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*Ivan, a fifth-grader at Theuerkauf, plays the clarinet during a school music class put on by the Community School of Music and Arts. Our Holiday Fund story on CSMA is on page 10.*



MICHELLE LE

## 116-unit affordable housing project gets green light

BIKE-FRIENDLY AFFORDABLE UNITS PROPOSED FOR EVELYN AND BERNARDO

By Daniel DeBolt

While it may be only a drop in the bucket, the city is on the verge of a spike in affordable housing projects fueled by all the new development in Mountain View,

and a recent hike in the city's developer fees.

On Tuesday night City Council members unanimously voted to reserve \$21.5 million in funding for a 116-unit affordable housing project proposed for Evelyn Avenue and Bernardo Street. The

project has an unusual emphasis on accommodating bicyclists. It was also announced Tuesday that two other affordable housing projects are lined up for funding.

The 116-unit project for 779

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## High schools switch stance on cheating

LESS PUNITIVE NEW POLICY SEEKS TO ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES OF CHEATING

By Kevin Forestieri and Madeleine Gerson

High school students who get caught cheating this year won't be hit with the same heavy-handed consequences as in years past. A new policy at Mountain View High School is taking a progressive new approach to cheating this

year, giving students a chance to redeem themselves and fix underlying academic issues.

Administrators at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools revised their cheating policies and completely restructured how they deal with students who get caught copying assignments or plagiarizing. The new system, called the academic integrity

policy, replaces the old cheating rules that they say teachers had largely avoided anyway.

Under the new policy, cheating will be split into three categories based on the severity of the offense, and administrators will work directly with students on time management or any other

► See **CHEATING POLICY**, page 12

## Santana Row developer to buy much of San Antonio center

By Daniel DeBolt

In some good news for those who have been saying they'd like to see a Santana Row-style development in Mountain View, Santana Row's developer is set to buy most of Mountain View's largest shopping center.

Maryland-based Federal Realty is scheduled to close a deal by year's end for most of the San Antonio shopping center on El Camino Real and San Antonio Road. The 33-acre purchase includes nearly all of the shopping center that's still developed with single-story buildings: the sites of Trader Joe's, Walmart, Kohl's, 24-Hour Fitness, Fresh Choice and JoAnn fabrics. The price is \$60 million, with two-thirds paid in cash, company officials said. It was sold by the

Buck family of Marin.

"Clearly Federal Realty is the developer of Santana Row and a capable property owner," said Mountain View's planning director, Randy Tsuda. "We look forward to having them own a significant parcel in Mountain View."

"They apparently know how to do it, having done Santana Row, and having done it right," said councilmember Mike Kasperzak.

Though big plans are likely on the horizon, leases with Walmart and others may delay some redevelopment of the site, though Kasperzak said deals could be made to move those lease holders into new buildings as the center is redeveloped.

"Short-term we've got some —

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A large portion of San Antonio shopping center, outlined in red, is set to be purchased by Federal Realty, the developer of Santana Row in San Jose.

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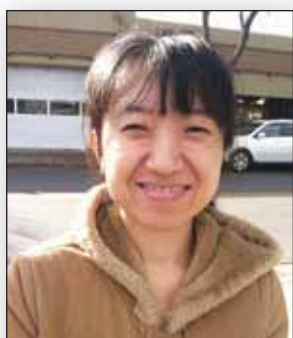
“On Christmas Eve, my family and I play ‘A Christmas Story’ ... and we watch it at least three times.  
**Rob Anicetti**, Mountain View



“My family dries out a bunch of persimmons to eat later in the next year.”  
**Will Comstock**, Mountain View



“We would watch ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ on New Year’s Eve.”  
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“We prepare dumplings at midnight and watch (the Chinese New Year) TV gala.”  
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

**CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST RAPPER**

Felony weapons charges against rapper Young Jeezy and five others have been dropped following the fatal shooting at Shoreline Amphitheatre in Mountain View earlier this year.

Irvine police arrested Jay Wayne Jenkins, also known as Young Jeezy, and others on charges of illegal weapons charges after they allegedly found an AK-47 assault rifle in their tour bus outside of Verizon Amphitheatre in Irvine, following the shooting in Mountain View.

Police searched the bus Aug. 24 during a homicide investigation into the death of 38-year-old Eric Johnson, who was shot and killed backstage during a concert at Shoreline on Aug. 22. The shooting occurred during a Wiz Khalifa concert, which included performances by Jenkins.

But charges were dropped after prosecutors found little evidence to tie Jenkins and others to the AK-47, according to Orange County Deputy District Attorney Renee Jones. Jones said the charges of possession of a illegal firearms by a felon were dismissed after DNA evidence “excluded” all six suspects.

“There wasn’t sufficient evidence to say anyone possessed the weapon,” Jones said.

Police made the weapons charges during a concurrent homicide investigation, but there is no evidence that ties the AK-47 to the fatal shooting at Shoreline, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Jaeger said detectives with the Mountain View Police Department are still handling the homicide investigation, and that the case is still a top priority. No new information has been released regarding the investigation.

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■ POLICE LOG

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**Students** from Los Altos and Mountain View high schools led supporters in a march down El Camino Real to protest police killings of unarmed black men.

## Students organize protest over Brown, Garner killings

By Kevin Forestieri

About 200 people marched down El Camino Real and converged on Eagle Park last week to rally in solidarity with nationwide protests against police brutality and racism.

Students from Mountain View and Los Altos on Wednesday, Dec. 10 chanted now-familiar slogans like “hands up, don’t shoot” and “no justice, no peace, no racist police,” in what they dubbed the March for Justice, walking more than three miles from Los Altos

High School to the park. The march ended with a rally and students shared songs, poems, stories and even hip-hop performances.

The peaceful protest comes after two incidents where white

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## El Camino bus lanes win praise from public, concern from council

By Daniel DeBolt

After hearing from a dozen supporters on Tuesday night, the Mountain View City Council continued to lean against allowing dedicated bus lanes on El Camino Real.

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) has released an environmental impact report for the project, which studied seven alternatives, from no project to dedicated bus lanes running from San Jose to Palo Alto, which would reduce the number of lanes for regular vehicle traffic from three to two in each direction. Another alternative, ending the dedicated lanes at Highway 85 in Mountain View, gained the interest of some council members.

Council members voted 4-0, with John Inks abstaining, to

send a letter to the VTA citing a number of concerns about the proposal. Mayor Chris Clark and Vice Mayor John McAlister had to recuse themselves because they own property near El Camino Real.

Council member Margaret Abe-Koga framed it as a “social justice issue” because the dedicated bus rapid transit lanes — with limited stops and light rail-type stations — would make it possible for those scraping by in Silicon Valley to commute without a car more easily. But other council members said it isn’t worth the inconvenience to divers, who might find themselves in more of a traffic jam.

Resident and bike advocate Janet Lafleur said the VTA’s report showed minimal impacts to drivers, but huge benefits to bus riders.

“When I look at the chart and see the time difference from the different options, it’s just very surprising,” Lafleur said. “You can potentially go from 70 minutes down to 35 (for a trip) throughout the whole system” with dedicated lanes from Santa Clara to Palo Alto. The cost to drivers is a five-minute delay for the same trip, according to the VTA report. Lafleur said she was concerned about the increasing number of retail workers who can’t afford to live in Mountain View and must commute. And Caltrain is already packed during commute hours, (it’s at 125 percent capacity, officials noted).

“If you have to spend a lot of money on a car you are never going to get out of being poor,” Lafleur said.

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## MV Whisman hires former PAUSD head as interim superintendent

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman school board has tapped Kevin Skelly as the district’s interim superintendent. Skelly, the former superintendent of the Palo Alto Unified School District, will lead the K-8 district from Jan. 1 through June 30.

Skelly, joined by his wife and kids at the Dec. 11 board meeting, told board members he was excited for the opportunity and that it seemed like the “perfect” thing to do. He said working in Mountain View is particularly exciting for him because the city is changing so fast.

“Mountain View is such an interesting community,” Skelly said. “A changing, evolving community.”

