

Mountain View VOICE

MAY 15, 2015 VOLUME 23, NO. 16

www.MountainViewOnline.com

650.964.6300

MOVIES | 26



Time
to vote
PAGE 20



MICHELLE LE

Alfonso Barreras was honored by the French government for his service in World War II to liberate France from Nazi Germany.

Longtime resident inducted into French Legion of Honor

Rachel Lee

It's safe to say that there aren't too many residents of Mountain View who belong to the French Legion

of Honor. Alfonso Barreras, a 80-year-old Mountain View resident, is the latest to receive the honor.

Barreras, 90, was born in Arizona and said he was

raised in a working family where they "followed the crops for work."

The April 21 induction cer-

► See **LEGION OF HONOR**, page 7

Outdoor-ed camp worker suspect in child molestation, kiddie porn case

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN FIFTH-GRADERS ATTEND COUNTY-RUN WALDEN WEST CAMP

By Kevin Forestieri

An employee at the Walden West Science Camp in Saratoga is facing molestation charges following an investigation that found hundreds of images and videos of child pornography on his computer, according to the press release Santa Clara County Office of Education.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office arrested 27-year-old Edgar Covarrubias, who

worked at the Walden West camp in Saratoga, after detectives found hundreds of images and videos of child pornography on Covarrubias's personal computer and phone during a May 7 search at the camp, according to a press release by the sheriff's office.



Edgar
Covarrubias

Fifth-grade students in the Mountain View Whisman School District are among the kids who attend the county-run outdoor education camp, according to an email by Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly. Students from the district participated in the camp in Saratoga where Covarrubias worked. It was revealed this week that Covarrubias had contact with children at the

► See **OUTDOOR-ED CAMP**, page 7

Task force dumps new school plan

MODEST RECOMMENDATIONS ON SCHOOL BOUNDARIES REJECTS IDEA OF NINE SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

Plans for a new school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area of the city may be on the ropes after members of Mountain View Whisman School District's Boundary Advisory Task Force agreed last night that a new school would siphon too many students from existing schools and threaten a school closure in the future.

Members of the task force have a two-pronged mission: re-draw the district's attendance boundaries so schools like Huff Elementary aren't packed, and explore the feasibility of opening a new school in the northeast quadrant of Mountain View — an area that has no neighborhood school.

The task force, in a "thumbs up or thumbs down" vote, on Tuesday approved recommending new boundaries that would move children in the Whisman neighborhood currently zoned for Huff School into the Theuerkauf Elementary boundary. The proposal was considered an obvious change, as students had to cross much of the city, including Central Expressway and El Camino Real, to get to school. A wedge of Huff's boundary north of Grant Road was re-zoned for Bubb Elementary.

But the task force came down

hard against opening a new school, with task force member Thida Cornes saying the district does not have the enrollment it needs to fill seats at nine schools without pulling too many students away from existing schools. To do so risks a school closure elsewhere and compromises school programs at nearby Monta Loma, Landels and Theuerkauf elementary, she said.

"Our problem is, 'Can we get enough students at each school?'"

'People are going to be unhappy, particularly in the Whisman-Slater neighborhood (but) we can't make the numbers work.'

THIDA CORNES, TASK FORCE MEMBER

Cornes said. "Our enrollment doesn't support it. That's the simplest answer."

One of the problems identified by task force members was the potential reduction of classrooms per grade level from three to two at schools

like Monta Loma. Having three classes, or "strands," in each grade allows for "differentiated" learning tailored for groups of students in each classroom.

"We've barely got the numbers to have three-strand schools across the district," said task force member Jennifer Coogan.

Cornes and Coogan, along with Huff parent Magda Wilkinson and others, broke off last week into a smaller group to discuss over a dozen different boundary scenarios. The goal of

► See **TASK FORCE**, page 9

INSIDE

VIEWPOINT 22 | WEEKEND 24 | GOINGS ON 27 | MARKETPLACE 32 | REAL ESTATE 34

FIND YOUR PLACE



LOS ALTOS \$2,195,000

143 Lyell Street | 3bd/2ba
Kathy Bridgman | 650.941.1111



MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,998,000

466 Apricot Lane | 4bd/2.5ba
Lynn North | 650.941.1111



LOS GATOS \$1,850,000

15784 Linda Avenue | 4bd/3ba
Denise Welsh | 650.941.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:00-4:00



MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,598,000

487 Victory Avenue | 3bd/3ba
Jerylann Mateo | 650.941.1111



LOS ALTOS \$1,500,000

11691 Par Avenue | 3bd/2ba
Jeff Stricker & Steve TenBroeck | 650.941.1111



LOS ALTOS \$1,295,000

45 Woods Lane | 3bd/2ba
Cindi & Brittany Kodweis | 650.941.1111



SUNNYVALE \$1,250,000

913 E. Homestead Road | 3bd/2ba
Barbara Williams | 650.941.1111



MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,249,000

768 Alice Avenue | 3bd/2ba + 1bd/1ba
Cindi & Brittany Kodweis | 650.941.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



SANTA CLARA \$500,000

3901 Lick Mill Boulevard, Unit 209 | 1bd/1ba
Cheryl Okuno | 650.941.1111



See it all at
APR.COM

Los Altos Office 650.941.1111

f /alainpinelrealtors
t @alainpinelrealtors



Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Rachel Lee.

What would it take to get you to bike to work?



"Actually, the distance to my work place isn't too bad, so I'd say safer bike lanes."

Steven Hayashida, Sunnyvale



"The distance is difficult because I work in Mountain View, but live in Los Gatos. And there isn't any direct path from my house to get to (my workplace)."

Shana Nelson, Los Gatos



"Sometimes I do actually bike to work."

Roberto Nucera, Sunnyvale



"I would bike to work if there was a bike lane between my place and my workplace."

Victor Melamed, Sunnyvale



"Not to live in my place of work."

David Maur, Mountain View

Have a question for **Voices Around Town**? Email it to editor@mv-voice.com

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR DENTAL FAMILY!

The Best Compliment We Can Receive Is A Vote From You For Best Of Mountain View!

Easy Online Voting Starts Friday, April 24

www.MV-Voice.com/Best_Of

LET US HELP YOU BE HAPPY & HEALTHY

\$99

New Patient Special!

A \$366 VALUE!

Includes: Exam, Digital X-Rays & Cleaning

Offer valid for new patients only. Second opinions welcome. Call for details. Some restrictions may apply.

DR. WILLIAM HALL · DR. TIFFANY CHAN · DR. J. JANICE CHOU · DR. ROB VAN DEN BERG

100 W. El Camino Real, Suite 63A
Mountain View (Corner of El Camino & Calderon)

WWW.SMILESIDENTAL.COM | 650.564.3333

SMILES

DENTAL CARE

QUALITY · SATISFACTION · TRUST

Larry's knows Jeeps.

(& other American Vehicles)

You know you are dealing with experts when ...

- Technicians are Nationally Certified Masters
- Technicians receive over 40 hours of specialized training every year
- They are certified environmentally friendly
- All repairs are guaranteed in writing for 3 years/ 36,000 miles — no other shop does this!
- Each technician is a specialist on the vehicle they service.

"You can expect superb customer service, superior quality of work and attention to details. Without exception in 8 years, it has been "Done Right the First Time". They hire the best master mechanics they can find with the most expertise and it shows in the results."

— Pamela K W. from Sunnyvale

LARRY'S

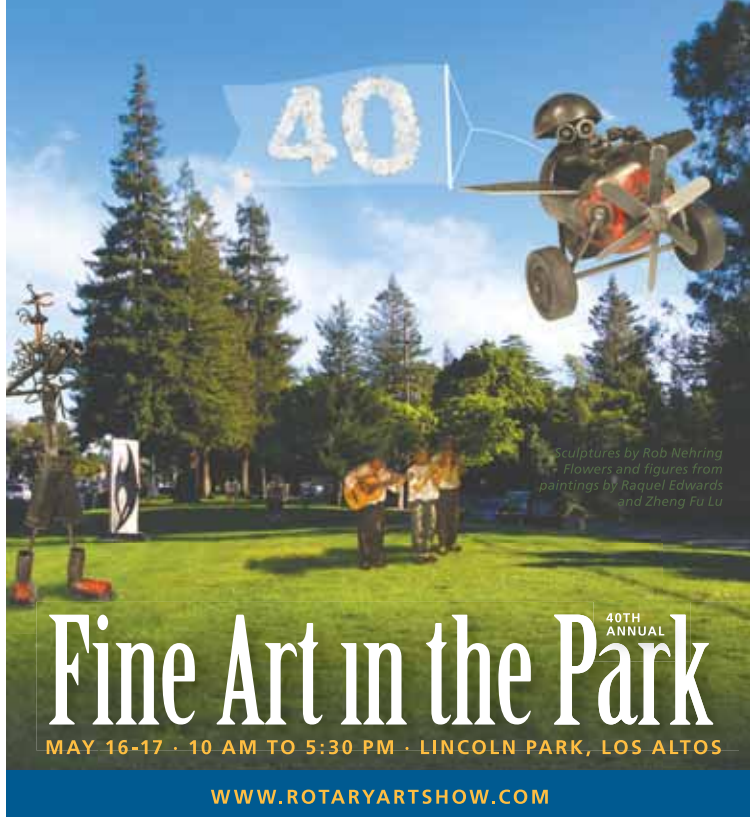
AutoWorks

When you want it right!

Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

2526 Leghorn Street, Mountain View

650-968-5202 | Autoworks.com



Fine Art in the Park
MAY 16-17 · 10 AM TO 5:30 PM · LINCOLN PARK, LOS ALTOS
WWW.ROTARYARTSHOW.COM

40TH ANNUAL

Sculptures by Rob Nehring
Flowers and figures from
paintings by Raquel Edwards
and Zheng Fu Lu



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

**Council Neighborhoods Committee
MOFFETT/WHISMAN ROAD AREA
Neighborhood Meeting**

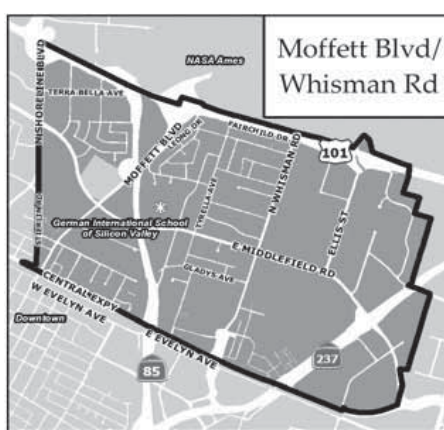
**German International School of Silicon Valley
310 Easy Street
May 28, 2015
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be meeting with residents in the Moffett/Whisman Road area on May 28, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below). Residents are encouraged to participate in a forum to discuss:

- What would you like to see changed in your neighborhood?
- How can the City work with your neighborhood to make it a better place to live?

This is an opportunity to make a difference in the future of your neighborhood and express your thoughts about ways to improve city services.

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



Moffett Blvd/
Whisman Rd

■ CRIME BRIEFS

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying three suspects who tried to purchase \$5,000 in goods from a store last month using a fraudulent credit card account.

The three suspects were seen entering a business on the 1000 block of N. Rengstorff Avenue on April 19 at around 2 p.m. They attempted to buy the goods using the personal information of someone else to set up the credit card. Police suspect that all three people were involved in similar attempts in both San Mateo and San Carlos.

One suspect is described a Hispanic woman, about 5 feet, 7 inches tall weighing 160 pounds and possibly pregnant, who had tattoos reading "Jose" on her right upper forearm as well as the

back of her neck. The other two suspects are described as Hispanic men, both about 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighing 170 pounds. They were seen driving away in a black Ford Expedition.

Anyone with information about the suspects is encouraged to call 650-903-6362 and refer to case number 15-2056.

ARREST FOR THREATS

A Palo Alto man was arrested in Mountain View near the Safeway on San Antonio Road last week after he threatened to harm someone. He later returned to the same area and police arrested him.

The victim, 21-year-old Mountain View man, was walking in a crosswalk at 645 San Antonio

► See **CRIME BRIEFS**, page 17

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 5/6
600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/6
2100 block Leghorn St., 5/7
2100 block W. El Camino Real, 5/7
600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/7
600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/11
100 block Ada Av., 5/11

BATTERY

1 block Paragon Ct., 5/6
400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 5/6
200 block Castro St., 5/10

400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 5/10

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

400 block W. El Camino Real, 5/11

GRAND THEFT

1000 block Grant Rd., 5/7
1300 block Pear Av., 5/8
2500 block California St., 5/11

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

100 block Estrada Dr., 5/8

STOLEN VEHICLE

1 block Pioneer Way, 5/7

TERRORIST THREATS

600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/7

VANDALISM

200 block W. El Camino Real, 5/7
100 block Ortega Av., 5/8
100 block Mayfield Av., 5/8
2400 block W. El Camino Real, 5/9
900 block Clark Av., 5/10
1 block Sierra Vista Av., 5/11
600 block N. Whisman Rd., 5/11
1300 block Dale Av., 5/11
100 block Fairchild Dr., 5/11

Healthy Teeth and Gums That Last A Lifetime!



DENTAL FABULOUS
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

**Don't Wait! Call 650.969.6077
for your appointment today!**

- Voted Best Dentist 2014
- Experienced and Gentle Dentist, and Friendly Staff
- Caring Treatment that Focuses on Your Comfort
- Our Patients Love to Refer Us to Family and Friends
- New Patients Welcome!



Conveniently located in Downtown Mountain View
756 California Street, Suite B Mountain View 94041
cross street: Castro, next to Bierhaus

650.969.6077
dentalfabulous.com





MAGALI GAUTHIER

KIDS TAKE MATH CHALLENGES BY STORM

Hundreds of kids showed up at the Google campus over the weekend to celebrate after three months of challenging themselves with tough math problems through Khan Academy's LearnStorm program. More than 70,000 students participated in the Bay Area, but only 300 got to participate in the grand finale event at Google. Among the students who won Saturday's "Team Challenge" was eighth-grade Crittenden student Robyn Watson. The event included prizes and a closing ceremony with Khan Academy founder Sal Khan.

