Mountain View is hosting a series of events on the downtown Mountain View Civic Center Plaza. Band Hootenanny will perform 80s cover music; food and drink will be served. Event is held rain or shine. April 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/community_events/plaza_events.asp

ON STAGE

'Once on This Island' TheatreWorks presents the Tony Award-nominated musical "Once on This Island." Check website for exact dates and times. March 5-30, 2, 7:30 or 8 p.m. \$19-\$73. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Compline: An Evening Service of Song This 30-minute service of hymns, anthems and chant is sung by Stanford and local choral ensembles on Sundays (during the academic year, with the exception of university holidays and academic breaks). 9-9:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. www.



COURTESY TRACY MARTIN/THEATRE WORKS

'The Hound of the Baskervilles' Play TheatreWorks will put on a production of Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," adapted by Steven Canny and John Nicholson. The company takes the story of a curse, a ghostly hound and an insane murderer and adds some comedy to the suspense. Check website for specific dates and times. April 2-27, 2, 7, 7:30 or 8 p.m. \$19-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-327-1200. www.theatreworks.org/shows/1314-season/houndofthebaskervilles

events.stanford.edu/events/410/41079

SVSMC Open House The Sunday Open House program offers a friendly introduction to meditation, Shambhala Buddhist teachings and the community at the Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center. This program is open to anyone, free of charge or by donation. Every Sunday, through May, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/ongoing-offerings/open-house/

Young Meditator Night The Young Meditators are a group of people in their 20s and 30s who meet weekly to develop their personal practice and explore how they can use it to build good human relationships and communities. Time is allowed for sitting meditation and discussion. Every Tuesday, through April 29, 7:30 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=171846

SENIORS

Double Feature Week The Mountain View Senior Center is hosting the spring edition of its classic movie celebration, Double Feature Week. The themes will be Volunteers (Monday), Singing 'bout Spring (Tuesday), The Long Con (Wednesday), Preston Sturges Day (Thursday) and the Marx Brothers (Friday). Contact front desk for movie titles and show times. April 7-11, 1-5:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/senior_center/

SPORTS

Spring Forward 5K/10K Charity Run The Spring Forward 5K/10K charity run will be held at Shoreline Park in Mountain View. The run, walk and stroll event will benefit families in Santa Clara County. Register at springforward5k10k.com. April 5, 8-11 a.m. \$40 adults; \$15 children. Microsoft Campus, 1065 La Avenida, Mountain View. Call 408-325-5123. springforward5k10k.com

LECTURES & TALKS

Bootstrappers Breakfast with Jaio Sports Founder Jon Wang, founder of wearable device startup Jaio Sports, will share his perspective and ideas from his time in business. March 28, 9-10:30 a.m. \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door (breakfast and tip not included). Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-252-9676. www.bootstrappersbreakfast.com

Game Changers with Shuhei Yoshida Shuhei Yoshida, president of Worldwide Studios

at Sony Computer Entertainment Inc., will speak at the Computer History Museum. He has been an integral part of the development of the PlayStation family of video game products. The moderator Mark Cerny is a veteran of the video game industry for over 30 years. April 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Free (please register on website). Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

Jared Diamond Lecture Author of "Guns, Germs, and Steel" and "The Third Chimpanzee," Jared Diamond will examine the evolutionary history of humans and the traits and behaviors that distinguish them from other animals. He will also explain why humanity's innate tendencies for invention and violence have led to a crucial tipping point. April 9, 7-8 p.m. \$15-\$45. Eagle Theatre, Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-04-09/dr-jared-diamond

Kyoto: A Guide to Japan's Ancient Capital Sarah, one of the librarians from Los Altos Library, will talk about Kyoto, the traditional capital of Japan and a city she once lived in. Visitors to Kyoto can experience both traditional culture and modern cuisine, as well as see many historical sites. April 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. www.sccd.org/locations/hours-and-locations/los-altos/news

T.T. Monday at Books Inc. Books Inc. in Mountain View will welcome T.T. Monday, aka award-winning historical novelist Nick Taylor, who will talk about his debut mystery "The Setup Man." April 1, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/04/14/month/all/all/1

Talk with 'A Sliver of Light' Authors The co-authors of "A Sliver of Light: Three Americans Imprisoned in Iran" — Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Joshua Fattal — were captured by border patrol personnel after they unknowingly hiked into Iran. They were accused of espionage and imprisoned for two years in Evin Prison. At this event, they will speak about their experiences. March 28, 7-8 p.m. \$12-\$20. Los Altos High School, Eagle Theatre, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-03-28/shane-bauer-sarah-shourd-and-joshua-fattal-imprisoned-iran

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Sean Casey, co-founder and managing director of the Silicon Valley Space Center, discusses the center's mission, describes plans for the Air and Space Developments team and offers his thoughts on Silicon Valley becoming the center of a movement to democratize space. April 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