Skelly resigned from his post as head of the Palo Alto Unified School District in June, but said it was always his plan to get back into public education. After spending some time traveling, he let the Mountain View Whisman district know he was interested in the interim position.

One of Skelly’s main priorities for improving student achievement is supporting young students who did not go to preschool and start kindergarten already behind other kids, he said.

“You have to find a balance and create equal opportunities for everyone,” he said.

Board member Ellen Wheeler, who worked with Board President Chris Chiang as an ad hoc committee to select a new interim superintendent, said she is “highly” impressed with Skelly’s academic background, and believes he is interested in Mountain View’s diverse student population and its varied socioeconomic backgrounds.

As superintendent of Palo Alto Unified, Skelly tightened graduation requirements so more low-income and minority students would be eligible to apply for University of California schools when they graduated. Though the Mountain View Whisman district isn’t directly involved

with university requirements, Wheeler said, the district needs to prepare students for the “rigor” of high school classes.

“I believe Kevin Skelly will help us in this work,” she said.

Chiang said the school board was looking for someone who could “get them through to June,” and that Skelly’s track record on issues the district is facing — new state funding plans and implementation of Common Core State Standards — shows he has both the skills and expertise to handle the job.

Chiang said transitioning between superintendents can be a tense period, and Skelly’s positive attitude as a school leader makes him a good choice on a personal level as well.

Skelly was criticized during his last year as superintendent of Palo Alto Unified for lack of transparency following civil rights

complaints filed with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights.

The district had failed to disclose a December 2012 report that found the district mishandled a bullying case at one of the district’s middle schools and violated the civil rights of a disabled student. Since then, several other families have filed federal complaints against the Palo Alto district.

Chiang said the issues over the findings by the Office of Civil Rights alleging discriminatory harassment was a “non-issue” when board members determined who would become the new interim superintendent.

“It’s not something that would’ve caused us to question his candidacy,” Chiang said.

Board member Steve Nelson said he has been aware of the Palo Alto district’s problems and how the superintendent dealt with them. He said Skelly was able to



Kevin Skelly

**Skelly said that he plans to move to Mountain View.**

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## Supervisors OK study on body cameras for sheriff's deputies

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a motion to have its staff prepare a report on the possibility of equipping sheriff's deputies with body-worn cameras while on duty.

The supervisors voted 5-0 on Dec. 16 in favor of the proposal by Supervisor Joe Simitian to study the feasibility of deploying body-worn cameras for deputies at an unspecified future date.

Sheriff Laurie Smith, who attended the meeting, said her

department plans to discuss issues dealing with body-worn cameras with the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Santa Clara County, the labor union representing deputies, on Thursday.

Simitian said that he wanted to ask for the report given current national controversies over whether police officers have abused criminal suspects.

"It's been a difficult year for law enforcement, struggling with what I think are difficult questions surrounding use of force,

community-police relations and certainly the questions of race and class," Simitian said.

The presence of the cameras would assist in the potential prosecution of deputies accused of misconduct as well as defending deputies wrongly accused of it, Simitian said.

The county already has some experience related to video camera use by law enforcement, including discussions by District Attorney Jeff Rosen and the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs' Asso-

ciation about potential protocols for using them, Simitian said.

Although he voted for the study, Supervisor Dave Cortese said he was concerned about the "mind boggling" privacy issues associated with police cameras and questions over which segments of the videos should be redacted to prevent unauthorized releases.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez said that some people in the community might not feel comfortable reporting emergencies, such as

those related to domestic violence, if deputies wear a camera, noting that they could see the videos as intrusions on their families.

Simitian said it was best to have a plan and a set of policies in place on the operation of any body cameras worn by deputies before any of the devices are actually purchased.

"I think it's more important to do it right than to do it fast," he said.

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### HOUSING

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Evelyn Ave. has been proposed by ROEM Corp., the affordable housing developer that built the 51 affordable units on Franklin and Evelyn streets, and recently broke ground on 48 affordable studios at the corner of Rengstorff Avenue and Old Middlefield Way.

The new homes would be deemed affordable for those making 60 percent of the area median income; the plan includes a mix of family-sized units and smaller units dubbed "workforce housing." The homes will be available to those on a waiting list, with

priority given to teachers, public safety employees and those who already live in Mountain View.

City staff expressed concern that the site was less than ideal because of its distance from services and transit (it's 1.4 miles from the Mountain View Caltrain station), but the developer said that would be addressed with the use of shuttles and bicycle-friendly features.

"We are focusing primarily on the use of bicycle and shuttles," said ROEM's Derek Allen, who said several schools, parks and stores were nearby. Plans for the project provide one secured bike locker space per bedroom along

with "an on-site bike shop with access to tools, parts vending and a bicycle washing station."

He said the bike amenities were "a key feature" that ROEM would actively manage and promote.

Two small office buildings will be replaced on the site, with a tenant relocation budget of \$500,000. A gas station will remain on the corner, overshadowed by the project.

To take maximum advantage of the opportunity to build affordable housing on the 1.93-acre site, a committee of council members had previously asked ROEM to increase the size of the proposal from 81 units to 116

units, adding a fourth story to some of the project.

"Given that land is so scarce these days we really wanted to see how we could maximize the parcel," said council member Margaret Abe-Koga. "I appreciate the developer coming back to us with a second option. For me, it feels like the more units, the better."

ROEM representatives boasted that the relatively cheap land meant the city's costs were down to \$187,000 per unit, compared with \$250,000 for the project on Franklin and Evelyn.

Also in the works is a proposal for 40 affordable senior homes for a site on El Camino Real and

Rich Street acquired by Palo Alto Housing Corp. MidPen Housing has also proposed a project, replacing 12 units with 51 new units at its existing 130-unit Shorebreeze affordable housing complex at 460 North Shoreline Blvd.

Mayor Chris Clark and Planning Director Randy Tsuda said adequate funds are expected for the projects because earlier this month the council approved significant increases in the fees on office and housing development that fund such projects — more than doubling the fee on office development and nearly doubling the fee on apartment projects. ▀

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## RAPID BUS LANES

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Public works director Mike Fuller said the VTA could still pursue the project, given that Caltrans controls El Camino Real, which is a state highway.

“Legally they could probably do a lot of these improvements without our consent,” Fuller said. “I’ve heard them say they are going to listen to the cities and take their concerns into consideration.”

The issue seems to have divided older, more established residents — such as those on the City Council — against younger residents and employees who with different preferences and environmental concerns. Google employee Amanda Siegel was among those who spoke in favor of the dedicated lanes, saying she lives in San Jose and commutes by shuttle or public transportation to her office in Mountain View.

“I do not have a driver’s license,” she said. “I do take the Google shuttle most of the time. It just goes to and from work. If I want to go somewhere else, if I want to go to downtown to run errands or spend an evening here, it would probably be by public transit. I would like to see

Mountain View be a leader in Silicon Valley with going towards a future of there being efficient mass transportation.”

She said BRT is good step in that direction.

“If we discourage people from driving and encourage them to take transit, such as by dedicating lanes to buses, that would be a net positive. Rather than questioning it, I would urge you to fully support the designated lanes,” she told the council.

The principle concern that council members continued to express was that car traffic would be pushed onto side streets. The highest traffic volume of any portion of El Camino Real is in Mountain View, at 53,000 cars a day where it intersects Bush Street, near Castro Street. City staff raised concern that 900 cars would be diverted from El Camino Real in Mountain View during commute hours. Margaret Abe-Koga, the lone proponent of dedicated lanes on the council, said she shared the council’s concerns that the VTA was not responding to the city’s long-standing request for more information on what the impacts would be to Mountain View’s El Camino Real side streets, such as Church Street.

“They are going to cut down Church Street, they are going to cut down the side streets in our community, this is not the answer,” said Bill Cranston, Monta Loma resident.

It was not mentioned that in September council members supported limiting car traffic along Church Street and Latham Street — the main side street of concern — with “vehicle traffic diverters,” in-street

understated.

“This would make taking the bus time-competitive with driving,” Levin said. “There’s a lot of skepticism with the bus” taking a long time and being late.