Parcel tax renewal on the horizon for MV Whisman schools

BOARD MEMBERS CONSIDERING A HIGHER FLAT-RATE TAX

By Kevin Forestieri

Election season is still comfortably far away, but Mountain View Whisman school board members are looking to get a head start on drafting a new parcel tax to hit

the ballot box as soon as March of next year.

The new tax would need to be set at \$191 per parcel to maintain the district's current revenue, which is a little less than \$2.9 million annually. Some board members said it

might be time to bring that number up above \$200 per parcel, promising district residents big ticket items to improve the city's schools.

► See **PARCEL TAX**, page 6

Luring kids back to hot lunch

\$300K IN KITCHEN EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS COMING TO MV WHISMAN DISTRICT

By Kevin Forestieri

School officials in Mountain View have been pushing for what they call "21st century learning" in the classroom for years. But back in the kitchens, every elementary and middle school in the city is stuck in the 20th century, with aging equipment used to cook up food that fewer and fewer kids are finding

palatable.

But after a year of big changes and upgrades to its school lunch program, the Mountain View Whisman School District appears to be reversing that negative trend, introducing new meals and committing \$300,000 in additional funds to update kitchen equipment so kids can look forward to tastier lunches when they head to the cafeteria.

A report by Lunch Lessons LLC last year found the district's child nutrition department was losing as much as \$144,000 a year due to dwindling student participation in the school lunch program, and recommended a sizable revamp to the district's kitchen facilities and a fresh new menu. That's when the district

► See **SCHOOL LUNCH**, page 13

Housing dealt setback in North Bayshore decision

COUNCIL EXPECTS REVISED PLANS FROM GOOGLE

By Mark Noack

Through last year's election and a string of subsequent policy decisions, Mountain View officials signaled they wanted to transform North Bayshore's office parks into a viable mixed-use neighborhood — a village where tech workers could live, work and shop. By adding thousands of new homes, city officials reasoned they could clamp down on traffic congestion as well as ease the citywide housing shortage.

But is that vision of techville still feasible? Last week's council decision to divide up bonus development rights in North Bayshore could be seen as a big setback to that goal. In a 4-3 vote, council members threw their support behind splitting 2.2 million square feet in office expansion between four sites, none of which were marked for further residential study by the city.

Much of the future for the neighborhood rests squarely on Google, the chief landowner in North Bayshore. In the run-up to the North Bayshore decision, Google representatives had strongly pushed for housing,

indicating they could add as many as 5,000 homes as part of their plan to build a glass-domed office complex. But they warned that bringing housing into the equation would be contingent on meeting the company's office needs.

But that strategy backfired. In the end, the search-engine company received approval for only one site, which had no identified housing component. Meanwhile

LinkedIn, which resisted incorporating housing into its plans, emerged from the deliberations with more than two thirds of the total bonus space.

Explaining his thinking behind the decision, Mayor John McAlister said he put a premium on LinkedIn's proposal because it is strategic gateway location just off Highway 101. McAlister insisted that housing wasn't being jettisoned. It

would remain on the table in discussions going forward since that is a big concern for companies in the neighborhood.

"I have all the confidence in the world that Google will work hard to provide housing and transit solutions for their employees," the mayor said.

With so much competition for

► See **NORTH BAYSHORE**, page 11



MICHELLE LE

Jackie Scharff stacks freshly baked blueberry muffins to cool in the kitchen at Crittenden Middle School in September.

In Concert

Alexander Stroud

With 24 Strings,
as heard on NPR's From The Top

Saturday May 30th, 2015

••• 2pm •••

Mountain View High School
3535 Truman Avenue, Mountain View

Raise your Mental Health IQ

In honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, El Camino Hospital Mental Health Services and Palo Alto Medical Foundation will be offering free community lectures. Events are open to the public. No registration required.

MONDAY, MAY 18

Stress within the Asian Teen Community 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Christine Bautista, LMFT

Family & Children Services Program Manager,
Asian Americans for Community Involvement
(AACI)

El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Campus
Conference rooms A&B (ground floor)

Teen Stress and Stress Management 12 – 1 p.m.

Dan Becker, MD

Chief Medical Director, Psychiatry,
Mills-Peninsula Hospital

El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Campus
Conference rooms A&B (ground floor)

Understanding Autism 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Pilar Bernal, MD

Associate Medical Director, After School
Program Interventions and Resiliency
Education (ASPIRE), El Camino Hospital
Palo Alto Medical Foundation

3rd floor Conference Center
701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Interventional Psychiatry in the Treatment of Depression 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Katherine Taylor, MD

Medical Director of Brain Stimulation,
El Camino Hospital
El Camino Hospital, Los Gatos Campus,
Conference room 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Immigrant Women and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

James Livingston, PhD

Senior Staff Psychologist for Center for
Survivors of Torture, Asian Americans for
Community Involvement (AACI)
El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Campus
Conference room E (ground floor)

Meeting the Mental Health Needs of the Community: The Role of Hospitals 12 – 1 p.m.

Michael Fitzgerald, APRN

Executive Director, Behavioral
Health Services El Camino Hospital
El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Campus
Conference room E (ground floor)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Mental Health and the Justice System 12 – 1 p.m.

Thomas E. Kuhnle

Judge, Superior Court of California
El Camino Hospital, Mountain View Campus
Conference room C (ground floor)

Mental Health Treatment for Women in the South Asian Community 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Nirmaljit Dhami, MD

Medical Director Maternal Outreach Mood
Services (MOMS), El Camino Hospital and
Simran Singh, MD, Palo Alto Medical
Foundation
Palo Alto Medical Foundation
3rd Floor Conference Center
701 E. El Camino Real, Mountain View

PARCEL TAX

► Continued from page 5

The current parcel tax, Measure C, is set to expire June 30, 2017.

Even if the school district settles for breaking even at \$191 per parcel, many home owners in Mountain View will end up paying more as the district transitions away from a tiered parcel tax system, where larger parcels pay the school district more money. Measure C, for example, levied a \$127 parcel tax for properties of less than 8,000 square feet, all the way up to \$1,016 for parcels larger than 44,000 square feet.

Doing away with this system amounts to a \$64 annual increase for most owners of single-family homes, a 50 percent jump from the current \$127.

The move away from a tiered system is more of a legal requirement than anything else. In a 2008 lawsuit against Alameda Unified School District over a parcel tax measure, the California Court of Appeals ruled that taxing properties for different amounts goes against state government code, which requires school districts to only levy taxes "that apply uniformly to all taxpayers or all real property within the school district." Alameda Unified now has to set aside \$5.8 million from its reserves to cover refunds in the coming years from the ill-gotten tax money.

"The prevailing (legal) interpretation is that variable rate parcel tax structures are no longer compliant with California law," said Charles Heath, a political consultant who has worked on numerous parcel tax campaigns in the Bay Area.

At the May 7 Mountain View Whisman board meeting, Heath said the district's lawyer was "unambiguous" in saying it's time to move on to a flat-rate parcel tax.

"The only legal mechanism at this point in California is a single rate applied to all parcels," he said.

Measure C passed in June 2008 with over 80 percent of the vote, and poured millions of dollars annually into class-size reduction, music and arts programs, after-school programs, support for English-language learners and maintaining libraries. It also contributed to staff development for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE).

Board president Chris Chiang said the new parcel tax could be an opportunity for the school district to make a push for additional funds for early childhood educa-

tion, more science, education, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses, and a continued reduction in class sizes.

"I think that we should try to push for big items and use the parcel tax as a referendum on if the community really support it," Chiang said.

Neighboring Palo Alto Unified School District passed a parcel tax increase of \$120 to \$758 per parcel, which would bring in close to \$14.7 million each year in revenue — over five times the amount the Mountain View Whisman School District receives.

The story is the same for other nearby school districts. Los Altos School District, which draws about 20 percent of its students from Mountain View, raked in just shy of \$10 million in parcel taxes in the 2014-15 school year, which amounts to a flat \$790 per parcel. Menlo Park City School District has four parcel taxes currently levied, which in the 2014-15 school year amounted to \$6.4 million in supplemental funding for schools.

"I'm raring to go," said board member Ellen Wheeler. "I'd love for us to be able to do more than we currently are able to do."

While Mountain View Whisman's parcel tax doesn't expire until summer of 2017, Heath advised the board to start looking at a parcel tax renewal sooner rather than later to avoid a possible gap in revenue if the tax fails to pass with a two-thirds majority. He said it really doesn't take much "disruption" to fall under that threshold, and the loss of funds would carry significant consequences.

"You probably don't want to wait until that last possible moment to consider your renewal and place that measure on the ballot," he said.

Heath suggested putting the parcel tax on the May ballot next year during a mail-in special election. While board member Greg Coladonato said he would prefer to put in on the June or November ballot, citing that it would be more democratic with the greater voter turnout, Wheeler said it would be a hard sell on a ballot full of other tax measures.

"The reason not to hold it in June is that everybody and their brother is going to have a tax issue on that ballot. Trying to get our school district's parcel tax passed in such a crowded ballot doesn't bode well for us," Wheeler said. ▀

Email Kevin Forestieri at
kforestieri@mv-voice.com



www.elcaminohospital.org



www.pamf.org

LEGION OF HONOR

► Continued from page 1

emony of took place at the San Francisco home of Pauline Carmona, the Consulate General of France. Barreras was among eight World War II veterans who were honored.

"It was a very personal and heartfelt ceremony ... and after the ceremony, many photos and stories (were) exchanged. It was truly a wonderful day for the veterans and their families," said Barreras' niece, Mitzi Johnston.

The French Legion of Honor was established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1892. The Order is the highest decoration in France and is distinguished by five degrees. Barreras was awarded the Chevalier or Knight distinction for his service in the United States Army. "I was chosen for this award for my service during World War II, fighting on the front lines in France from the shores of Normandy, helping to liberate France from Germany," Barreras said.

Barreras was drafted into the war in 1943 at age 18 and served as a rifleman assigned to the 79th Infantry Division. While the war took place decades ago,



Left: Alfonso Barreras looks over a photo book from the French Legion of Honor ceremony, made by his son. **Right:** Barreras holds his medal of recognition.

he distinctly recalls the members of his squad and an incident that led him to be reported missing. During the war, one of his fellow soldiers had been seriously wounded and he accompanied the wounded man who was being transported to the medics.

"I was gone from my squad for a few days. My squad didn't know where I was, so I was reported missing. It took me two days to return to my squad," Barreras said. "All but

myself and one other soldier from our original were squad were injured or killed."

Barreras received an honorable discharge on February 1, 1946.

After the war, Barreras said he initially had difficulties sleeping in a normal bed after sleeping on the ground for so long.

"I slept on the floor or with

boards under my bed for some time before I could sleep in a soft comfortable bed," Barreras said. ▀

Email Rachel Lee at rlee@mv-voice.com

OUTDOOR-ED CAMP

► Continued from page 1

camp, despite initial claims to the contrary made by the camp director. Covarrubias was charged with committing a lewd and lascivious act with a child, according to a May 11 letter to district parents from Jon Gundry, the county's superintendent of schools. Covarrubias worked as a substitute recreation assistant and evening facilities monitor.

"Covarrubias did have at least some opportunity to be alone with students, the extent of which is the subject of an ongoing investigation," Gundry wrote.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education will be running its own independent investigation into the practices at Walden West to determine "how this happened and how we can be sure nothing like this will ever happen again," Gundry wrote in the email.

The Santa Clara County Office of Education has removed Covarrubias from his position and he is no longer an employee for the county. A substitute recreation assistant and evening facilities monitor has taken his place at the camp, according to an email sent to parents by Skelly.

Covarrubias had passed all the background screening for

employment, including "fingerprint clearance" from the department of justice, Skelly wrote in the email.

"This is probably an opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child about safety," Skelly wrote to parents. "If they noticed anything inappropriate, please contact us right away."

Fifth and sixth-grade teachers at Mountain View Whisman schools will talk to students who went to Walden West and be will be available to students if they have any concerns, Skelly added in a May 13 email to parents.

The investigation into Covarrubias began when detectives from the county's Sexual Assault Felony Task Force (SAFE) received information from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which tracks downloads and exchanges of child pornography across international borders. Investigators identified Covarrubias as someone who was downloading the illicit content.

Covarrubias has worked at the Walden West Science Camp since August 2013.

The county sheriff's office is urging anyone with information on the case to contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office SAFE Task Force at 408-808-4300 or safetaskforce@sheriff.sccgov.org. ▀

EVER BITTEN OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW?



If you're missing any permanent adult teeth, it can definitely feel that way sometimes. Eating mouth-watering, delicious foods can be more of a pain than it's worth.

Dental implants are ideal for replacing missing teeth and can make eating enjoyable again. It will also help retain the natural shape of your face and jaw line by reducing bone loss. Dental implants look great, feel natural and last a long time.

Call Dr. McEvoy at 650-969-2600 for your free implant consultation.

Then make a reservation at your favorite restaurant and prepare to eat with abandon!



As a Diplomat of the Board of Oral Implantology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry, Dr. McEvoy has the highest level of certification possible.

This means you can have your implant managed by just one highly trained doctor and you'll soon be smiling again.

Patrick E. McEvoy
DDS, FAGD
The Art of Science of Dentistry



COSMETIC DENTISTRY • ONE TREATMENT LASER WHITENING • NO-PREP VENEERS
CEREC (ONE VISIT CROWNS) • GENERAL DENTISTRY • SEDATION DENTISTRY

105 South Dr., Ste. 200, Mountain View | www.drmcevoy.com 969-2600

THANK YOU

**WE SALUTE OUR EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYEES,
PHYSICIANS AND VOLUNTEERS.**

We want to express our gratitude and appreciation for our extraordinary staff. It is thanks to them that we offer a level of clinical excellence that serves our community and draws patients from far and wide. Besides caring for over 130,000 patients a year, our staff plays an invaluable role in keeping the community healthy. We thank our employees, physicians and volunteers for their hard work, commitment, and contribution to the wellbeing of our patients, families, and communities.