Camp Connection

For more information about these camps, see our online directory of camps at www.paloaltoonline.com/biz/summercamps/
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Athletics

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We offer swim lessons for ages 6 months to 14 years. Following the American Red Cross swim lesson program, students are divided into one of the 11 different levels taught by a certified instructor. Rengstorff Park Pool, 201 S Rengstorff Ave and Eagle Park Pool, 650 Franklin St.
www.mountainview.gov 650.903.6331

Club Rec Juniors & Seniors Mountain View

Club Rec Juniors and Seniors is open for youth 6-11 years old. These traditional day camps are filled with fun theme weeks, weekly trips, swimming, games, crafts and more! Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue
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Spartans Sports Camp Mountain View

Spartans Sports Camp offers multi-sport, week-long sessions for boys and girls in grades 2-6 as well as sport-specific sessions for grades 5-9. There are also strength and conditioning camps for grades 6-12. New this year are cheerleading camps for grades Pre-K - 8. Camps begin June 9th and run weekly through August 1st at Mountain View High School. The camp is run by MVHS coaches and student-athletes and all proceeds benefit the MVHS Athletic Department. Lunch and extended care are available for your convenience. Register today!
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Arts, Culture, Other Camps

Camp Boogaloo & Camp Zoom Mountain View

These new Summer Day Camps are sure to keep your kids busy! Camp Boogaloo, open to youth 6-11 years old, will be held at Castro Park, 505 Escuela Ave. Camp Zoom, open to youth 9-12 years old, will be held at Crittenden Athletic Field, 1500 Middlefield Road. Both of these traditional day camps are filled with fun theme weeks, weekly trips, swimming, games, crafts and more!
www.mountainview.gov 650.903.6331

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City of Mountain View Mountain View

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Academics

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File No.: 588757
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997 All Other Legals

AMENDED
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ARTHUR ROBERT WHITE
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Attorney for Petitioner:
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(MVV Mar. 14, 21, 28, 2014)
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Local Area Market Update as of March 25, 2014

A few tidbits on our local Market:

- Inventory is slowly increasing
- Multiple offers are still out there, but numbers of offers per property is decreasing.
- Due to lack of inventory in Mountain View, there is a definite increase of buyers looking to Sunnyvale for their housing needs (more home for the money, many good schools, Linkden and other firms opening in the city, and hopes of the Downtown area getting finishes in the next few years)

City	Homes Active	Home Pending	Homes sold this year	Lowest	Highest Price
Santa Clara	33	50	87	\$436,000	\$1,598,000
Sunnyvale	20	43	72	\$386,000	\$1,558,000
Mountain View	10	18	36	\$629,000	\$2,700,000
Los Altos	15	20	39	\$1,390,000	\$9,888,000
Los Altos Hills	16	8	15	\$2,100,000	\$19,500,000
Palo Alto	33	20	48	\$1,093,000	\$11,988,000
Menlo Park	27	27	49	\$255,000	\$5,895,000

Information above reflects single family homes reported on the MLS on March 25, 2014