Other supporters said that dedicated bus lanes along El Camino Real had very wide support, had been supported by county voters in a 2000 sales tax measure, and that dedicated bus lanes been used with success in other parts

Among the concerns in the city’s official response to the EIR is the possible elimination of 47 large, heritage trees and 96 smaller trees from the middle of El Camino Real to make way for the bus lanes. City staff also express concern about the impacts to bicyclists from removing left turn lanes from El Camino Real, and that the bus lanes would make it harder for bicyclists to cross the street, although some proponents said it would be easier for them to cross fewer lanes of car traffic.

Council member John Inks criticized the VTA for not attending the meeting, but public works director Fuller said city staff declined to allow the VTA to present the project until city staff could get a look at the project.

While council members are leaning against dedicated lanes, some were hesitant.

“I don’t think we should take a position, we don’t have enough information,” said council member Mike Kasperzak.

“The next council will decide this — the VTA will really decide it, probably,” said outgoing member Jac Siegel, who opposes the dedicated lanes.

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*‘This would make taking the bus time-competitive with driving.’*

ADINA LEVIN

planters or bollards, meanders, and other techniques to create a bike boulevard, according to the new El Camino Real precise plan.

Council member Ronit Bryant noted that San Mateo County decided against a similar system and questioned whether it was worth the increase in ridership of 4,000 riders a day over the 522 line. Friends of Caltrain leader Adina Levin said that the ridership increase was probably

of the world.

Council members questioned whether VTA had seriously considered projected development in Mountain View and future traffic. “There seems to be a disconnect,” Abe-Koga said. She said it might be more politically feasible to only have dedicated lanes east of Mountain View, where El Camino Real has more capacity, in order to demonstrate its effectiveness before going further.

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The electric, 16-passenger shuttles — equipped with WiFi and donated by Google — will start running on Monday, Jan. 5, on a loop that connects the downtown to various shopping centers, several schools, the city's hospitals, parks and the movie theaters in North Bayshore, among other places.

While the service starts Jan. 5, the Mountain View Community Shuttle will have its official launch on Friday, Jan. 9, at 11 a.m. in a ceremony at the downtown train station. There will also be a preview of MVgo, a new commuter shuttle, which is also free to the public and

launches the following Monday, Jan. 12.

Mayor Chris Clark said both new shuttle services are examples of how Mountain View is tackling transportation “in an innovative and openly accessible way.”

Commenting on the community shuttle's relatively plain markings, which consist of “high blue banding and digital location marquee,” City Manager Dan Rich said, “We wanted it to be simple but recognizable from far away and in traffic.”

On weekdays, the service will run every 31 minutes from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on weekends and holidays every 70 minutes between noon and 8 p.m. Each shuttle is equipped with bike racks, a wheelchair lift and space for two wheelchairs.

—Daniel DeBolt

**CRIME BRIEFS**

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**THREATENING POLICE OFFICER**

Police arrested an 18-year-old Mountain View man on Sunday after an extended confrontation between officers turned aggressive and the man allegedly lunged towards an officer.

Officers responded to a 911 call at a residence on the 2100 block of Reinert Road at 8:40 a.m. The residents inside denied calling 911 and said nothing was wrong. A man police identified as Fernando Gomez, the son of the home's residents, came out and allegedly began verbally abusing the officers.

Gomez had recently been arrested for drug possession charges and returned home after being released, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Gomez had allegedly been arguing with his parents since he returned, and the parents requested officers help them get Gomez out of the residence.

Police say Gomez remained verbally abusive when he started gathering his belongings before lunging at one of the officers. The officer feared he was going to be assaulted, according to Jaeger, and took Gomez to the ground and handcuffed him.

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# Bringing an artistic flair to the classroom

CSMA PROGRAMS AIM TO GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO EXPLORE MUSIC AND ARTS

By Madeleine Gerson



The next great musician to hail from Mountain View just might owe it all to the Community School of Music and Arts. Better known locally as CSMA, the Mountain View-based nonprofit provides art and music programs in schools to over 7,500 children in around 30 schools throughout the region.

Since its founding in 1968, CSMA has offered programs to bring the arts to schools that wouldn't otherwise be able to provide them, through programs such as Music4Schools and Art4Schools.

CSMA also offers classes, private music lessons, camps, performances and exhibits at its facility at 230 San Antonio Circle. A partnership with Stanford Live regularly brings internationally recognized artists to perform at CSMA's Tateuchi Hall for free, family-friendly

"informances."

Music4Schools is designed to bring CSMA's professional music teachers into the classroom to encourage creative expression through programs that coordinate with the school curriculum.

"We bring teachers into the schools to bring (students) a well-rounded music education from kindergarten to eighth grade," said Leah Lader, CSMA's Music4Schools manager.

Among the many local schools that benefit from Music4Schools is Theuerkauf Elementary School in the Mountain View Whisman School District.

"One great thing about the program at Theuerkauf is that many parents do not have the means to set (their children) up

with these types of programs. The funding comes from the CSMA (and) helps to provide children with this opportunity," said Linda Covello, director of the art school.

In Silicon Valley, there has been a big emphasis on teaching STEM subjects, or subject matter related to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Lader pointed out that there needs to be a greater emphasis on STEAM, which includes art.

"We want to include art and music because those are just as important," said Lader.

A few of the goals of Music4Schools and Art4Schools are to provide students with collaboration skills, the opportunity to compose their own material and to incorporate cultural learning in the classroom.

"People are learning that there is more to project-based learning. School administrators and teachers are starting to see that (arts education) supports stu-

dents to learn in other subjects. They are encouraged to try things and that it is okay if you fail," said Covello.

Some of the programs within Music4Schools are the general music program, music from world cultures/music in action, recorder instruction, chorus and instrumental music. In both the in-school art program and in-school music program, students are welcome to take the initiative and share with the class.

"Sometimes students either compose something or will hear something on the radio and will want to perform it for everyone. We say, 'Yeah, great, perform that for the class,'" said Lader.

CSMA is one of several local nonprofits that benefits from contributions to the Voice's annual Holiday Fund. Tax deductible donations support CSMA's mission to bring the arts to everyone in the community.

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## SAN ANTONIO

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a little bit of leasing to do at the property," said Jeffrey Berkes, chief of West Coast development for Federal Realty, in a call with business analysts in October. "There's a couple of vacancies. But we'll be working with the city of Mountain View to set the property up long-term to match what's going on in the rest of the neighborhood."

What's going on in the rest of the neighborhood is an enormous amount of development, including several large apartment projects at nearby El Camino Real and San Antonio Road, a 500,000-square-foot Google office building at the site of the old Mayfield Mall and the recent approval of a large project expected to break ground soon on an adjacent portion of the shopping center owned by Merlone Geier.

The Merlone Geier project

includes a hotel, movie theater, retail space and 400,000 square feet of office buildings. That is in addition to the first phase of Merlone Geier's development at the shopping center that included a new Safeway, restaurants and retail stores, and 330 apartments.

"That whole node is just kind of the heart of Silicon Valley right now, if you will," Berkes said when mentioning the Merlone Geier development.

What exactly the whole San Antonio shopping center of the future might look like is uncertain, but the area Federal Realty is purchasing is zoned for six stories of housing above retail space, and up to eight stories if significant public benefits are proposed, said planning director Tsuda. It may be possible to achieve a density commonly seen in Paris — 100 dwelling units per acre — under the city's zoning for the shopping center, or as many as 3,300 homes.

Such intense development would require an update to the environmental impact report, which studied the impact of only 1,200 homes for the San Antonio Precise Plan area.

Office space may not be possible for the site, as it would require a provisional use permit. The land isn't part of the area where council members said that they would allow 600,000 square feet of office space in the San Antonio Precise plan, which could accommodate as many as 3,000 jobs, when calculated at 200 square feet per employee.

"This deal appears to improve the chances of both revitalizing retail and developing housing above retail in the San Antonio Area," said newly elected council member Lenny Siegel, who has been organizing community members over the need to balance office growth with housing growth in Mountain View, particularly in the San Antonio

shopping center area. "I am still concerned that the Precise Plan does not do enough to ensure that the area will end up with a much-needed school and park, or that a decent share of the housing will be below-market."