Thank our staff by sharing your appreciation on our Facebook page at
www.facebook.com/elcaminohospital



*El Camino Hospital thanks all of our dedicated employees
in honor of National Hospital Week, May 10-16*

Two campuses • 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View • 815 Pollard Road, Los Gatos

800-216-5556 www.elcaminohospital.org    

TASK FORCE

► Continued from page 1

the group members was to try their best to make nine schools work, but they said they couldn't find one they felt comfortable with, according to Terese McNamee, chief business officer for the district.

"This group really banged heads with each other trying to come up with this," McNamee said.

Changing course

McNamee acknowledged at the meeting that it may seem a little anticlimactic for the task force to recommend tweaks to the boundaries when big decisions regarding schools opening, closing or relocating were all on the table at some point, including moving the district's Dual Immersion program from the Castro campus and closing Theuerkauf to make room for the Stevenson Parent, Child Teacher (PACT) program.

A Monta Loma parent at the meeting commended the task force for focusing on hard data rather than what the community wished it could have in deciding whether to open a ninth school. She said Monta Loma has made great progress improving student performance at the school, and that it would be a significant blow to the Monta Loma community if enrollment was siphoned away to fill up a Whisman school.

"If you shrink the school, it would be like kicking the chair out from under us," she said.

By choosing to recommend against a new school, the task force reversed course from the

school board's 3-2 straw poll in March that supported opening a school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area.

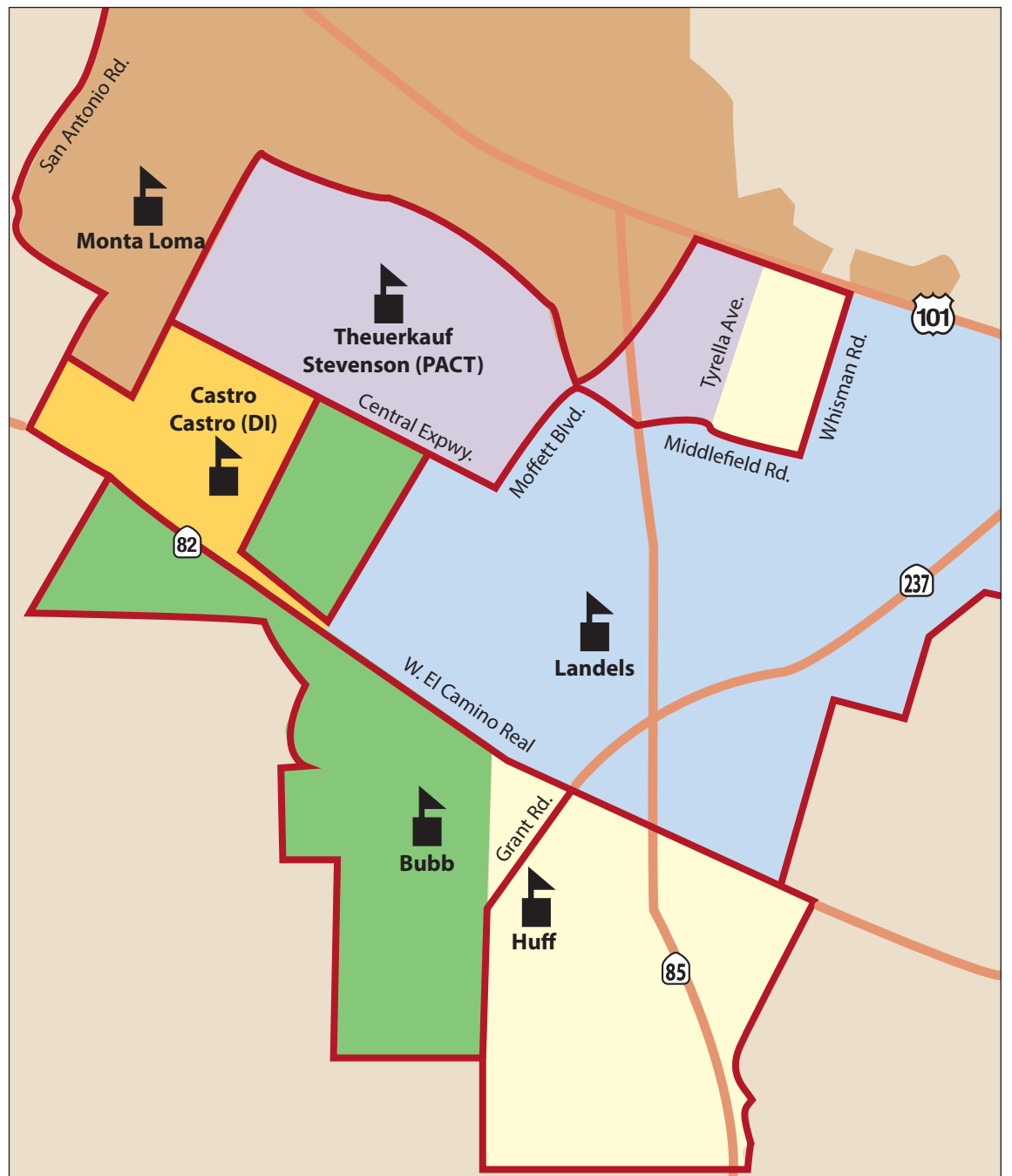
Board member Greg Coladonato said the boundary adjustments to Huff recommended by the task force would help alleviate some of the overcrowding at the school, but it may not be "sufficient" to meet the long-term goals for the district. The task force recommendations would continue to leave the northeast quadrant of the city without a neighborhood school in the area.

Task force member Peter Darrah suggested that the reasoning behind the rejection of the nine-school scenarios be included in the recommendations to the board, which he said they really owe to Whisman residents like Bob Weaver, who has been a vocal proponent of opening a new school for years.

Despite the expected disappointment for some resident, Cornes maintained that it was the best decision the task force could make with the enrollment assumptions they had. Enrollment forecasts show that, despite the booming economy, all the people moving into the city and all the new residential areas in the pipeline, enrollment is expected to flatten out and even decline in the next five years.

"This is not where we make everyone happy and the unicorns come out. This is reality," Cornes said. "Yeah, people are going to be unhappy, particularly in the Whisman-Slater neighborhood (but) we can't make the numbers work." ■

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com



Proposed boundaries, in red, take portions of Huff Elementary's (yellow) attendance boundaries and moves them to Theuerkauf and Bubba. Photo courtesy of the Mountain View Whisman School District.

SUPPORT LOCAL
JOURNALISM

Support
Mountain
View Voice's
coverage of
our community.

Memberships
begin at only
17¢ per day

Join today:
SupportLocalJournalism.org

You're Invited!

*Avenidas Lifetimes of
Achievement 2015*

**Sunday, May 17, 2015
3:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join us for a garden party honoring
six distinguished seniors who have
made significant professional
and community contributions:

**Barbara Carlitz
Ann DeBusk
Bob Harrington
Gib Myers
Mary and Allan Seid**

Call (650) 289-5445 or
visit www.avenidas.org for
tickets and event location.

 **Avenidas**

Inspirations

a guide to the spiritual community

LOS ALTOS LUTHERAN

Bringing God's Love and Hope to All

 Children's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Pastor David K. Bonde
Outreach Pastor Gary Berkland

460 South El Monte (at Cuesta)
650-948-3012
www.losaltoslutheran.org

To include your
Church in
Inspirations
Please call
Blanca Yoc
at 650-223-6596
or email
byoc@pawekly.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTRAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Services: Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Study Groups: 10-11 a.m.

Pastor Kenny Fraser, B.A.M. DIV

1425 Springer Rd., Mtn. View - Office Hrs. M-F 9am-1pm
www.mtviewda.adventistfaith.org Phone: 650-967-2189

We're Hiring Full-Time News Reporter

The Almanac, an award-winning community newspaper and online news source that covers the towns of Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside, is looking for an enterprising full-time news reporter with a passion for local journalism.

The ideal candidate will have experience covering local government and community news and the skills to dig up and write engaging news and feature stories for print and online. Our reporters produce monthly cover stories.

We're seeking someone who is motivated, eager to learn, able to quickly turn out finished copy, and who lives in or near the Almanac coverage area. Social media skills are a plus.

This is a fully benefited position with paid vacations, health and dental benefits, profit sharing and a 401(k) plan.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three samples of your journalism work to Editor Richard Hine at editor@AlmanacNews.com.

The **Almanac**

CITY OFFERS PRIZE FOR BEST NEW APP

Mountain View officials launched a contest this week to come up with ideas for a smartphone app to improve the town, with the top three ideas to win cash prizes.

Through June 1, the city is accepting pitches from individuals for the best smartphone app that will facilitate ways for city workers, service providers and citizens to engage with each other, city officials said.

The winning entry will receive \$2,000, while second place receives \$1,000 and third place receives \$500. All contestants must be at least 14 years old, per the contest rules.

Judges will announce the top 10 finalists on June 15. A community showcase of the top ideas will take place in August,

and residents will get to vote on their favorites, city officials said.

Mountain View has already jumped on the smartphone bandwagon with other community-service apps. The city library branch offers a free catalog search tool for smartphones while local emergency responders use PulsePoint, a GPS app that notifies users of nearby incidents. Since 2013, the city has also offered "Ask MV," a free app that allows citizens to report minor problems like potholes or graffiti.

For the new app contest, the city wants participants to provide a working prototype for the showcase in August. On the city's website are links to free developer tools that do not require coding skills. More information on the rules and selection criteria is available at www.mountainview.gov/appschallenge.

—Mark Noack

make for coping veterans.

"Through Guitars for Vets, many struggling veterans have found a way to center themselves, escape the stresses of day-to-day life, and become positively involved in their community," Salinero said. "By founding a chapter of Guitars for Vets at the Sacramento VA Medical Center, I hope to bring these therapeutic benefits to veterans in my community."

This program will provide guitars and individualized guitar instruction at no cost to veterans in Sacramento struggling with physical injuries, PTSD and other emotional distress. Saturday morning guitar lessons, taught by community volunteers, are also scheduled to begin at the end of June.

"Ultimately, I hope to share my love of the guitar and to make a real difference in the life of each Veteran who participates in the program," Salinero said.

For more information about the Strauss scholarship and foundation, visit www.straussfoundation.org.



Gabe Pethtel

MV STUDENT WINS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Salinero of Mountain View is a recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship from the Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship Foundation. The Strauss scholarships fund public-service projects that students have proposed and intend to conduct during their junior or senior year.

Salinero, a U.C. Davis student, plans to found a chapter of Guitars for Vets at the Sacramento Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mather. Salinero has been playing guitar since she was 8 years old and said she has witnessed the difference a guitar can

LACS HIRES NEW PRINCIPAL

The board of Los Altos Christian Schools (LACS) has announced the appointment of Gabe Pethtel to be the new principal. Pethtel, who will assume the role on July 6, has spent over

► See **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**, page 11

Look for Advertised Sale Items Everyweek at
www.petclubstores.com

PET CLUB is Excited to Offer: Blue Buffalo, California Natural, Chicken Soup, Earth Born, Evo, Innova, Diamond Naturals, Pinnacle, Taste of the Wild, & Royal Canin Pet Foods

At Blossom Hill & Snell 5625 Snell Ave. San Jose CA. 95123 408-363-6068 M-F 9-8, SAT 9-7, SUN 10-7 Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	1010 N. Rengstorff Mountain View, CA. (Next to Costco) 650-988-1316 M-F 9-8, Sat 9-7, Sun 10-7	PET CLUB FOOD AND SUPPLIES EVERYDAY LOW PRICES Super Discount Prices* Hot Specials & Coupons (Short term promotions from vendors) (No Membership Fees)	COUPON FREE 2 CANS OF CAT FOOD 5.5 Oz Tin All Varieties Frisies (Selected Indoor Included) & Lives OR 1 CAN DOG FOOD 13 - 13.2 Oz Tin All Varieties Pedigree & Alpo With Any Purchase of Pet, Fish Food, or Supply Limit 1 PLU 321 Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family MV Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	COUPON \$150 OFF ANY PURCHASE OF PET OR FISH SUPPLY (Excluding Pet Food or Litter) Cannot be used in conjunction with advertised sale items or similar percentage or dollar off coupons. Limit 1. PLU 324 Limit: 1 Coupon Per Family MV Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15
BLUE BUFFALO DRY DOG FOOD •Chicken & Rice (Reg & Lrg Breed) •Fish & Sweet Potato (Reg & Lrg Breed) •Puppy (Reg & Lrg Breed) •Senior (Reg & Lrg Breed) •Lamb & Rice •Healthy Weight 30 Lb Bag Limit 2 bags AS MARKED \$5 OFF Our Regular Low Prices! Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	NATURAL BALANCE ULTRA-PREMIUM DRY DOG FOOD •Potato & Duck, 26 Lb •Reduced Calorie, 28 Lb •Regular, 30 Lb \$5 OFF Our Super Low Prices Limit 2 Bags Per Family Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	WELLNESS DRY DOG FOOD 30 Lb Bag •Chicken •Lamb •White Fish •Senior •Healthy Weight 26 Lb \$46.99 •Large Breed Adult 30 Lb 3 FREE Wellness can dog food 12.5 oz with each purchase Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	PURINA KIT N' KABOODLE DRY CAT FOOD 16 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$8.99 Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	
FRISKIES BUFFET CANNED CAT FOOD 5.5 Oz All Varieties 4/\$1.89 Limit 2 Cases Per Family Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	FUSSIE CAT PREMIUM CANNED CAT FOOD All Varieties 2.8 Oz Limit 2 Cases Per Family 20/\$13.00 Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	TIDY CATS SCOOP SCOOPABLE CAT LITTER 20 Lb Jug •Regular •Multiple Cat Formula Limit 2 Jugs Per Family \$5.99 Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	HI-COUNTRY WILD BIRD SEED 20 Lb Bag (Kaytee, 20 Lbs - \$8.99) (Audubon Friends, 20 Lbs - \$5.99) Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$5.99 Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15	