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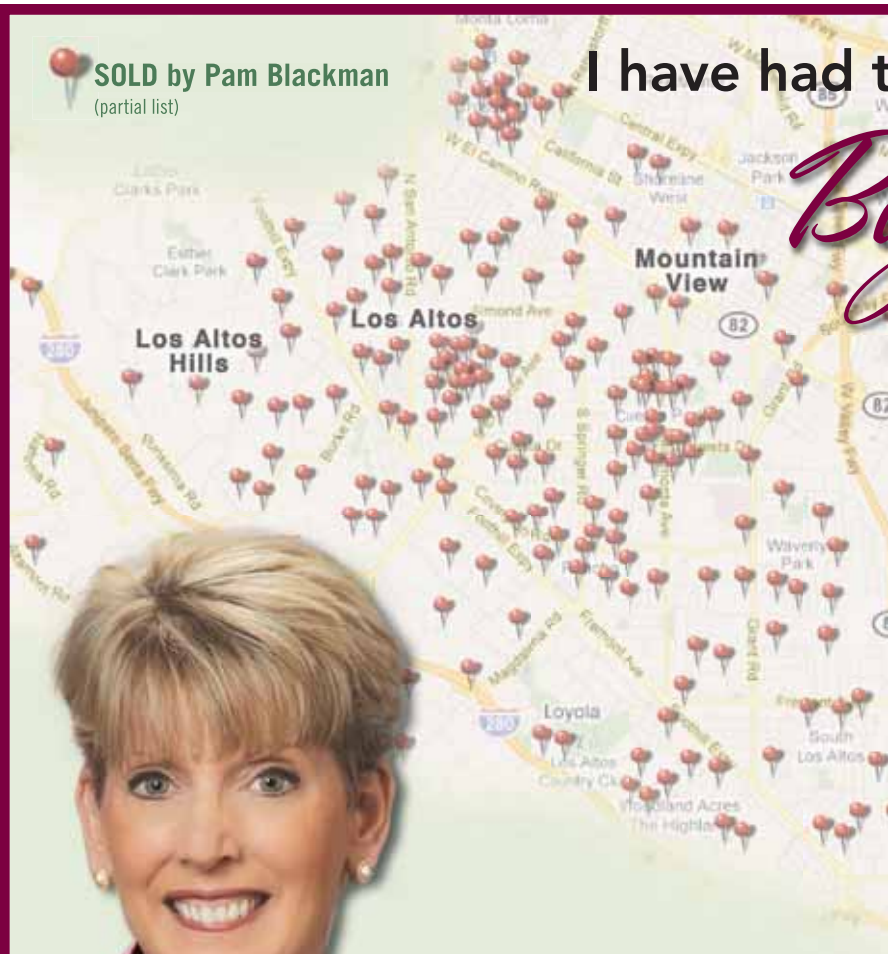
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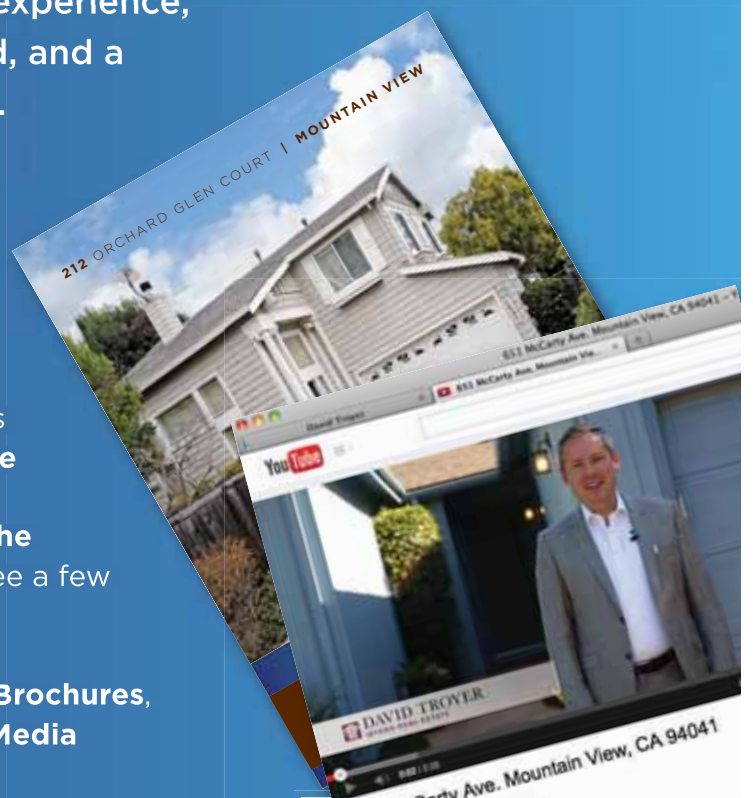
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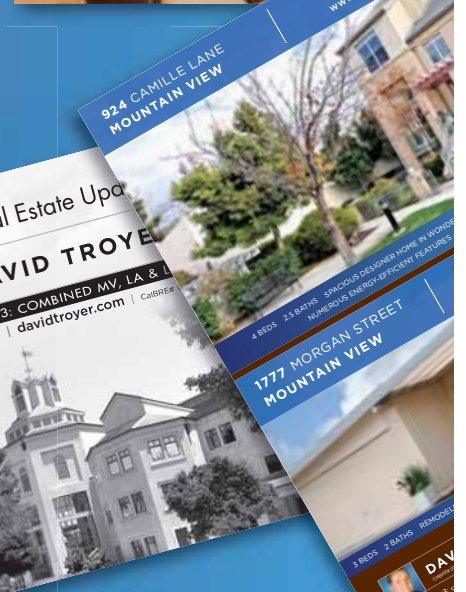
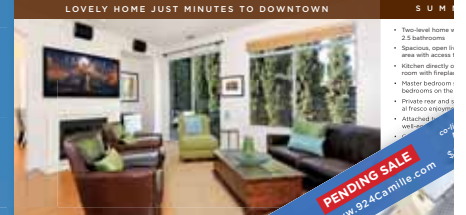
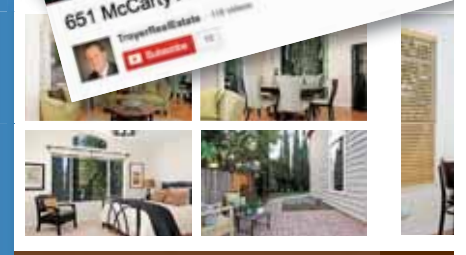


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\$1,850,000	\$1,801,000	58
\$1,595,000	\$1,800,000	7
\$1,498,000	\$1,800,000	9
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