The timing for a development proposal for the site is unclear.

"Obviously, we have existing leases that we have to deal with," Berkes told analysts. "So the timing of all that is not clear and could be out there a ways. But as we've experienced in the rest of our portfolio, you never know when things like that will change. And if they do we'll be in a position to take advantage of it because it's just an outstanding location," he said, adding that it's "close to Caltrain, not far from Google's headquarters, it's right at the corner of where Los Altos, Palo Alto and Mountain View meet. So location couldn't be better."

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## SKELLY

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admit to his mistakes and openly resolved the problems.

Skelly said current superintendent Craig Goldman, whose resignation takes effect Dec. 30, has been "tremendously supportive," and that he looks forward to working with him

and learning about the district in the coming weeks.

Goldman announced his resignation from Mountain View Whisman in November, saying the district needed new leadership.

Skelly said that he plans to move to Mountain View, which he called an important part of taking the job as interim super-

intendent.

Prior to Skelly's appointment, the board passed two resolutions: one to recognize the contributions of retiring board member Phil Palmer and one to recognize Superintendent Goldman. Both resolutions inspired emotional stories by parents and former board members, which Skelly said showed the district has a

strong sense of community and a commitment to providing the best education possible for kids.

"You can be right next door to a district and not really know all the things that are going on," Skelly said. "It's enjoyable to see that sense of community and sense of caring about kids."

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## CHEATING POLICY

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problems that led them to cheat in the first place. Students will also have the opportunity to redo their assignments for a new grade instead of getting a zero.

Dave Grissom, principal of Mountain View High School, said the school really didn't have much of a school-wide cheating policy — teachers had their own personal rules for cheating in the classroom. The fragmented system, he said, made it hard to get any real baseline data to show whether cheating was a problem.

"It was a mess," Grissom said.

The prior policy, according to Assistant Principal William Blair, was one or two lines long with a "one-size-fits-all" punishment for cheating. He said all cases were treated the same regardless of the severity or the student intent, which made it

particularly hard to deal with students who cited sources incorrectly for assignments.

"It could be that they willfully plagiarized, but it's possible they just didn't know how to source," Blair said.

As a result, teachers weren't sending kids who cheated to school administrators out of fear that the consequences would be too strict.

To deal with the broken system, both high schools set up a task force that looked at a new academic integrity policy that, over seven months, created the new policy that kicked off this year.

### Cheating seen as a 'symptom'

For Mountain View High School, cheating is now divided into three categories, where "Category A" academic violations include minor offenses like copying or sharing work on a minor assignment, and "Category C"

violations include major offenses like stealing exams or altering grades in the school's computer database.

Though the consequences range from Saturday detention to possible expulsion, students are always given the option to do the assignment again, under supervision, to get a new grade. That's because the school is trying to get away from "academic" punishments for what they consider to be a behavioral problem.

Blair said the school is trying to "divorce" behavior from assessment of academic skills, and likened it to punishing a student for getting into a fight by lowering a grade.

"It's a movement towards a more authentic assessment of student skills rather than punishing student behavior with academics," Blair said.

He said the reality is that many students who cheat are doing so because they're overextended or overstressed, or just don't have enough time in the day to get the work done.

While the new policies are very similar between both the high schools, Blair said Los Altos High School still has the option to give students a zero grade for assignments they were caught cheating on.

The new policies were presented at a Parent Teacher Student Association meeting last month, and parents seemed very receptive to the new plan, according to PTSA President Lisa McLain. She said it felt like administrators are going out of their way to help students understand how

to deal with problems that led to cheating, and is really designed for students that cheat because of academic pressure and stress.

"It sounds like a learning opportunity, not a punishing opportunity," McLain said.

Students interviewed by the *Voice*, however, had mixed feelings about the effectiveness of the new program. Justin Young, a sophomore at Mountain View High School, said the new policies are more lenient, and the second chance at a grade means the school cares how much they actually learned.

"Without the opportunity to make it up, if I did not get the chance, I would be like, 'Who cares?'" Young said.

A sophomore student who didn't want to be named admitted to cheating because of pressure and strenuous classes, and that the new policies aren't going to deter people from cheating.

"I feel like if people are going to cheat they will cheat no matter what. There's no way to fix that," the student said.

### Restorative justice

On top of the new academic honesty framework, administrators can also give students the option of restorative justice — a lengthy process where students can get back their academic honors and other privileges by meeting with teachers, parents and peers to come to terms with what they did wrong and find ways to avoid cheating in the future.

Restorative justice was inspired by the "Restorative Practices" policy used by the San Francisco

Unified School District to deal with general disciplinary issues. The policy shifts the focus away from what rules the student broke, and instead focuses on who the student harmed. While there's clear-cut victims and harm done in a physical fight at school, students are often unaware of who they harm when they cheat on a test, according to Blair.

Blair said students who cheat often times think it's a victimless crime, and that it's an eye-opening experience when they realize it affects both fellow students as well as teachers trying to get a good read on what the students know.

Restorative justice is a resource-intensive process that requires a one-hour meeting with parents, teachers, administrators and student peers, as well as several follow-up meetings, but Blair said it's an important option for students.

"For me personally, it's worth the additional time," Blair said. "We're really only dealing with a handful of cases at a time for each administrator."

It's too early to say how well the new cheating policies are working, but Blair said the number of cases reported to school administrators at Mountain View High School has gone up, and more teachers are willing to communicate with him and Grissom about students cheating. Though the new policy is more lenient, he said students don't seem to be cheating any more than they used to.

More than that, he said the new policies have fostered a lot of great conversation on the effects of cheating. ▣



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR BOUNDARY ADVISORY TASK FORCE

The Mountain View Whisman School District is seeking qualified, interested individuals to serve on a task force of community leaders which will serve as the District's Boundary Advisory Task Force ("BATF") to provide input and recommendations on the District boundaries.

On October 9, 2014, the District's Board of Trustees were presented with a demographic study on the current and projected enrollment of the District. The study highlighted a significant disparity in the enrollment growth of the District's middle school campuses. On November 20, 2014, the Board approved the establishment of two schools at Castro Elementary School effective for 2015-16 school year. In addition, the Board has been considering whether to open an elementary school campus in the Whisman/Slater neighborhood. These issues impact enrollment and facilities across the District and necessitate a review and possible realignment of the attendance boundaries for both the elementary and middle schools.

The BATF responsibilities include the following: (1) representing the community as a whole in the process of reviewing the demographic study and the impact of enrollment growth, (2) reviewing the impact of growing enrollment at the two Castro Schools and (3) reviewing the impact of opening an elementary school campus in the Whisman/Slater neighborhood. The BATF will make recommendations on specific boundary related issues and inform the public about the recommendations.

To the extent possible, participants would include the following:

- 6 parents, including at least one parent from each of the following: an elementary school, a middle school, PTA, District Advisory Committee, and District English Language Advisory Committee
- 2 community members from local neighborhood associations
- 1 representative from the City of Mountain View
- 1 representative from Mountain View Educational Foundation
- 2 principals
- 2 teachers (including one representative from MVEA)
- 1 classified representative
- 2 Board Members
- 2 District Office administrators

Applications and additional information can be downloaded at <http://www.mvwsd.org/boundaries> or may be picked up at the District Office, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043. Completed applications should be delivered, mailed, emailed (supt@mvwsd.org) or faxed (650-964-8907) to the Superintendent's Office of the Mountain View Whisman School District, so that it is received by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

## STUDENT PROTEST

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police officers killed unarmed black men: the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August, and the choke-hold death of Eric Garner in New York in July.

One student, Phillip Almeda, told the crowd that he believes racism played a part in the killings of Brown and Garner.

"This is a major problem and we have to end it," he said, receiving cheers from the crowd.

Student Vishnu Bachani said the two incidents were not isolated, and what's really needed was a new civil rights movement for "real" change. He said history classes and textbooks teach students to be apathetic and satisfied with the society, and he encouraged everyone to advocate for change.

The students were joined by park-goers and others, including the protest group the Raging Grannies.