FANCY FEAST DRY CAT FOOD (Purina One All Varieties 3 Lb. \$5.99) 3 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags \$5.49	EVERCLEAN PREMIUM CAT LITTER •ES Scented •ES Unscented •Low Track 25 Lb. Box Limit 2 Boxes \$10.99	NUTRO MAX MAX CAT DRY CAT FOOD •Adult •Indoor Chicken •Salmon 16 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$17.99
MERRICK'S GOURMET CANNED DOG FOOD 13.2 Oz. All Varieties Limit 2 Cases On Sale	PESTELL CLUMPING CAT LITTER 40 Lb. Bag Limit 2 Bags \$8.49	KAL KAN CESAR SELECT DINNERS DOG FOOD All Varieties 3.5 Oz Limit 2 Cases 69¢
CANIDAE DRY DOG FOOD FOR ALL LIFE STAGES •Chicken Meal & Rice •Lamb Meal & Rice •Platinum 30 Lbs. •All Life Stage - 44 Lbs Limit 2 Bags \$2 OFF OUR SUPER DISCOUNT PRICES	WHISKAS DRY CAT FOOD With Savory Nuggets 15 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags Per Family \$9.99	NUTRO CANNED CAT FOOD SALE Limit •Selected Varieties Max 55¢ Natural Choice 75¢ 2 Cases 3 oz
FRESH STEP CAT LITTER 21 Lb Bag (14 Lb Bag - \$4.19) Limit 2 Bags \$5.99	ZIGNATURE DRY DOG FOOD Limit 2 Bags •Turkey •Lamb •Duck •Trout/Salmon •Essential 13.5 Lb \$3.00 OFF \$5.00 OUR SUPER LOW PRICES As Marked	MILK-BONE DOG BISCUITS Large 10 Lb Box Flavor Snacks 7 Lb Box \$9.99 \$8.99

MIDWEST METAL PRODUCTS •Exercise Pens •Crates All •Ovation Trainer •iCrate Varieties 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES	FLUVAL FILTER SALE MODEL...TANK...PET CLUB SALE 106...25 GAL...\$84.99 206...40 GAL...\$99.99 MODEL...TANK...PET CLUB SALE 306...70 GAL...\$129.99 406...100 GAL...\$174.99
BARKWORTHIES ALL NATURAL DOG CHEWS •Bully Sticks •Antlers •Treats All Varieties 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES	TETRA BOXED 10 GALLON TANK With Economy Kit Just add Heater For Tropical Fish \$39.99 Limit 1 Per Family
•V.I.P. •VOTOP •X-Pet Dog & Cat Toys All Varieties 20% OFF OUR SUPER LOW PRICES	REPTILE SUPPLY SALE Zoo Med Reptibark 8 Qt.\$5.49 Tetra Reptomin 3.7 Oz.\$3.79 Tetra Reptomin 10.59 Oz.\$8.49 KORDON CORAL SEA 50 GAL SALT MIX WITH AMQUEL \$11.99

BONUS COUPON JONNY CAT PREMIUM CAT LITTER 10 Lb Bag Limit 2 Bags With Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15 \$1.59 MV PLU 365	BONUS COUPON WHISKAS ALL NATURAL TEMPTATIONS CAT TREATS All Varieties - 2.4 Oz Limit 2 Pkgs with Coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15 \$1.29 MV PLU 423	BONUS COUPON FANCY FEAST GOURMET CANNED CAT FOOD 3 Oz - All Varieties except Elegant & Morning Medley Limit 2 cases with coupon Limit One Coupon Per Family Price Valid Only With Coupon Effective 5/13/15 - 5/19/15 20/\$11.00 MV PLU 361
---	--	--

GIFTS & GADGETS FOR YOUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



SHOP ONLINE • IN-STORE PICK-UP

Complimentary Gift Wrap

Create your shopping wish list online, too!

173 Main Street, Los Altos, CA 650.941.6043

www.AdventureToysLosAltos.com

ADVENTURE
Toys
A TEACHER'S SUPPLIES



NORTH BAYSHORE

► Continued from page 5

office development rights, it was inevitable that the Mountain View council members would have disappointed applicants, but critics complained that the outcome treated housing as an afterthought.

Councilman Lenny Siegel warned that the decision would lead to more of the same sprawling office parks already occupying North Bayshore. He urged to council to wait and finish a housing study to find out how much office space could be freed up by building homes.

"It sounded like some council members think the way out of this rut is simply to authorize more office development," Siegel wrote in an email on Tuesday. "I've urged Google to continue to working with the community to design something we can all be proud of."

Google representatives at the meeting said they had left untouched property that would be suitable for future housing, including affordable units for low- and middle-income workers not affiliated with company. David Radcliffe, Google's vice president of real estate, explained that the company needed at least 1.5 million square feet of bonus office space to make it "economically viable" to invest in residential growth.

"Housing is a core ingredient for our success," he said at the meeting. "Our assets are our people, and being able to accommodate them in reasonably priced housing is key."

'I have all the confidence in the world that Google will work hard to provide housing and transit solutions for their employees.'

MAYOR JOHN MCALISTER

In the days following the meeting, Google representatives struck a diplomatic tone, thanking the city for advancing one of the four sites — an eight-story building off Landings Drive that was a top priority for construction. But the company declined to give any details on how the city's decision would impact its broader plans in North Bayshore.

When it comes to office space, Google has plenty of other irons in the fire throughout Mountain View, said Randy Tsuda, the city's community development director. The company is renovating projects throughout town, and just last week, the company reportedly finished work and began mov-

ing employees inside a 550,000 square-foot building off Mayfield Avenue.

In fact, two other applicants considered last week for North Bayshore office space, Broadreach Capital and the Sobrato Organization, both indicated their proposed buildings would likely be leased to Google.

Speaking on Wednesday, Councilman Chris Clark said he felt that city leaders were overwhelmed by trying to balance housing and office plans as well as the merits of each proposal. While Google offered the most attractive package in terms of benefits for the whole community, those amenities were barely discussed by the council, he said.

Clark was in the minority in opposing last week's council decision because he said he wanted Google to get clearance for a second building site. Nevertheless, Clark said he was hopeful that the company would still find a way to work within its constraints.

"Google will be able to come back once we have a much better idea from the housing study," he said. "My 10,000-foot view is: If Google can move forward with their proposal, we'll find a way to do it." ■

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

► Continued from page 10

17 years in the field of education as a teacher, coach, principal and head of school.

Pethtel has previously served as the head of school at Coastal Christian High School in Wilmington, North Carolina, high school principal at Norfolk Christian Schools in Norfolk, Virginia, and as principal of middle/high school at Lititz Christian School in Lititz, Pennsylvania.

And according to a press

release from LACS, Pethtel received a bachelor's degree in English, a secondary education degree from Ball State University in 1997, and master's degree in educational leadership from Cedarville University in 2011.

Pethtel's philosophy on Christian education also aligns with the vision and goal of LACS, according to school officials. He will succeed Susan Goff, the current principal who has been with Los Altos Christian Schools for over 20 years.

—Rachel Lee

*New to the area
or new to dance?*

Silicon Valley's dance leader will be accepting registration for the 2015-2016 dance season beginning in April.

Call today to make sure you are on our New Student Mailing List.

408-257-3211
officeteam@danceacademyusa.com
www.danceacademyusa.com
 21269 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 618 • Cupertino



Like us on **facebook**

www.facebook.com/MountainViewVoice

Sales Administrative Assistant

Embarcadero Media, publishers of the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac, Mountain View Voice, Pleasanton Weekly, PaloAltoOnline.com and several other community websites, is looking for a full-time **Sales Administrative Assistant** to join the sales/production team.

As a Sales Administrative Assistant, you will be responsible for supporting multiple Sales Representatives by providing data-entry support, performing client research using social media, analyzing web statistics, as well as providing operational support for our various print/digital products.

To qualify, you must possess exceptional organizational skills, be detailed-oriented, and have sound technical/computer skills.

The ideal candidate will be an outstanding proof-reader and possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. If you thrive in a busy deadline-driven environment and enjoy a team setting, then we want to hear from you.

To apply, please send a resume to Tom Zahiralis at tzahiralis@pawebly.com

embarcadero media

450 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE | PALO ALTO

Kozy Brothers
De Martini Orchard
www.demartiniorchard.com
 66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
 650-948-0881
Farm Fresh and Always the Best

De Martini Orchard Quality Produce ORCHARD	Open Daily 8am-7pm Prices Effective 05/13 thru 05/19	
CALIF. JUMBO SIZE CHERRIES LOCAL JUMBO 9 SIZE SWEET AND CRISP \$5.99 LB.	CALIF. GROWN CANTALOUPE LARGE SIZE SWEET MEATY TASTY 69¢ LB.	CALIF. GROWN BLUEBERRIES SWEET FIRM CRISP VERY TASTY 2 PKG. FOR \$5.00
LOCALLY GROWN BROCCOLI CROWN CUT NO WASTE \$1.29 LB.	HALF MOON BAY SWEET PEAS GREAT RAW OUT OF THE SHELL \$2.49 LB.	HALF MOON BAY FAVA BEANS FULL PODS TENDER \$1.49 LB.
ORGANIC LOCAL GREENS ALL KALE ALL CHARD & COLLARDS 2 BUN. FOR \$3.00	ORGANIC LOCAL BABY BOK CHOY VERY TENDER \$1.99 LB.	ORGANIC LOCAL STRAWBERRIES RASBERRIES BLUEBERRIES \$3.99 PKG.

Your Everyday Farmers Market
Online at www.DeMartiniOrchard.com



13171 Lorene Court, Mountain View

Newer Custom Home in the Heart of Waverly Park



Open House Saturday & Sunday 1-5pm

Completed in 2004 this 4 bedroom, 3 bath Craftsman style home boasts a 2,900sf open floor plan including Kitchen/Great Room, Media Room, and Den/Office. French doors open to the lush yard, sparkling pool, and multiple patios, perfect for entertaining and al fresco dining. Ideally located on a quiet cul-de-sac in the most sought after neighborhood in the City, it features the best schools Mountain View has to offer.

www.13171Lorene.com

Offered at \$2,598,000



DERK BRILL

E-PRO, CERTIFIED RELOCATION SPECIALIST

ALAIN PINEL REALTORS

CELL 650.814.0478

DBRILL@APR.COM

CALBRE# 01256035

WWW.DERKBRILL.COM



SCHOOL LUNCH

► Continued from page 5

brought in a new child nutrition director, Juan Cordon, who had spent more than a decade running the school food program at Santa Clara Unified.

At the May 7 school board meeting, Cordon explained that he was met with a swath of problems when he joined the district in July. The kitchens were in bad shape, the “food philosophy” of the district was outdated, employees were used to doing things he felt weren’t safe or proper, and the whole department needed to be restructured. Cordon said he refused to serve food that had been in the district’s inventory for years, opting instead to throw it away.

And while some quick-fixes have been made, most of the cooking facilities are still outdated by over 25 years, he said, and that using the kitchens to produce food for kids was a lot like using an old-style classroom with chalk boards to teach — it can be done, but it’s very much out of date.

“It’s basically like I’ve been put in a diner from the 1970s and (was told), ‘make this a fine dining restaurant.’ I can make the food, but there’s better ways,” Cordon said.

Key to Cordon’s update to the board was what he called a “big ask” in the form of \$300,000 in additional funds. The money would go toward replacing outdated equipment at all the schools, including old ovens that dried out the entrees. None of the new equipment is a luxury item, he said, and are needed to improve the quality of food to a reasonable level.

Other problems include the Graham kitchen facility, which has a two-tub sink instead of a three-tub sink which falls short of standards specified in the California Health and Safety Code.

“It’s my responsibility to at least come to you and say, ‘I need equipment,’” Cordon told the board.

The \$300,000 would be on top of \$600,000 in equipment replaced in the first year, which pushed expenses about \$150,000 above revenues for the child nutrition department this year. Cordon said he hoped the bond money from Measure G would eventually help to pay for kitchen improvements in the long term.

The board ultimately decided, in a 4-1 straw-vote, in favor of the additional funding, with board president Chris Chiang standing firmly behind Cordon’s efforts and calling the money a “wonderful” invest-

ment in the district.

“There’s not a single person who is making a bigger difference in the long-term well-being of our kids than what you are doing,” Chiang said.

Board member Steve Nelson, on the other hand, voted no after expressing concerns that there was no long-term plan on investments in child nutrition department improvements.

New food wins fans

Even with the preliminary fixes and new menus, the district has seen modest but solid 1-to-2 percent gains each month in lunch participation across the schools, with a relatively significant increase in breakfast meals served.

“I can tell you that I know the kids are eating better (now) than they have in previous years,” Cordon told the board.

New meals on the lunch menu include salads with Brussels sprouts and kale topped with the district’s own vinaigrette, vegetable stew with polenta and stuffed peppers with quinoa. The stuffed peppers weren’t a hit with every student, Cordon said, but a lot of students tried it and were exposed to new types of food.

Crittenden Principal Geoff Chang said Cordon and the new district chef, Bob Mencimer, have both been doing “wonders” for the school food, finding more efficient ways to feed hundreds of students with new dishes like beef stroganoff, chicken enchilada soup and even El Salvadoran pupusas.

“Everything is delivered fresh and prepared from scratch,” Chang said.

Margaret Poor, a parent of Crittenden and Landels Elementary students, said there’s already been a “huge” change in the cafeteria food operations since the beginning of the school year, with kids eating steel-cut oatmeal for breakfast and stuffed bell peppers for lunch. Poor said she’s decided to jump on-board and start eating in the cafeteria as well, and became a big fan of the ratatouille.

Getting kids to eat school lunch requires a two-pronged approach, Cordon said. While district cooking staff can serve up food that taste great, they still have to advertise and present the food in a way that’s going to get kids to give it a try. He said schools could be producing the same kinds of salads that are served in Google’s dining facilities, but he said the tech giant values a good presentation that makes the food appealing.

“We should be using that same philosophy,” Cordon said. ■

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com

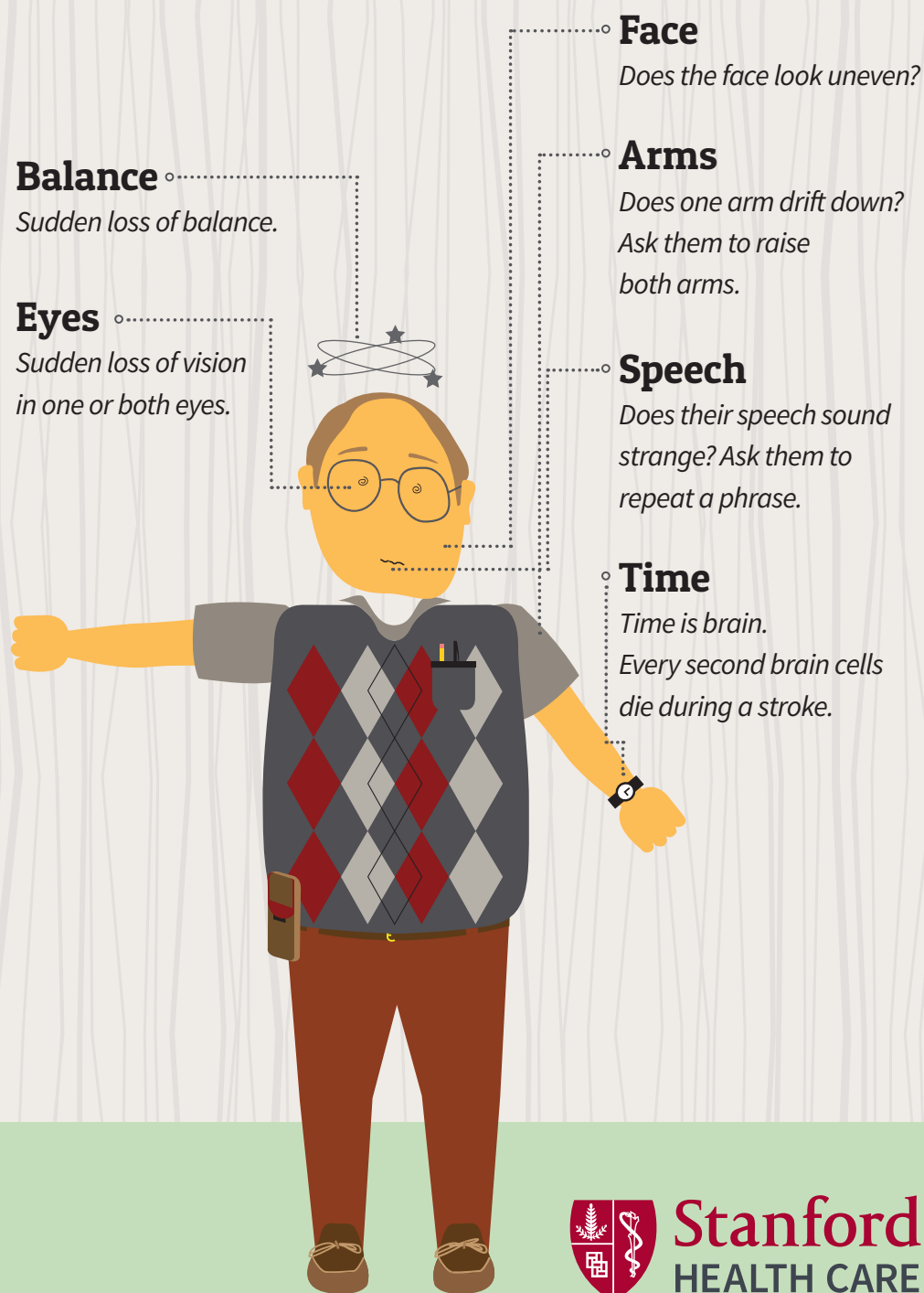
B E F A S T

Know the signs of stroke

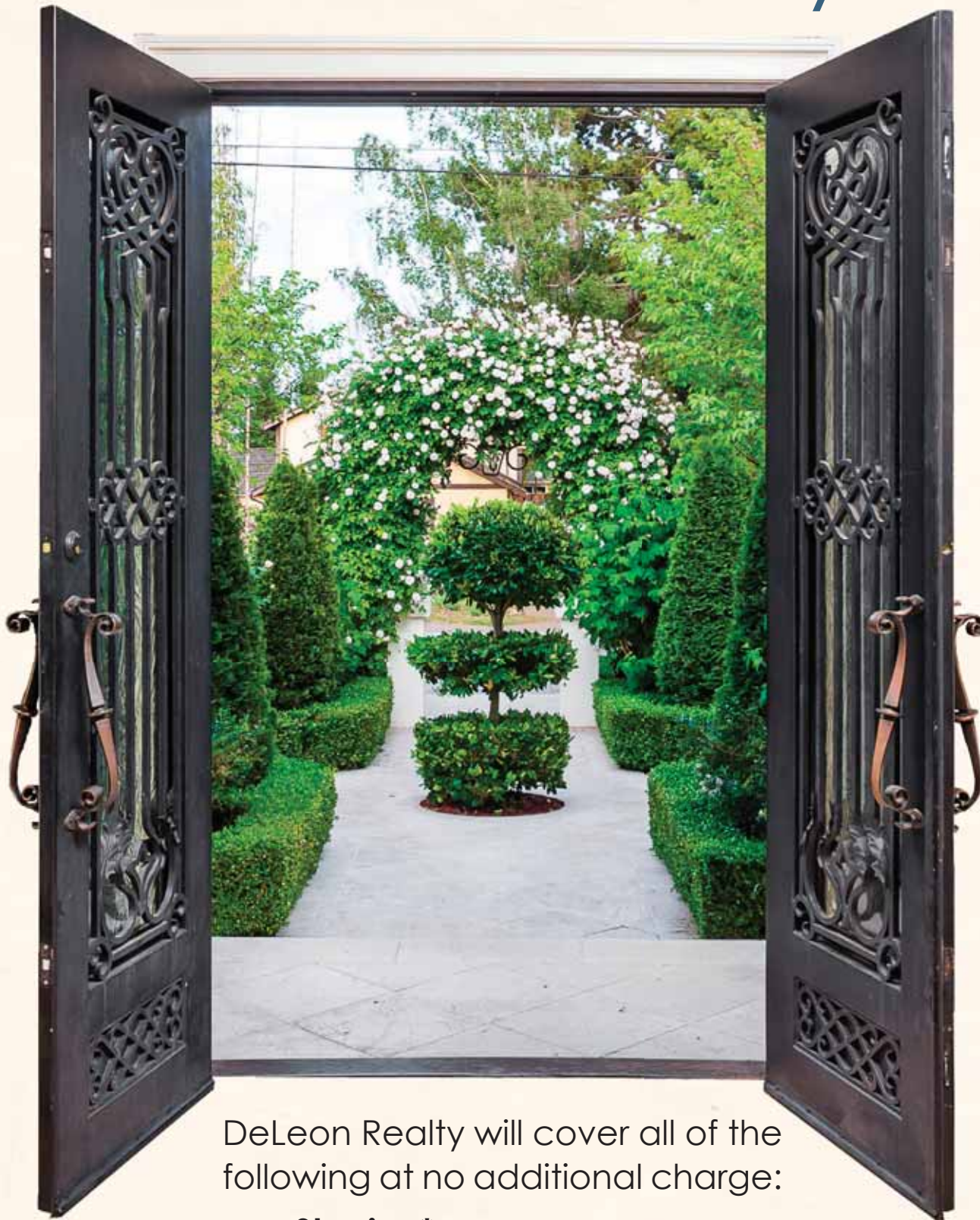
Stroke is a medical emergency.

For any sign of stroke **CALL 911!** Every minute counts.

Learn the physical symptoms to swiftly identify stroke and save your life or the lives of loved ones.



List your home with DeLeon Realty



DeLeon Realty will cover all of the following at no additional charge:

- **Staging***
- **Property Inspection**
- **Pest Inspection**

*Includes: Design, Installation, 1 Month of Furniture Rental and Removal

Our clients love the personal attention they receive from Michael Repka, from beginning to end. Additionally you will receive a suite of free services from the DeLeon Team, including interior design, construction consulting, handyman work, and dedicated marketing to local and foreign buyers.



650.488.7325 | www.deleonrealty.com | DeLeon Realty CalBRE #01903224



2238 Columbia Street, Palo Alto Offered at \$2,988,000

Amazing Brand-New Home In College Terrace

Well-appointed spaces, an open floorplan, and fine amenities enhance this new 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of 2,368 sq. ft. (per plans) on a lot of 6,237 sq. ft. (per city). The light-filled interior displays crown molding, European oak flooring, and dual-pane windows. Featuring a fireplace, the living room opens to a sky-lit dining room with a marble-topped console. Trimmed with marble countertops and soft-close cabinetry, the shimmering island kitchen links to the family room and also features two sinks and a Bertazzoni oven range. A pocket door reveals a bedroom and a separate bathroom, while the terrific master suite includes a claw-footed tub and a spacious walk-in closet. The verdant backyard is accented by a raised terrace, while the gated driveway leads to the detached one-car garage. Enjoying a desirable College Terrace location, the home has easy access to Stanford University, California Avenue, and the Dish. Excellent schools include Escondido Elementary (API 927), Jordan Middle (API 934), and Palo Alto High (API 905) (buyer to verify eligibility).

For video tour & more photos, please visit:
www.2238Columbia.com



Ken DeLeon
CalBRE #01342140



Michael Repka
CalBRE #01854880



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday, 1-5 pm
Complimentary
Lunch & Lattes



650.488.7325 | info@deleonrealty.com | www.deleonrealty.com | CalBRE #01903224

We're hiring

Associate Editor at the Palo Alto Weekly

The award-winning news organization Palo Alto Weekly/PaloAltoOnline.com is seeking a well-rounded journalist to become our new associate editor. The ideal candidate is equally comfortable editing hard and soft news and possesses the creativity, organizational aptitude, focus on quality and adroitness in interpersonal communications to guide publications from start to finish.

Our associate editor plays a key role as the deputy head of the department, helping to ensure the smooth operation of the team and leading the department in the absence of the editor-in-chief. Experience as a news reporter or editor is desired, as is knowledge of the Palo Alto community. An enjoyment of teamwork and the ability to develop writers, including interns and freelancers, are musts.

The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in home and real estate topics, the position's main beat. New to the job will be the responsibility to push the bounds of digital presentation on those topics. Beyond real estate, the associate editor is involved in news coverage, arts, cover stories and special publications.

This is a benefited position, offering health insurance and a 401(k) savings plan, paid vacation, paid sick time and paid company holidays. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply, please submit a cover letter detailing how your experience fits the needs of the position. Also attach your resume, three articles you've written and links to two publications or sections you've edited. Email the materials, with "Associate Editor" in the subject line, to Editor Jocelyn Dong at jdong@paweb.com. No phone calls, please.



450 Cambridge Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.326.8210



MICHELLE LE

Elena Pacheco, a community activist and elementary school teacher, breaks down over news that she is being evicted from her apartment where she's lived for 23 years. The photo won first place in a state competition.

Voice photos, reporting win at statewide journalism contest

By Andrea Gemmet

The Mountain View Voice was honored at a statewide journalism competition on Saturday winning first place for the best news photo. At the Better Newspaper Contest, the Voice took also took home two second-place awards for education coverage and feature photo.

The Better Newspaper Contest awards were announced Saturday, May 9, at the California Newspaper Publishers Association's annual meeting, held this year in Coronado. The awards are divided by circulation category for daily or weekly publications, and winners are selected by a panel of out-of-state journalists.

Photographer Michelle Le won awards for both news and feature photos. Her news photo "Housing crisis heartbreak" won first place, and her feature photo of break-dancing Mountain View High School student Devon Johnson took second-place honors.

Health and education reporter Kevin Forestieri won second place for his education story "Online schools offer education by proxy".

Le also was honored for photos published in the Voice's sister papers, winning first place for her photo essay in the Almanac, "A legend comes to life" about Menlowe Ballet, and second-place in the artistic photo category for "Menlowe Ballet legend" in



MICHELLE LE

Devon Johnson, a student from Mountain View High School, breakdances in front of Mountain View City Hall.

the Palo Alto Weekly.

The Voice was also named a Blue Ribbon finalist for general excellence, the competition's highest honor, finishing among the top four newspaper of its size in the state.

The Voice was a Blue Ribbon finalist in another five categories, including best website, best breaking news for reporter Daniel DeBolt's story "Will NASA Ames employees be guinea pigs for Google?" and environmental reporting, for the series by DeBolt and Le called "Toxic legacy: unraveling the spread of TCE contamination."

Le's work was honored for her photo essay on Father Bob Moran, "Heartfelt send-off for retiring priest" and her news photo "Much more than a pet" about how a service dog changed the life of a member of the city Parks and Recreation Commission.

The California Newspaper Publishers Association (CNPA) is a nonprofit trade association for more than 800 publications. Founded in 1888, it represents daily and weekly newspapers and news websites throughout the state of California. ■

Email Editor Andrea Gemmet at editor@mv-voice.com

Free Composting Classes

Mountain View Community Center Auditorium
201 S. Rengstorff Ave.
Saturday morning class 10AM – Noon
May 16

Please pre-register for classes by going to
www.ReduceWaste.org/Classes
or call **408-918-4640**
Compost Bins for sale – \$55.00

Learn about:

- **Turning leaves, grass & kitchen scraps into rich compost**
- **What can go into your pile**
- **How to tell when the compost is ready**
- **How to use compost**
- **Types of compost bins, including worm bins**




R E D U C E

R E U S E

R E C Y C L E

■ A + E BRIEFS



RICHARD BARTON

Among the works by Animal Spirit Design on display at Philz Coffee will be "Waters of the Forest."