Seth Donnelly, a civics teacher at Los Altos High School, helped

with some of the logistics of the rally but said it was the students who led the protest and reached out to the community.

"Really, it was their march. It was their rally," he said.

Donnelly said he was pretty impressed with the turn-out, especially during final exams. Students reached out to local newspapers with their own press releases, and reached a number of Google employees who showed up at the rally.

Donnelly said he thinks students have an "energy buzz" and plan to hold future events to keep up the momentum.

"Students feel really empowered and feel like 'we can do it,'" Donnelly said. "They didn't just stand against something, they stood for something."

Tess Seltzer, one of the Los Altos High School students who helped organize the protest, is co-president of the school's Amnesty International Club, which promoted the march and rally.

Seltzer said the protest will hopefully get people talking about inequality and racism in

the local community, and "give rise to change."

Seltzer called the police killings in Ferguson and New York "horrifying," but the grand juries' verdicts are the real problem. In both cases, the juries declined to take the cases to trial.

"It would have been one thing for the officers to be found innocent in trial," Seltzer said. "But the fact that the juries decided not to even have trials for both cases is truly ridiculous and blatantly unjust."

To ease relations between minorities and police, Seltzer suggested that law enforcement could do more to stop "unjust" or "racist" encounters before they occur, including a more rigorous vetting process for hiring. She said police also need to take action against police officers who commit unjust acts rather than try to cover it up.

"I think the worst thing to do after cases like Michael Brown's and Eric Garner's is to ignore the injustice, to remain silent," Seltzer said. "Our goal is to trigger conversations, reflections, and movements that will lead to positive change and equality for all." ▣

# Kids in the kitchen

It's easy to include children in the holiday merrymaking with these activities

By My Nguyen | photographs by Veronica Weber



The holiday season is a time to build memories and reconnect with your family, and often during this wonderful but busy time of the year, parents may forget the wonder and magic of the season that kids feel. So, here's a list of five kid-friendly activities to do in the kitchen to create lasting holiday memories and to make the season brighter for both you and your little ones.

#### Deck the kitchen

The kitchen is the heart of the home that brings together loved ones, so enlist your little ones to create festive and whimsical decor to add holiday cheer to your home's most-used room. Have your kids cut up white paper snowflakes and tape them to the kitchen window to create a winter wonderland. If you have a white refrigerator, turn it into a snowman by cutting out circles of different sizes from black construction paper — you'll want two eyes, five for the mouth and four buttons. Cut out an orange triangle for the nose and two thick red stripes (one should be the width of your fridge and the other half the length) for the scarf. Affix them all with tape. Need a place to display those Christmas cards? Tape a piece of red ribbon down the front of your cabinet doors and let your kids attach the greeting cards with clothespins.

#### Peppermint "puppy" chow

Now that the kitchen is all decked out, get the kids together to make a Christmas snack. Looking for a kid-friendly recipe? Try making a batch of crunchy peppermint "puppy" chow (for the kids, not the canines). The magical mixture of rice Chex cereal, white chocolate, crushed candy canes and powdered sugar will surely become a favorite holiday treat. First, pour

five cups of rice Chex cereal into a large bowl. Then, crush 15 candy canes in a blender. Melt 10 ounces of white chocolate according to the package directions. Pour the melted white chocolate and crushed candy canes over the cereal and fold the mixture until the cereal is completely coated. In a large Ziploc bag, pour in one cup of powdered sugar and the coated cereal. Seal the plastic bag and shake. Pour into a bowl and enjoy!

#### Christmas mugs

Take a break from snacking to craft homemade Christmas mugs. These easy-to-make mugs are perfect for sipping hot chocolate out of or giving away as gifts. First, buy white mugs from the dollar store and wash and dry them. Using an oil-based Sharpie paint pen (available at office-supply stores), draw a holiday design or Christmas saying on the mug. Don't worry about your kids messing up because the paint rubs off with a little water. Place the mugs on a baking sheet and bake them at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Let the mugs cool completely in the oven before taking them out. These mugs are not dishwasher safe and should be hand washed only.

#### Sprinkle ornaments

Kids can brighten up the Yule

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**Left column:** Peppermint "puppy" chow is an easy Christmas snack to make with kids. Combine rice Chex cereal with melted white chocolate, crushed candy canes and powdered sugar.

Kids can craft their own Christmas mugs by drawing or writing on dollar-store mugs with an oil-based Sharpie paint pen.

**Right column:** Enlist the little ones to make paper snowflakes to turn the kitchen into a winter wonderland.

Kids can create ornaments by filling clear ball-shaped ornaments with sprinkles.



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Kids can cut out white paper snowflakes and tape them to the kitchen window to bring holiday cheer to the home's most-used room.

### KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

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tree by creating homemade ornaments. Purchase clear ball ornaments and fill them with fake snow, pine needles, glitter or

— sure to be a kid's favorite — sprinkles. Start by taking off the top of the clear ball ornament (available at any craft store) and pouring a teaspoon of varnish (any kind will work, it just needs to be clear) into the ornament.

Slowly swirl the varnish around so that it coats the entire inside surface area. Next, put the ornament upside down and let it drain into a paper cup for 30 minutes. Once the varnish is fairly dry, use a funnel to pour the sprinkles (use colorful ones or red and green ones) into the ornament. Gently swirl the sprinkles around the inside. If there are extra sprinkles, shake the excess out of the opening of the ornament. Finally, place the topper back on and hang the ornament on your tree. Bonus idea: Squirt a teaspoon of acrylic paint into the clear ball ornament, and slowly swirl it around until the inside surface area is coated. Then, put the ornament upside down in a paper cup overnight so all the excess paint drains out. Finally, add the topper and you'll have a painted ornament in any color you choose.



#### Candy cane steamer

Looking for the perfect holiday drink to serve to kids and adults? Skip the hot chocolate and try a candy cane steamer. This sweet, warm peppermint drink can be enjoyed with your favorite holiday cookies. First, heat one cup of milk in the microwave for 60 seconds and stir. Next, add two tablespoons of candy cane syrup and stir. Finally, top with whipped cream and garnish with crushed candy canes. ❑

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## EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Cameras benefit police and the public

The push to equip police officers and sheriff's deputies with body-worn cameras that would record interactions with the public, including suspected criminals, is a push in the right direction. The Mountain View Police Department decided some time ago to purchase cameras for its officers, and is finalizing its policies on their use. And county Supervisor Joe Simitian won the support of his colleagues this week for his proposal to authorize a county report on the possibility of having on-duty deputies wear cameras.

Although important details about the use of the cameras must be worked out to protect privacy and avoid unintended consequences, these cameras can go a long way toward preserving — and in some cases, repairing — public trust in law enforcement agencies. That trust can be undermined in various ways locally, but when national incidents such as the Michael Brown and Eric Garner killings by police officers explode into the public consciousness, the need for a reliable accounting of encounters between officers and the public is underscored.

The cameras' benefits, however, go beyond capturing the details of deadly encounters. With the recording of all interactions between police officers and the public, a reliable vehicle exists in most situations to protect both officers who are wrongly accused of misconduct, and people who have been victims of abuse at the hands of an officer. Simitian cites a study conducted by Rialto, a city of about 100,000 in San Bernadino County, that shows the use of body cameras by police reduced use-of-force incidents by about 50 percent and citizen complaints against officers by about 90 percent.

In Mountain View, the police department intends to spend \$135,000 on cameras and associated costs, and camera use is expected to begin within months. The department's Capt. Chris

Hsiung said that officers won't be required to have the cameras on continually during their 12-hour shifts, but they "should be on anytime we know there's going to be an encounter between officers and people."

In finalizing its policies on camera use, the department would do well to review the recent incident in Menlo Park in which three police officers were involved in the fatal shooting of a burglary suspect. The department had purchased body cameras for all officers, and the camera program had been initiated months before the shooting. But for reasons that have yet to be fully explained, none of the officers had activated a camera, so there's no visual record of the shooting.

Although the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office is still investigating the incident, some details have emerged that can be instructional for agencies drafting policies for body camera use. One of the Menlo Park officers wasn't wearing a camera because he had turned it in for repair and the department hadn't bought spare equipment. And, according to that department's chief, the cameras' batteries have only a three-hour charge, so officers on 12-hour shifts may tend to be conservative about when they activate their cameras. Of the two officers involved in the shooting who were wearing cameras, one turned his on only after the shooting, and the other officer reportedly never activated his.

What can be learned from this unfortunate incident, which had the potential of shaking the public's trust in the city's police force, is that back-up cameras must be available to officers to allow for inevitable malfunctions, batteries must be easily replaceable when running low, and law enforcement agencies must craft clear and firm policies about when officers are required to activate their cameras, and outline consequences for not doing so. ▣

## LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### OUT OF TOUCH ON HOUSING ISSUE

The guest opinion by the three council members represents a continuing lack of understanding of what long commutes do to people's lives. Understand that a one-way commute that approaches an hour and more takes at least 10 hours a week out of people's lives, leaving about three hours per weekday to eat two meals, and very little time for family, recreation, chores, community events and participation, etc. Further, the people whom council members talk to never engage in such commutes, nor can such people of long commutes engage with council members.

Those of the Millennials' generation are sick of cars, having spent half their waking moments in the back seats these cars. (When I visit a friend in the sprawl-lands of Carmichael, California, we spend half our

daytime in the car just to do anything.)

So, while one of our council members laments about the studio/dormitory housing that would be suitable in North Bayshore for people just starting out or working short term, and says that such is unsuitable, the workers wind up staying in Mountain View housing of whatever kind, many times two to a bedroom. The landlords thus raise rents to impossible levels that make it bad for renting Boomers who are at retirement and wondering if this is the year that they will go onto the street.

Meanwhile the Millennials are trying to get money above their starting salaries to live better in town and just about can't.

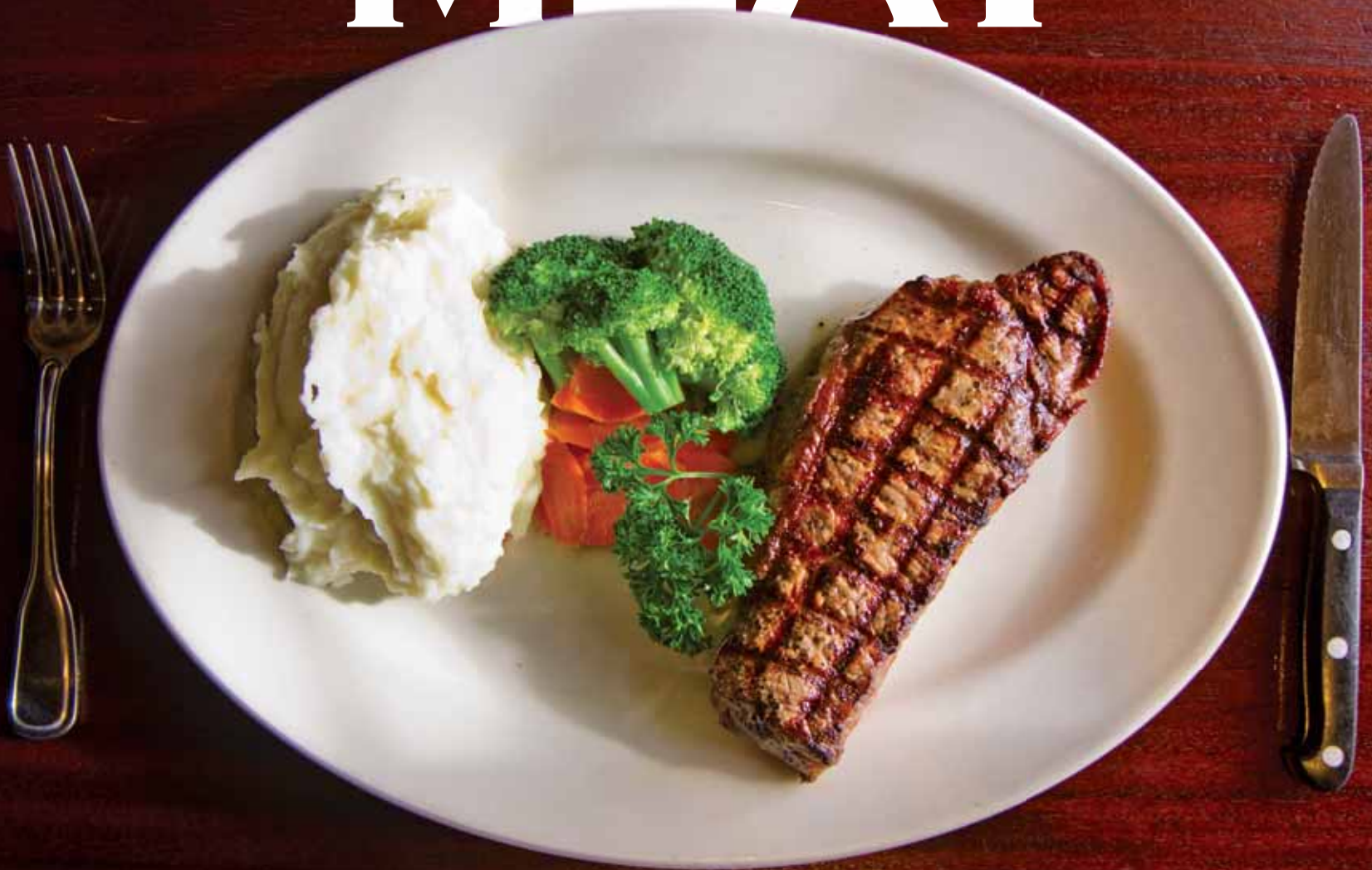
Please note that council member Kasperzak told me recently that \$50,000/year in Mountain View is now low income!

John D Carpenter  
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## A mecca for MEAT



### AFTER 40 YEARS, SUNDANCE RETAINS HIGH STANDARDS AND CHARM

*Review by Dale F. Bentson // Photos by Michelle Le*

**1**974 was a momentous year. Richard Nixon resigned the presidency, the Oakland A's beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series, "The Sting" won best picture, the price of a first-class stamp rose to 10 cents, Robert M. Pirsig published "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" — and in Palo Alto, restaurateur

Robert Fletcher opened Sundance Mining Co.

The rest, as they say, is history. Sundance Mining Co. morphed into Sundance The Steakhouse and is thriving in its 40th year. Sons Aron and Galen Fletcher are now running the classic American steakhouse on El Camino Real in Palo Alto with top-notch food, attentive service,

an excellent wine list and décor that exudes old-school charm.

In these days of celebrity chefs, restaurant empires, glitzy chains and often unintelligible menus, Sundance stays with one location, keeps the facility in tip-top condition, trains the staff in fine-dining details, ensures the kitchen maintains the highest standards and uses

the finest ingredients — and the menu needs no translation.

Robert Fletcher and partner Richard Hamner acquired the Stanford View restaurant when the property became available in 1974. Both had worked for corporate restaurant chains: Fletcher was in charge of

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**Sundance Steakhouse's prime New York strip steak.**

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building and opening Hungry Hunter restaurants, while Hamner was a regional manager for Jack in the Box.

After the successful launch of their Sundance Mining Co. steakhouse, the pair founded four Pacific Fresh restaurants, which they sold in 1991 to a Japanese company. After an amicable separation, Hamner went on to found the Una Mas chain of Mexican eateries.

Fletcher mined Sundance. His sons grew up in the restaurant

business but chose different career routes. Galen became a certified public accountant with Ernst & Young while Aron charted a course at Smith Barney (now Morgan Stanley). According to Galen, on Christmas morning in 1992, Robert asked his sons whether they were interested in taking over the business, or whether he should sell it. It was time in his life to take a step back.

By 1996, both brothers were working at Sundance full time — Galen first and Aron a few years later. In 2000, Robert retired, but he retains a financial and spiritual interest in the business.

“My dad was almost a stranger when we were growing up,” Galen recalled. “He was always working, always on the go, moving around from city to city opening up Hungry Hunter restaurants. I was determined that for the first 20 years, I wanted to fully participate in my family’s life. I didn’t want to miss out. I wanted soccer practices and all the school activities. I needed to stay in one place, concentrate on one business.”