'SPIRIT ON FOREST'

What's better than a killer cup of coffee or a dazzling display of visual art? A convergence of the two, of course. Tonight, Friday, May 15, from 7:30-9 p.m., head on down to Philz Coffee (101 Forest Ave., Palo Alto) to get your buzz on and enjoy the opening reception for a show of vibrant paintings and prints by Bay Area art collective Animal Spirit Design. Artists Asha Raval and Juliana Stoy have an unmissable signature style: bright colors, bold patterns and a penchant for depicting all kinds of animals. Influenced by both fashion and nature, Raval and Stoy begin with hand-drawn sketches, then layer them with watercolor and digital design elements. The show runs through July 11; works will be for sale. To learn more, go to animalspiritdesign.com

LANA DEL REY AND COURTNEY LOVE

The queen of grunge and the self-proclaimed "gangsta Nancy Sinatra" join forces this Wednesday, May 20, at

Mountain View's Shoreline Amphitheatre (1 Amphitheatre Parkway) for a night of rock spanning the decades from Hole's indie-punk zenith in the early-1990s to Del Rey's latest cinematic dream-pop album, "Ultraviolence." Tickets range from \$83-\$2,532. Go to theshorelineamphitheatre.com.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS

Who says school's no fun? On Friday, May 15, the rooms and hallways of Mid-Peninsula High School (1340 Willow Road, Menlo Park) will be transformed by students' visual art exhibitions, live musical performances, dramatic scenes and multimedia installations. The free event is open to the public. To learn more, call 650-321-1991, ext. 115.

'SPIES, HEROES, COMEDY & MAYHEM'

Superman, James Bond, the Pink Panther and Indiana Jones: Their theme songs and many others will get musical treatment at California Pops Orchestra's season finale concert this Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. at Foothill College's

Smithwick Theatre (12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills). Tickets are \$15-\$42. Go to calpops.org or call 650-856-8432.

SELECTED SHORTS

Gather 'round for story time! NPR's Selected Shorts program comes to Stanford's Bing Concert Hall on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. for a live recording. The evening features performances of short stories by writers Dave Eggers ("What Is the What?"), Diane Cook ("Man V. Nature") and Daniel Alcarón ("At Night We Walk in Circles"). Tickets range from \$30-\$45. Go to live.stanford.edu or call 650-724-2464.

'UNLACED'

For exciting, sensual, streamlined dance, look no further than San Francisco's Smuin Ballet. The contemporary ballet company will perform works by Michael Smuin, Helen Pickett and Adam Houghland at Mountain View's Center for the Performing Arts (500 Castro St.) May 21-24. Tickets are \$23-\$71. Go to mvpca.com or call 650-903-6000.

—Elizabeth Schwyzer

CRIME BRIEFS

► Continued from page 4

Road just before midnight on May 7 when the suspect, identified by police as 33-year-old Thomas Simpkins, drove through the crosswalk close to the man and threatened to harm him, accord-

ing to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. Simpkins drove off and the man called police.

When officers arrived, Simpkins returned to the area and was arrested by police on suspicion of making threats, as well as additional charges when police

searched the vehicle, Jaeger said.

Simpkins was arrested on charges of making terrorist threats, having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle and possession of controlled substances. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

The Wings of Freedom Tour
Experience WWII **FLYING** History

B-17
FLYING FORTRESS

B-24
LIBERATOR

P-51
MUSTANG

Scan the code folks!

Explore these majestic bomber aircraft inside and out. Feel the engines power up and take to the skies in an amazing 30-Minute Flight Experience! **Walk-through tours** are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 yrs and younger. **Bomber Flight Experiences** in the B-17 or B-24 are \$450 and \$400 in the B-25 Mitchell. Get some "stick time" in the world's greatest fighter! **P-51 Mustang Flights:** (World's Only Full Dual Control P-51C Mustang fighter) are \$2200 for a half hour or \$3200 for a full hour. Call to reserve your flight.

MOUNTAIN VIEW / MOFFETT AIRFIELD
MAY 15TH TO MAY 23RD
No reservations needed for tours. Walk-through tour hours: 5/15 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, 5/15 - 5/23 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
Special Appearance: B-25J Mitchell

★ COLLINGS FOUNDATION ★
Keeping History Alive
800.568.8924 www.cfdn.org

CALIFORNIA POPS ORCHESTRA
Your Entertainment Symphony
Presents

SPIES! HEROES! COMEDY! MAYHEM!

Season Finale Variety Show
May 17th
3pm Sunday

Special Guests
★ Lyric Theater's Jordan Eldredge ★ Impressionist Matt Helm
★ The Pop's Mamma Mia Singers
With Music from...

Plus fun hits of...
★ The Tijuana Brass
★ Gilbert & Sullivan
★ Mamma Mia!
and much more!

Smithwick Theater
Foothill College 12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills
FREE Parking (Lots 5 & 6 only) No Stairs!
Tickets: \$37, \$42, Youth \$15
WWW.CALPOPS.ORG ♦ (650) 856-8432

Take a ride in our 1920's STEAM POWERED time machine!



Let our time machine take you back as you experience the rush of a vintage 1920's steam locomotive when it comes to life and chugs through scenic Niles Canyon. Grab your friends and family and come Join us for a train ride. Come relive old memories and create new ones too in the beautiful canyon scenery! With ticket prices starting at \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids and departures on Saturday and Sunday, our excursions are great options for the young and young at heart.

MAY 23rd & 25th

Trains arrive and depart from the Sausal Depot. Located on SR-94 just west of I-680.

TICKET PRICES

Adults \$20
Children (2 - 12) \$10

VISIT GGRM.ORG
for more details

Southern Pacific 2472 on the Niles Canyon Railway

Golden Gate Railroad Museum • Pacific Locomotive Association

Services, equipment and offers are subject to change without notice. Complete details available at ggm.org. This event is made possible through a partnership between the Golden Gate Railroad Museum and the Pacific Locomotive Association that enables continued restoration of historic railway equipment and right of way for today's and tomorrow's generations

New MVLA superintendent promises to play 'big role' in community

By Kevin Forestieri

Healdsburg Superintendent Jeff Harding will take over as superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School district this summer, following the board's approval of his contract Monday.

Harding, who has been head of Healdsburg Unified School District in Sonoma County since 2008, will take over for retiring Superintendent Barry Groves on July 1 this year. Harding's contract includes a base salary of \$250,000.

The board selected Harding as a finalist among the 14 candidates following Groves' announced retirement late last year. Board president Susan Sweeley said Harding fit the bill as an academically oriented, experienced school administrator who surpassed her expectations when she did a site visit in Healdsburg.

"(People) consistently talked about how Harding was fearless, he does the heavy lifting if he needs to," Sweeley said, noting that everyone seemed devastated

he was leaving the district.

Harding told the board that Mountain View-Los Altos school district was the only district he applied for, and called it a "special place" that is looked upon with admiration outside of its borders. Not just because of the high-performing and articulate students, he said, but for the community as well.

"The community support here is unmatched," he said. "There's an appreciation for high quality education, and it's fundamental to the community here," Harding said.

While most of his career has been spent in Marin and Sonoma counties, Harding said taking up a job on the southern end of the Bay Area really feels like coming home. He said he grew up in the area and graduated from Cupertino High School. His wife is a Stanford University graduate from Woodside.

Harding has been head of Healdsburg Unified for about seven years, taking over as superintendent during the height of the recession. At the time, the district was in a shaky financial situation and student enrollment was consistently dropping, he said. It was up to him to make sure the district stayed fiscally solvent and manage attendance

and enrollment.

"I got there in 2008 and it went from bad to worse real fast," he said. "A lot of tough decisions needed to be made."

Harding introduced a number of programs to Healdsburg Unified including hybrid courses that combine career-technical education with other academic classes. Engineering classes, for example, integrate math and science content, and an environmental studies class could include language and science skills. Teachers from different fields collaborate with one another to design these courses, Harding said.

Wellness initiatives at Healdsburg include yoga classes for students and staff members at elementary schools, which Harding said was a fairly cost-effective way to help relieve stress.

"Hopefully they bring that relief into the classroom," he said.

As superintendent at Mountain View-Los Altos, Harding vowed to play a big role in the community and participate in the Chamber of Commerce and other local civic organizations. He said it's part of his role to be a "face" for the district in small communities like Mountain View and Los Altos.

Harding will come back to the Bay Area during Memorial Day Weekend to continue getting acclimatized to the district prior to taking over in July.

"I can't wait to join the team," Harding said. ▣



Jeff Harding

GraphicDesigner

Embarcadero Media, producers of the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac, Mountain View Voice, Pleasanton Weekly, PaloAltoOnline.com and several other community websites, is looking for a graphic designer to join its award-winning design team.

Design opportunities include online and print ad design and editorial page layout. Applicant must be fluent in InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator. Flash knowledge is a plus. Newspaper or previous publication experience is preferred, but we will consider qualified — including entry level — candidates. Most importantly, designer must be a team player and demonstrate speed, accuracy and thrive under deadline pressure. The position will be approximately 32 - 40 hours per week.

To apply, please send a resume along with samples of your work as a PDF (or URL) to Kristin Brown, Design & Production Manager, at kbrown@pawebly.com

 **embarcadero media**

450 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE | PALO ALTO

The Los Altos Women's Caucus

Invites you to

On the Frontlines: Women Innovators in Healthcare

sponsored by El Camino Hospital

Wednesday, May 20th

6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

El Camino Hospital, Mountain View

2500 Grant Road, conference rooms E, F, G

An informal, lively conversation with exceptional women who will share their career stories and their insights as healthcare leaders, inventors and entrepreneurs. What inspired them to their fields of work, what challenges them, and what keeps them up at night?

Tomi Ryba

President and CEO of El Camino Hospital

Surbhi Sarna

Founder and CEO of NVision, a medical device company focused on female health

Piya Sorcar

Founder and CEO of TeachAIDS

Erica Weirich

Physician, Co-Founder and Director of Global Health Research Foundation

FREE REGISTRATION

www.elcaminohospital.org/womeninnovators or 650-988-8283

Los Altos Women's Caucus

 **El Camino Hospital**
THE HOSPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY

Teen's literacy efforts win notice

By Rachel Lee

Ryan Traynor, a sophomore at Saint Francis High School, developed his passion for volunteering at an early age and is getting recognition for his efforts. In March, Traynor was named a Distinguished Finalist for California in the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

Traynor began volunteering alongside his parents at church festivals and through group projects organized by the Boy Scouts. Eventually, literacy projects piqued Traynor's interest when he was 11 years old and trying to earn his Reading Merit Badge for the Boy Scouts. In order to earn the badge, he had to read for a certain number of hours, so Traynor said he approached the local library in

search of programs to help him achieve his goal.

He ended up joining a program called Traveling Story Time where he read to disadvantaged kids in his community. He got hooked on the program and continued to read to children for several years after he fulfilled his requirement for Boy Scouts.

"I ended up realizing that for most of (the children), I was the only one reading to them..." Traynor said, "So at the end of each year, I gave each child one book and the look on their faces told me that this clearly was the only book that they had."

Traynor began his pursuit to improve literacy in the community through individual projects at first, but wanted to make a bigger difference.

"I thought that if we put together a group of dedicated teens that also had literacy as a passion, we could end up doing much more," Traynor said.

Traynor founded the Youth Literacy Council in 2013 to create literacy oriented projects for more communities. He sent out fliers and advertisements to local high schools and selected students to join his newly established council. The council is now composed of nine teens from seven high schools who all work toward the common goal of fostering literacy and works closely with the Redwood City Public Library.

They have already completed a range of volunteer projects in just this past year alone. The council has organized projects covering

different subject areas that are all tied together by the main theme of education and literacy.

Last November, they organized free, monthly Money Smarts for Teens classes that teach money basics for teenagers. Traynor worked with financial experts who are well acquainted with banking to produce the curriculum for the ongoing class, which he helps teach. The council also put together two family board game days at a local library where children could develop social skills including cooperation, team-building and more. During the event, they also collected 278 board games that they donated to shelters in the area.

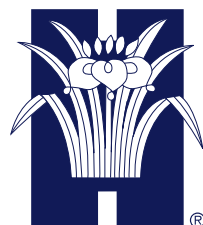
Each year, the council conducts STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) classes

in the summer for about 120 kids with hands-on experiments. This year, the council intends to create an all-day STEM fair and invite local companies to come and share their latest projects.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The awards seek to recognize youth based solely on volunteering and community service.

Since the foundation of the Youth Literacy Council, Traynor said he has raised more than \$53,000 to support literacy programs and has conducted book drives at 26 locations that collected 21,000 books that were donated to those in need.

In the future, he said he hopes to write a book about running a nonprofit and to offer advice for other service clubs that are in their early stages. ■



Harrell Remodeling, Inc.
Design+Build

2015 REMODELING WORKSHOP SERIES

ReFresh, ReFace or ReDesign WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

1954 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View, CA 94043
6:30-8:30pm Registration & light dinner at 6:15pm.

Kitchens & Bathrooms WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Hotel Los Gatos: 210 E Main St, Los Gatos, CA 95030
6:30-8:30pm Registration & light dinner at 6:15pm.

THE PERFECT REMODEL REQUIRES THOUGHTFUL PLANNING. WHETHER YOU ARE REFRESHING YOUR ENTIRE HOME, OR FOCUSING ON YOUR KITCHEN AND BATH, our informative workshops for homeowners are taught by Harrell Remodeling's Sr. Designers who will share our 30+ years of experience and knowledge of the design and remodeling process. Our goal is to provide you with the educational tools you need to get started on a successful and minimally stressful remodel, and make your renovation project a rewarding and positive experience.

- The different levels and types of remodeling - is it a quick "refresh" or complete "redesign"?
- What the pros see as the top five things to think about and consider when planning a remodel - small or large
- The new building codes/green codes/permit requirements in your City
- About space planning, scheduling, product choices and so much more!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AS THESE CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY!

Call us or go online to register today!

650.230.2900 | info@harrell-remodeling.com | harrell-remodeling.com

License B479799



THE VOICE

Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2015

IT'S TIME

Tell us who your local favorites are by voting online today

Deadline to vote:
May 31

Vote Online
MountainViewOnline.com/best_of
OR
from your phone
scan the code to vote



Restaurants

Best Breakfast/Brunch
Best Chinese Restaurant
Best Independent Coffee House
Best Fine Dining
Best Fusion Restaurant
Best Indian Restaurant
Best Italian Restaurant
Best Mediterranean Restaurant
Best Mexican Restaurant
Best Middle Eastern Restaurant
Best New Restaurant
Best Outdoor Dining
Best Place for a Business Lunch
Best Seafood Restaurant
Best Sushi/Japanese Restaurant
Best Thai Restaurant
Best Vegetarian Restaurant
Best Vietnamese Restaurant

Food and Drink

Best Bagel
Best Bakery
Best Bar
Best BBQ
Best Burger
Best Burrito
Best Deli/Sandwich
Best Ice Cream/Frozen Yogurt
Best Noodle Place
Best Pearl Tea
Best Pizza
Best Produce
Best Small Non-Chain Grocery Store
Best Take-Out

Services

Best Acupuncture
Best Auto Body Repair
Best Auto Repair
Best Chiropractor
Best Dentist
Best Dry Cleaners

Best Gym
Best Fitness Classes
Best Hair Salon
Best Hotel
Best Massage
Best Manicure/Pedicure
Best Personal Trainer
Best Pet Care
Best Shoe Repair
Best Yoga

Retail

Best Bike Shop
Best Florist
Best Hardware Store
Best Home Furnishings and Decor
Best New Business
Best Store for Unusual Gifts

Fun Stuff

Best Happy Hour
Best Place for Live Music
Best Place for a Date
Best Place to Take a Visitor

Green & Fresh
CLEANERS

HELP US WIN AGAIN!

Best of Mountain View 2013 **Best of Mountain View 2014**

650.967.8899
580 N Rengstorff, Unit F, Mountain View

DICKEY'S
BARBECUE PIT
MOUNTAIN VIEW

Vote for us for Best BBQ/Best Take Out!
570 N Shoreline | (650) 933-4939

ESSENCE SALON

Thank you for ten years of support.

Vote for us for Best Salon!

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
650.988.8822
essencesalon.com
826 W Dana Street, Mountain View
9:00am - 8:00pm, every day

a Mountain View tradition since 1973

BEHIND EVERY PROJECT IS A
True Value

BLOSSOM HARDWARE

THE VOICE **best of** MOUNTAIN VIEW 2010

Open 7 Days
Mon.-Fri. 9 - 7 • Sat. 9 - 6 • Sun. 10 - 5
1297 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View
(at Miramonte) • www.truevalue.com

Vote Us Best Hardware

650-964-7871

ME TO VOTE!

LARRY'S Auto Works



**Your Vote is Important!
We Need Your Vote
for "Best Auto Repair"**

2526 Leghorn St, Mtn View
650-968-5202 | www.autoworks.com

ASE
ASE
ASE

House of Bagels

Water boiled and baked in a brick oven

**Vote For Us!
Best Bagel**



1712 Miramonte Ave. #D
Mountain View
650.694.4888

**U.S.D.A.
PRIME BRISKET**

Taste, then VOTE!

**ARMADILLO
WILLY'S
BAR-B-QUE**

armadillowillys.com



TERRA PATIO & Garden

Vote for us for
Best Home Furnishings!

1064 W. El Camino Real | Mountain View
(Between Castro St. & Shoreline on El Camino)
10 - 6 Everyday | terrapatio.com
650.969.2200



**Vote for Us!
Best Sushi
Best Take-Out**

MASA SUSHI

400 San Antonio Rd.
(650) 941-2117

**MASA SUSHI
JAPANESE
TO GO**

650 Castro St., #180
(650) 282-5222

Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2015

☒ VOTE FOR US
FOR BEST OF
MOUNTAIN VIEW 2015!

**SMILES
DENTAL CARE**

QUALITY • SATISFACTION • TRUST

DR. WILLIAM HALL • DR. TIFFANY CHAN
DR. J. JANICE CHOU • DR. ROB VAN DEN BERG
100 W. El Camino Real, Suite 63A Mountain View
WWW.SMILESIDENTAL.COM | 650.964.2626

Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst-Haus
Serving The San Francisco Bay Area Since 1978

Vote For Us!

Best Deli/Sandwich • Best Grocery Store



4540 El Camino Real, Los Altos • (650) 941-3800

Deans AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE YOU CAN TRUST SINCE 1963



**VOTE FOR US
BEST
AUTO
REPAIR
2015!**

2037 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View
650-961-0302 • www.deansautomotive.com

M-Th 6am-8pm, Fri 6am-5pm, Sat 8am-11am • 650-965-8991

**evolution
TRAINERS**

World-Class Training Center

VOTE BEST GYM! Personal Training
Small Group Training
Nutrition Consulting
Massage Therapy/ART

VOTE BEST PERSONAL TRAINERS!

Free Consultation • 30-Day Money Back Guarantee

2044 Old Middlefield Way, MV • info@EvolutionTrainers.com

#1 Voted by the people

**Best Ice Cream /Frozen Yogurt
& Best Ice Cream Store
for many years**

**gelato
Classico**
Italian Ice Cream

"It's irresistible!" *mouth watering!*

Buy 1 Get 2nd FREE
Buy one cup of ice cream or any espresso bar item and get one of an equal or lesser value FREE. Pints, Quarts, Specialties excluded. Expires 6/6/15

241 B Castro Street • Mountain View • 650-969-2900

Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2012
Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2013
Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2014

AGAVE MEXICAN BISTRO

Fiesta del Mar

Gourmet Mexican Cuisine

Agave 194 Castro St.,
650.969.6767, agaveca.com

Fiesta del Mar
1005 N. Shoreline Blvd.,
650.965.9354

Fiesta del Mar too
735 Villa St., 650.967.3525
fiestadelmar.com

Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2013
Best of MOUNTAIN VIEW 2014

Vote for us!

VOTE FOR US!



**THE NEWEST
ALEXANDER'S
EXPERIENCE**

209 CASTRO ST.
MOUNTAIN VIEW
650.864.9999

WWW.ALEXANDERSPATISSERIE.COM

Mountain View VOICE

Founding Editor, Kate Wakerly

STAFF

EDITOR

Andrea Gemmet (223-6537)

EDITORIAL

Associate Editor

Renee Batti (223-6528)

Staff Writers

Kevin Forestieri (223-6535)

Mark Noack (223-6536)

Intern

Rachel Lee

Photographer

Michelle Le (223-6530)

Photo Intern

Magali Gauthier

Contributors Dale Bentson, Angela Hey, Sheila Himmel, Ruth Schecter

DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Marketing and Creative Director

Shannon Corey (223-6560)

Design and Production Manager

Lili Cao (223-6562)

Designers Linda Atilano, Kristin Brown, Diane Haas, Rosanna Leung, Paul Llewellyn, Douglas Young

ADVERTISING

Vice President Sales and Marketing

Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

Advertising Representative

Adam Carter (223-6573)

Real Estate Account Executive

Rosemary Lewkowicz (223-6585)

Published every Friday at
450 Cambridge Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306
(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

Email news and photos to:
editor@MV-Voice.com

Email letters to: letters@MV-Voice.com

News/Editorial Department
(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

Display Advertising Sales
(650) 964-6300

Classified Advertising Sales
(650) 964-6490 • (650) 326-8286
fax (650) 326-0155

Email Classified ads@MV-Voice.com

Email Circulation
circulation@MV-Voice.com

The Voice is published weekly by Embarcadero Media Co. and distributed free to residences and businesses in Mountain View. If you are not currently receiving the paper, you may request free delivery by calling 964-6300. Subscriptions for \$60 per year, \$100 per 2 years are welcome.

©2015 by Embarcadero Media Company. All rights reserved.

Member, Mountain View
Chamber of Commerce



WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

All views must include a home address and contact phone number. Published letters will also appear on the web site, www.MountainViewOnline.com, and occasionally on the Town Square forum.

Town Square forum

Post your views on Town Square at MountainViewOnline.com

Email your views to letters@MV-Voice.com. Indicate if letter is to be published.

Mail to: Editor
Mountain View Voice,
P.O. Box 405
Mountain View, CA 94042-0405

Call the Viewpoint desk at 223-6528

Proposed El Camino bus lanes won't work

By Robert Franklin

I oppose the recent vote of the City Council to endorse the plan for dedicated bus lanes on El Camino Real (ECR) and am calling for some specific actions.

Certainly, we need better public transportation, but the issue here is that the bus lanes *will not work* as proposed, which has been acknowledged — the VTA is projecting minimal improvement in ridership and significant overflow of traffic onto community streets.

We have to find a better solution, not just “do something,” and certainly not do what has been proposed. Mr. Rosenberg’s reported statement that a vote against the proposal would be a vote for the “car culture” is ridiculous. His further reported statement that it was important to approve the proposal in order to keep a voice in the process is tactically dangerous. The VTA can — and, if their behavior is as autocratic as portrayed by many fellow citizens, will — use this approval as support for their proposal as it currently exists and as a wedge against other communities that have shown more intelligence and courage.

As those of us who have lived in cities where public transportation works (New York in my case) can attest, the key is having a *system* with effective transportation off the main lines to distribute people where they need to go efficiently. A corridor or artery is not a system.

Guest Opinion

The bulk of the traffic on ECR is not just going up and down that road but going off to other destinations that cannot be reached efficiently with public transportation. That is why there will be minimal improvement in ridership.

One motivation appears to be taking advantage of hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government, as if it were manna from heaven. Well, the federal government is us. Proposing to use hundreds of millions of dollars for a plan that is expected to have minimal impact is waste, and as such is morally reprehensible, if not a criminal abuse of authority.

As a procedural matter, the council endorsed the VTA proposal with less than a majority vote because two members recused themselves. An issue of this importance should not have been approved without an absolute majority. The council should rescind its vote and report to the VTA and the community that it is not able to rule on the issue as it has been presented.

Failing a reversal of the council’s action and (members’) positions, I believe that Mr. Rosenberg and Ms. Showalter, in particular, should step down.

Finally, the council should seek input, debate

and forward to the VTA some concrete suggestions, perhaps couched as demands. For example: Bus lanes operate like HOV lanes, i.e., in force only at rush hour and allow cars with multiple passengers, motorcycles, etc.; subject to a study of use, a few lights may be removed on ECR and cars required to turn right and use U-turn lanes instead of left turn signals; parking to be removed from ECR wherever possible over some period of years (even if it is decades); and employers with some determined number of workers (100? 75?) are required to operate shuttle services between their offices and a designated stop on ECR during rush hour to make it feasible for more employees to take the bus (this might help compensate for nonexistent or inefficient bus lines).

There are probably many other ideas to both improve ridership and ensure that all lanes of ECR carry as much traffic as efficiently as possible at all hours without impeding the progress of buses, if one would only try to find them.

The VTA has proposed an extreme and evidently cynical plan without regard to the interests of citizens, and the City Council has approved it without much thought.

Robert Franklin lives on Gretel Lane in Mountain View.

LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

WILL ROSENBERG PUSH FOR RECONSIDERATION?

Among the three City Council members who voted to support the VTA’s plan for dedicated bus lanes on El Camino (Rosenberg, Showalter and Kasperzak), it looks like only one has spoken to the press. That one council member (Rosenberg) told another newspaper that if he could vote again, he would be against the plan. The truth is, however, that Rosenberg could vote again by bringing the issue back for reconsideration. We are waiting, Mr. Rosenberg. We are waiting and watching for you to bring it up for vote again. If you don’t bring it up for vote again, should we assume that we voted in another double-talking local politician?

*S. Moran
Clark Avenue*

BUS LANES COULD TORPEDO TAX HIKE

Even though Mountain View City Council members Pat Showalter Ken Rosenberg and Michael Kasperzak voted on April 21 to

support bus-only lanes on El Camino Real and many folks want them recalled from office, there is renewed hope that the seizure of lanes may be averted.

At its May 4 budget presentation at Mountain View City Hall, VTA staff revealed that the agency plans to place a further sales tax increase on the county-wide ballot in June or November 2016. Such a measure would almost certainly require two-thirds voter approval. The VTA’s last measure had no serious opposition but barely passed.

The VTA Board of Directors (which consists of two county supervisors and city council members from across Santa Clara County) may now be told that if it were to approve the bus-only lanes, there would be a serious campaign against the tax measure in the works.