It seems to have worked out for everyone, especially the dining public who keeps the place packed, or nearly so, throughout the year. Besides the dining rooms, booths, quiet nooks and



Sundance waiter James greets longtime Sundance customer Bob Siegmann at lunchtime on Dec. 16.



The crab cakes are served with a sherry-cayenne aioli sauce.

private dining areas, there is a lively bar scene with a long list of contemporary cocktails. The wine list boasts more than 400 labels, mostly California, and most of that cabernet — the perfect pairing for beef.

Slow-roasted for eight hours, the certified Angus prime rib is offered in 8-ounce to 14-ounce cuts: \$32.95 to \$42.95. On a recent visit, the juicy, flavor-

ful meat was served exactly as ordered — rare, with minimal fat. Creamy horseradish and hot au jus were served on the side. The meat was accompanied by vegetables and a choice of potato or rice.

Fork-tender was the 13-ounce USDA Prime New York strip steak (\$48.95). The steak was served at the optimum temperature: hot, but with time enough

for the meat to have rested after cooking. Meat proteins heat and coagulate during cooking, and moisture is driven towards the center. If the meat rests for a few minutes after it is off the fire, the protein molecules relax and reabsorb the juices. That’s what makes a perfect steak.

But Sundance offers more than just great beef. The Pacific swordfish (\$29.50) was sea-

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**Braised Short Ribs in a light red wine sauce** – served with polenta and seasonal fresh cut vegetables.  
**Grilled Lamb Chops in a lemon vinaigrette sauce** – Served with Swiss chard, and roasted potatoes.  
**Linguine Pescatore** – fresh salmon, snapper, clams, mussels and prawns in a spicy tomato sauce.  
**Mushroom Ravioli** – with Roma tomatoes and fresh spinach, in a light Marsala cream sauce.  
**Grilled Salmon** – served with sautéed spinach, wild rice and vegetables.

**Dessert**

**Tiramisu** – Italian dessert, consisting of alternating layers of coffee-soaked lady fingers and sweet mixture of mascarpone cheese, eggs and sugar.

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Spring rolls have a filet mignon filling at Sundance Steakhouse.

breeze fresh, dusted with spices and grilled over an open flame. The fish was succulent and moist.

Sauteed New England sea scallops and wild gulf prawns (\$28.50) were plump and meaty, nestled in a reduced white wine garlic butter sauce with an ambrosial hint of fresh garlic and pepper that tickled the palate.

The chicken Marsala (\$22.95) was a pounded-thin breast, sauteed in Marsala mushroom sauce and then served under a blanket of earthy, fragrant mushrooms.

There were plenty of appetizers too. Mouthwatering golden brown crab cakes (\$14.95), filet mignon spring rolls (\$12.95) served on a gingery Asian salad and Idaho potato skins (\$11.50) with cheddar cheese, smoked bacon and chopped green onions.

The steakhouse classic wedge salad (\$9.95) comes topped with house-made blue cheese dressing, chopped tomato, crumbled blue cheese and smoked bacon. The clam chowder (\$6.50 cup; \$8.50 bowl) was loaded with clams, potatoes and onions.

Desserts aren't made in-house, but to house specifications. The signature mud pie (\$8.95) — coffee ice cream with an Oreo cookie crust in a puddle of hot fudge, topped with whipped cream and chopped peanuts — is big enough to share and has

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been on the menu since opening day. Also good was the New York cheesecake (\$7.95) with a strawberry fruit sauce.

What's not to like? Happy 40th, Sundance. ▣

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### MOVIE REVIEWS

#### EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS ★★★1/2

Ever since the 2004 megahit "The Passion of the Christ," Hollywood has been open-minded to faith-based entertainment, and 2014 has seen both economic true-believer productions as well as would-be blockbusters "Noah" and now Ridley Scott's \$140 million Moses epic, "Exodus: Gods and Kings." The film kicks off in 1300 BCE, with Moses ensconced, as a general, amongst Egyptian forces set to do battle with the Hittites over ye olde "land of milk and honey." The screenwriters set up an unfortunately anemic dynamic between Moses and stepbrother Ramses (Joel Edgerton): raised together, they're destined to wind up on opposite sides of the chariot tracks. The picture most distinctly roars to life when Scott relishes his chance to play "Ben-Hur" with dangerous-looking chariots careening across battlefields or on the edges of treacherous mountain passes — and not so much when presenting at-times chewy dialogue. "Exodus" checks off Moses' greatest hits: the burning-bush encounter; the plagues; the climactic "parting of the Red Sea"; and a stone-tablet-chipping resolution. That these aren't spoiler alerts highlights a lack of dramatic tension given the widespread familiarity of the story. Despite earnest acting from the leads (and some supporting players, like Ben Kingsley and Aaron Paul), the story has a muddy effect, hampered partly by the casting of lily-white stars as Middle Eastern characters and by the sense that political and spiritual concerns matter far less here than grand 3-D spectacle. *Rated PG-13 for violence including battle sequences and intense images. Two hours, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

#### TOP FIVE ★★★1/2

When it comes to comedy, funny always wins, and Chris Rock's third directorial effort does run on amusing riffs. But "Top Five" also steers hard into undisciplined storytelling, damning the overhyped comedy with the faint praise of being better than the typical Adam Sandler vehicle. Rock plays Andre Allen, a former stand-up comic who rose to megastardom in three "Hammy the Bear" buddy-cop pictures. However, Allen at the outset longs to be taken seriously as a dramatic actor, and so earnestly does his promotional duties to flog "Uprize," the historical slave rebellion picture he hopes "could be like a Haitian 'Django.'" Allen is getting married in three days to diva Erica (Gabrielle Union); meanwhile, Allen reluctantly agrees to let conspicuously beautiful Times reporter Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) trail him around New York City. Were "Top Five" less by-the-numbers, Rock might have avoided the impression of a self-massaging fantasy about reclaiming authenticity. Instead, silly plot twists take the edge off a story that keeps name-checking "rigorous honesty." That said, "Top Five" is mostly as genial as its writer-director-producer-star. We're relieved when Andre Allen/Chris Rock steps away from the scattered hilarity and simply takes a comedy-club stage to let loose with a stream of signature wit. *Rated R for strong sexual content, nudity, crude humor, language throughout and some drug use. One hour, 41 minutes.* — P.C.

#### WILD ★★★

The conventional wisdom goes that everyone grieves differently, the devil being in

### MOVIE TIMES

**Annie (PG) Century 20:** 10:35 a.m., 12:05, 1:30, 3:05, 4:25, 6, 7:20, 8:55 & 10:15 p.m.

**Big Hero 6 (PG) Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 6:55 & 9:30 p.m.

**Birdman (R) ★★★**

**Palo Alto Square:** 1:15, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:05 p.m.

**Bolshoi Ballet: The Nutcracker (Not Rated)**

**Century 20:** Sun 12:55 p.m.

**Citizenfour (R) ★★★1/2**

**Aquarius Theatre:** 1:45, 4:30, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

**Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) ★★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 9:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:55 & 9:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 8:05 p.m., Sun 8:15 p.m. In 3-D at 11:05 a.m., 2:30, 3:45, 6:10 & 10:35 p.m.

**Foxcatcher (R) ★★★1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** 12:45, 3:45, 7:05 & 9:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:20, 7:25 & 10:30 p.m.

**Gone Girl (R) ★★★1/2 Century 20:** 7:05 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:30 p.m.

**Heaven Can Wait (1943) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** 5:25 & 9:20 p.m.

**The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (Not Rated)**

**Century 20:** 11:10 a.m., 1:45, 4:20 & 7:40 p.m. In 3-D at 9:35 & 10:20 a.m., 12:50, 2:40, 5:15, 6:10, 8:45 & 9:40 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:05 p.m. In X-D at noon, 3:30, 7 & 10:30 p.m.

**Horrible Bosses 2 (R)**

**Century 20:** 2:30, 5:10, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m., Sat & Sun 11:50 a.m.

**The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 (PG-13) ★★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:40 p.m.

**Interstellar (PG-13) ★★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 11:10 a.m., 2:50, 6:30 & 10:05 p.m.

**It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (Not Rated) Century 20:** Sun 2 p.m.

**Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Century 20:** 9:55 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 2, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:45 & 10:45 p.m.

**The Penguins of Madagascar (PG) ★★**

**Century 20:** 11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40 & 9:10 p.m.

**The Shop Around the Corner (1940) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:35 p.m.

**The Theory of Everything (PG-13) ★★**

**Century 20:** 4:45, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m. & 1:55 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

**Top Five (R) ★★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

**Wild (R) ★★★ Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 1, 4:45, 7:30 & 10:20 p.m.

**Guild Theatre:** 1:30, 4:15, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

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the details. For Cheryl Strayed, author of the Oprah-approved memoir "Wild," those details included binging on sex and heroin before hitting rock bottom and committing to a cleansing, 1,100-mile, 94-day solo hike. Now "Wild" has gotten the Hollywood treatment, with Reese Witherspoon as Strayed, Laura Dern as her mother Bobbi, Nick Hornby ("About a Boy") penning the script and Jean-Marc Vallee behind the camera. One might look cynically upon "Wild," and actors, as entirely apparent Oscar bait. However, "Wild" benefits from Hornby's literate, thoughtfully constructed narrative. Add rather brilliant editing by Martin Pensa and Vallee and expert work by Witherspoon and Dern, and you get a secular but spiritual journey of self-discovery. Strayed's walk up the scenic Pacific Crest Trail (from the Mexican border up to Canada) force her into self-dialogue, though she gleans lessons from folks she

meets along the way. Strayed needs to get her head straight after poorly navigating a health crisis affecting her 45-year-old mother and the dissolution of her seven-year marriage to Paul (Thomas Sadoski). Strayed's story can still feel pat, its wisdom at times resembling that of a fortune cookie ("I'm gonna walk myself back to the woman my mother thought I was."). Still, "Wild," proffers a useful message that it's wise to clear the clutter every once in a while, especially during a painful transition, to take stock. *Rated R for sexual content, nudity, drug use and language. One hour, 55 minutes.* — P.C.

### MOVIE CRITICS

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■ HIGHLIGHT

## 'THE SNOW QUEEN' BY BAYER BALLET

Bayer Ballet Company will put on two productions of the ballet "The Snow Queen," a story about a spell capturing a young boy and his friend's adventure to rescue him. Dec. 20, 5:30 p.m.; Dec. 21, 2:30 p.m. \$40 orchestra level; \$30 balcony. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/dec14.html](http://www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/dec14.html)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Ebb & Flow'** For this exhibit, plein air pastelist Teresa Ruzzo will contribute new work inspired by the Russian River, Big Sur, the Palo Alto Baylands and the Stanford hills. Dec. 2-Jan. 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sundays til 3 p.m.) Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. [www.viewpointsgallery.com](http://www.viewpointsgallery.com)

**'Reflections'** Gallery 9 Los Altos will mount an exhibit of contemporary art by 28 different local artists, depicting landscapes, seascapes, abstract compositions and introspective reflection. Mediums will include painting, photography, metal work, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics and printmaking. Nov. 25-Dec. 30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Fake Food Fest: Gingerbread House** This Fake Food Fest event will lead participants, ages 16 and up, in making inedible gingerbread houses. All materials will be provided. Dec. 20, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Foothill College Winter Quarter registration** Registration for Winter Quarter 2015 classes at Foothill College is now open and will continue until Jan. 4, the day before classes begin. Winter Quarter will last until March 27. A search-able class schedule is available. Nov. 20-Jan. 4. \$31 per unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. [www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php](http://www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**Mountain View Tennis Club 2015 Membership** The Mountain View Tennis Club is offering new memberships for city residents until the end of the year at a special price of \$20. The club holds tournaments, sponsors USTA teams, has a ladder and promotes tennis within the community. Non-residents are also welcome. Nov. 20-Dec. 31. [www.mvtc.net](http://www.mvtc.net)

**Mountain View Woman's Club** Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization working on community projects that meets monthly. Guest are welcome at meetings. First Wednesday of each month, year-round, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-1570.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Drop-in Bike Clinic** The Mountain View Public Library will hold a monthly bike repair clinic, where community members can use the library's tools and receive assistance from professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy. Tasks he can help with include changing a tire, adjusting brakes and shifting, identifying noises and more. No registration is required. Third Saturday of the month, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Holiday Sing-Along with Linda Gibson** Linda Gibson will lead community members of all ages in singing holiday songs during this community event. Dec. 20, 11:30-12:30 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## CONCERTS

**California Pops Orchestra: 'Pops Very Merry Christmas'** The California Pops Orchestra will perform a holiday concert with both new and old favorites, including jazzy holiday hits, music from Disney's "Frozen" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and "White Christmas." Dec. 21, 3 p.m. \$15-\$37. Foothill College, Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos. [www.calpops.org/cposhows.html](http://www.calpops.org/cposhows.html)

## South Bay Gospel Holiday Concert

The seventh annual South Bay Gospel Holiday Concert, featuring a multicultural group performing black gospel music, directed by Terrance Kelly, will include gospel arrangements of holiday favorites. Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. \$36 general; \$31 senior, student; \$28 child (age 12 and under). Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/dec14.html](http://www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/dec14.html)

## DANCE

**For the Love of Dance classes** For the Love of Dance in Mountain View continues to offer its full suite of dance classes, including instruction in ballet, jazz, tap and other styles for both children and adults. See website for dates,

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## EXHIBITS

**'Beginning with Water'** This exhibit will showcase the work of Community School of Music and Arts faculty and students ages 5 to adult. Their work incorporates water as a material and as a theme. Dec. 12-Jan. 11, center hours. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

**'Silicon Valley: The Lure & the Legends'** The Los Altos History Museum will

have on display an exhibit called "Silicon Valley: The Lure & the Legends" which examines the reasons why this area turned from orchards to a technology hub. The exhibit will focus on local factors and figures who contributed to the transformation. Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 18-April 19, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.losaltoshistory.org/lure\\_legends.html](http://www.losaltoshistory.org/lure_legends.html)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Community Christmas Celebration** Vineyard Christian Fellowship of the Peninsula will hold a Christmas event, where there will be a potluck dinner, carols and a variety of activities for all ages. Visit the website for more info. Dec. 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center Pavilion, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-5727. [vcfp.org/event/676552-2014-12-21-community-christmas-celebration/](http://vcfp.org/event/676552-2014-12-21-community-christmas-celebration/)

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## FOOD AND DRINK

**Ugly Sweater Holiday Beer Tour** Bay Area Ale Trails will organize an Ugly Sweater Holiday Beer Tour, which will make a stop at Mountain View's Tied House brewery, as well as Freewheel Brewing Co. and Firehouse Grill & Brewery. Dec. 27. \$135. Tied House Brewery & Cafe, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 415-928-9841. [bayarealetrails.com/brewery-tours/brewery-tours/](http://bayarealetrails.com/brewery-tours/brewery-tours/)

## ON STAGE

**'Peter and the Starcatcher'** TheatreWorks will stage a holiday production of "Peter and the Starcatcher," a Tony Award-winning, adventure-filled sequel to "Peter Pan." See website for specific dates, timing and pricing. Dec. 3-Jan. 3. \$19-\$74. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1950. [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org)

## RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

**Insight Meditation South Bay** Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, followed by talks on Buddhist teachings. Nov. 11-Jan. 6, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. [www.imsb.org](http://www.imsb.org)



**'Super Villain!'** This irreverent comedy, written and directed by the Pear's James Kopp, will center on the super villain The Remote — after he has defeated his nemesis — while he explores issues of love and identity. Attendees must be age 13 or older. See the website for exact times and dates. Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 4-21, 2, 7 or 8 p.m. \$15. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. [www.thepear.org/season.htm](http://www.thepear.org/season.htm)

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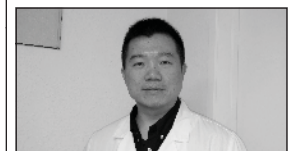
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