Meanwhile, opponents of bus lanes need to continue to publicize the lunacy of having an entire lane in each direction reserved for one bus (at most) every 10 minutes. HOV lanes on El Camino some day maybe — but not lanes just for buses.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*



Camp Connection

For more information about these camps, see our online directory of camps at www.paloaltoonline.com/biz/summercamps/
To advertise in this weekly directory, call: 650-326-8210

Arts, Culture, Other Camps

Camp Argo **Menlo Park**
Boys and girls, ages 4 to 12. Age appropriate arts, crafts, collaborative games and sports, interpersonal development, personal goals and more. Safe, learning environment. One week sessions starting June 8 through July 31. Register online.
www.campargo.com **562.761.7539**

Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) **Mountain View**
50+ creative camps for Gr. K-8! Drawing, Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Musical Theater, School of Rock, Digital Arts, more! One- and two-week sessions; full and half-day enrollment. Extended care available. Financial aid offered.
www.arts4all.org **650.917.6800 ext.0**

Environmental Volunteers Summer Camp **Palo Alto**
Explore nature this summer from your own backyard. Environmental Volunteer summer camps return with a new series of programs. Hands-on activities, field trips and creative fun make science accessible to kids ages 6-11.
www.Evols.org/Explore **650.493.8000**

Foothills Summer Camps **Palo Alto**
In this historic, popular, traditional day camp your child will play on miles of trails, woodlands, fields, streams, Boronda Lake, and enjoy spectacular views of the bay area. Transportation to and from Foothills Park is provided each day.
www.cityofpaloalto.org/foothillscamps

J-Camp Oshman Family JCC **Palo Alto**
Exciting activities for kindergarteners through teens include swimming, field trips, sports and more. Enroll your child in traditional or special focus camps like Studio TV Production, Jr. Masterchef, Elsa and Anna's Dance Camp, Beach Bonanza and many others!
www.paloaltojcc.org/summercamp **650.223.8622**

Pacific Art League **Palo Alto**
Calling Creative Kids ages 9-17. Discover the joy of visual art and self expression. Instructors are professional artists. Camps include Cartooning & Comics, Animation Basics and Drawing Our Favorite Pets. Supervised lunch available.
www.pacificartleagure.org **650.321.3891**

Palo Alto Community Child Care (PACCC) **Palo Alto**
PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! Neighborhood Adventure Fun and Junior Varsity Sports Adventure Camp are for the more active and on-the-go campers! New this year: E.P.I.C. Camp – Energetic, Peers, Independence & Community for the older kids! Returning are FAME - Fine arts, Music and Entertainment and Operation Chef for out of this world cooking fun! Swimming twice per week, periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto! Register online.
www.paccc.org **650.493.2361**

STANFORD EXPLORE **Stanford**
A Lecture Series on Biomedical Research
EXPLORE biomedical science at Stanford! Stanford EXPLORE offers high school students the unique opportunity to learn from Stanford professors and graduate students about diverse topics in biomedical science, including bioengineering, neurobiology, immunology and many others.
explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

Stanford Jazz Workshop **Stanford University Campus**
Week-long jazz immersion programs for young musicians in middle school (starts July 13), high school (July 19 and July 26), and college, as well as adults (August 2). All instruments and vocals.
stanfordjazz.org

TechKnowHow® LEGO® and Technology Summer Camp **Palo Alto**
Fun and enriching technology classes for students, ages 5-16. Courses include LEGO® projects with motors, MINDSTORMS® EV3® & NXT® Robotics, Computer Game Design, Arduino™ Electronics, iPad® Movie Making, and a Tech Camp for girls. Classes feature high-interest, age-appropriate projects based on the S.T.E.M. curriculum. Half and Full day options. Early bird and multiple week discounts are available.
www.techknowhowkids.com **650.638.0500**

TheatreWorks Summer Camps **Palo Alto**
In these entertaining camps for grades K-5, students enjoy juggling, clowning, puppetry, playwriting, acting, improvisation, music, dance - and present their own original pieces at the end of each session.
www.theatreworks.org/learn/youth/summercamps

YMCA Summer Camps **Throughout Silicon Valley**
At the Y, youth of all ages make new friends, build character and learn new skills. With hundreds of unique camps and 30+ convenient locations, you'll find a camp that's right for your family. Financial assistance is available.
www.ymcasv.org/summer **408.351.6473**

Athletics

Camp Campbell **Santa Cruz Mountains**
For close to 80 years, Bay Area youth have forged life-long friendships and benefited from character-defining experiences at Camp Campbell through nature hikes, campfires, archery and many other fun outdoor activities. Financial assistance is available.
<http://www.ymcacampcampbell.org/> **831.338.2128**

Hi Five Sport **Atherton**
Hi Five Sports is thrilled to present our fourth multi-sport competitive summer camp to the San Francisco Bay Area! Through experienced, passionate and patient coaching, we believe the timeless lessons that only sports can teach will stay with the kids for the rest of their lives.
www.hifivesportsclub.com **650.362.4975**

Menlo School Sports Camps **Atherton**
Menlo camps are designed for boys and girls grades 4-12 to learn from Knights coaches and staff -whether it's preparation for an upcoming season or simply for fun and to stay in shape in a high energy, positive setting. Join us this summer to develop skills, foster athleticism and promote sportsmanship in camps covering a range of sports - baseball, basketball, football (skills, lineman, and safe tackling camps) lacrosse, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, water polo.
www.menloschool.org **650.330.2001 ext. 2758**

Nike Tennis Camps **Stanford University**
Junior Overnight and Day Camps for boys & girls, ages 9-18 offered throughout June, July and August. Adult Weekend Clinics (June & Aug). Camps directed by Head Men's Coach, Paul Goldstein, Head Women's Coach, Lele Forood, and Associate Men's and Women's Coaches, Brandon Coupe and Frankie Brennan. Come join the fun and get better this summer!
www.USSportsCamps.com **1.800.NIKE.CAMP (645.3226)**

Player Capital Tennis **Atherton**
Have some fun in the sun playing tennis at Player Capital Tennis' Summer Camps. June 15th-August 14th, Monday - Friday, 9am-1pm and 1pm-5pm. Ages 4-18. Camps held at Holbrook-Palmer Park and Valley Church.
www.playercapital.com **650.275.3027**

Stanford Baseball Camps **Stanford Campus**
Stanford Baseball Camps have gained national recognition as the some of the finest in the country. These camps are designed to be valuable and beneficial for a wide range of age groups and skill sets. From the novice 7 year-old, to the Division 1, professionally skilled high school player, you will find a camp that fulfills your needs.
www.Stanfordbaseballcamp.com **650.723.4528**

Stanford Water Polo **Stanford**
Ages 7 and up. New to sport or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or fully day option for boys and girls. All the camps offer fundamental skill work, scrimmages and games.
www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com **650.725.9016**

Summer at Saint Francis **Mountain View**
Sports & Activity Camp (ages 6-12): This all-sports camp provides group instruction in a variety of fields, indoor & outdoor court games and activities. Saint Francis faculty and students staff the camp, and the focus is always on fun. The program is dedicated to teaching teamwork, sportsmanship and positive self-esteem. After camp care is available.
www.sfhs.com/summer **650.968.1213 x650**

Summer Camp@SportsHouse (Powered by Skyhawks) **Redwood City**
June 15-August 14. Weekly indoor sports day camp for kids 6-13 years old. Fun filled sports and games directed by Skyhawks. Full day 9am-4pm camp includes lunch and optional after camp care.
www.sportshouseonline.com **650.362.4100**

Wheel Kids Bicycle Club **Palo Alto**
Wheel Kids is Palo Alto's premier adventure and exploration summer day camp for boys and girls 5-15 yrs old. Camps run weekly from June 8th – July 31st, offering a range of cultural, recreational and environmental learning opportunities, all based on our daily bicycling adventures. Join us this summer as we teach your kids safe bicycle riding skill & habits, help build their self confidence and esteem, and begin a life-long journey of health and fitness while helping improve our environment.
www.wheelkids.com **650.520.6524**

Academics

Alexa Café **Palo Alto High School**
At Alexa Café, girls ages 10-15 collaborate around café tables and learn to code apps, produce films, design websites, develop wearable electronics, and more. Discover a passion for technology in this unique environment that emphasizes leadership, philanthropy, and more.
www.iDTech.com **1.888.709.8324**

Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls **Palo Alto**
Casti Camp offers girls a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips.
www.castilleja.org/summercamp **650.328.3160**

Harker Summer Programs **San Jose**
K-12 offerings taught by exceptional, experienced faculty and staff. K-6 morning academics – focusing on math, language arts and science – and full spectrum of afternoon recreation. Grades 6-12 for credit courses and non-credit enrichment opportunities. Sports programs also offered.
www.summer.harker.org **408.553.0537**

iD Game Design and Development Academy **Stanford**
Get immersed in game design at this 2-week, pre-college summer academy! Teens ages 13-18 design video games, develop apps, model 3D characters, mod with Minecraft, and more. Tour a development studio and create a portfolio.
www.iDTech.com **1.888.709.8324**

iD Programming Academy **Stanford**
Get immersed in technology at this 2-week, pre-college summer academy. Teens ages 13-18 code apps, program with C++ and Java, mod with Minecraft, engineer robots, and program websites. Tour a development studio and create a portfolio.
www.iDTech.com **1.888.709.8324**

iD Tech Mini **Palo Alto High School**
Kids ages 6-9 will have a blast at iD Tech Mini, where half day options let aspiring innovators discover a love for tech. Campers make new friends and learn hands-on STEM skills in a kid-friendly environment.
www.iDTech.com **1.888.709.8324**

iD Tech Camps **Stanford**
Code, game, create! At iD Tech Camps, students ages 7-17 code apps, design video games, mod with Minecraft, engineer robots, build websites, produce movies, and more. Kids meet new friends and gain a competitive edge.
www.iDTech.com **1.888.709.8324**

Mid-Peninsula High School **Menlo Park**
Mid-Pen offers summer courses designed to help students make up high school credits and a diverse range of enriching courses that go beyond traditional curriculum. In addition to courses in math, science, English, Spanish, and SAT/ACT prep, we invite students to enhance their skills in innovative classes that include: College Essay Workshop, Research Writing Workshop, Drama, Music Video Production, and Fine Arts courses in Surface Design and Mixed Media. We also hold basketball and volleyball clinics suitable for beginning to advanced players. All high school students are welcome to attend. Summer session runs from June 22 to July 23, 2015.
www.mid-pen.com **650.321.1991**

One Me **Palo Alto Westin Hotel**
Students aged 12-16 will find direction and inspiration through introspection and self-awareness, discovering how they learn and are motivated, addressing and understanding habits, improving communication skills, understanding the brain, understanding personality and ego states, emotional regulation, and welcoming challenge.
www.oneyou.education **408.839.6965**

Professional Tutoring Services of Silicon Valley **Los Altos**
Academic camps offering Algebra I & II, Geometry, and Spanish I, II, III in small groups. Four sessions starting June 15 through July 27. Sign up for all four or just one. Perfect for high school and junior high students taking high school level courses. \$250 and up. Register online.
www.ptstutor.com/summer-camps.html **650.948.5137**

Purposeful You **Palo Alto Westin Hotel**
Students aged 12-16 will learn best practices in organization and goal setting; study techniques; communication with administration and teachers; strengthening memory; answering to the question; outlining, writing, and citing resources; emotional regulation; stress and test anxiety management, attention and motivation.
www.oneyou.education **408.839.6965**

Summer at Saint Francis **Mountain View**
Summer at Saint Francis provides a broad range of academic and athletic programs for elementary through high school students. It is the goal of every program to make summer vacation enriching and enjoyable!
www.sfhs.com/summer **650.968.1213 x446**

Write Now! Summer Writing Camps **Palo Alto / Pleasanton**
Improve your student's writing skills this summer at Emerson School of Palo Alto and Hacienda School of Pleasanton. Courses this year are Expository Writing, Creative Writing, and Presentation Techniques. Visit our website for more information.
www.headsup.org **Emerson: 650.424.1267**
Hacienda: 925.485.5750

REVIEW BY
DALE F. BENTSON

PHOTOS BY
VERONICA WEBER

No amore in the kitchen

CAFÉ VITALE FALLS
SHORT ON PASSION,
AUTHENTICITY

Café Vitale's Tuscan chicken sandwich is served on grilled ciabatta bread with basil mayonnaise and jack cheese.

The Italian neighborhood restaurant we grew up with has become an endangered species. So I was looking forward to dining at Café Vitale, located in the charming Loyola Corners area of Los Altos — its shopping center neighbors include a bike shop and dance studio.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

DINNER BY THE MOVIES AT SHORELINE'S

Cucina Venti

Now accepting reservations
Catering available



1390 Pear Ave., Mountain View
(650) 254-1120
www.cucinaventi.com

Hours:
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday



LIVE MUSIC
Thursdays 5-8pm



Calamari fritti were enhanced by a squeeze of lemon, but overwhelmed by the marinara dipping sauce.

Delicious sandwiches seem to be Café Vitale's métier, and the place was busiest midday. The grilled Tuscan chicken sandwich (\$9.95) and side of fries (\$3.50) were first-rate. The sandwich, with jack cheese, caramelized onions and basil mayonnaise, was served on grilled ciabatta bread. It came with a cup of spinach and broccoli soup, which would have been better had it been hotter.

The restaurant's charm began to fade after that. At another lunch, I was served a basket of bread and focaccia that tasted as if it was leftover from the night before.

Then came bruschetta (\$6.95), a large portion served with mixed greens. The tomatoes were so unripe they were crunchy. The heavy douse of garlic and balsamic vinegar overwhelmed my taste buds and burned my mouth. The waitress graciously removed the item from the bill.

Next up: pizza. There are endless versions of Margherita pizza. I like it at lunch because it's light — a little cheese with no meat or vegetables. Classic Ital-

ian Margherita is tomato sauce and shredded basil with a few dollops of mozzarella dotting the pie. I've never seen a Margherita pizza (\$11.95) like Café Vitale's: a cheese-laden pizza with sliced tomatoes on top. The house-made crust was pliable and doughy. Though the flavor was good, it was heavy for lunch.

At dinner, the Caesar salad was flavorless and the portion was skimpy for the price (\$9.95). I couldn't detect any of the essentials of a Caesar dressing: no anchovy or garlic, mustard powder or black pepper, heady olive oil, Worcestershire, coddled egg, kick nor bite. One of Café Vitale's investors, Reuben Comec, said Café Vitale's version contains no egg, mustard powder or anchovy.

The calamari fritti (\$13.95) were fried crisp and the flavors were good. The accompanying tomato sauce, though, was too herby and swamped the delicate squid flavors. A squeeze of lemon was the best accompaniment.

The same sauce showed up minutes later atop the house-made gnocchi (\$16.95). It was



Ana Gisela Flores, a server, and manager **Ruben Gomez** finish up with lunch service at Café Vitale.

too herbal for that dish too, and cloaked the delicate gnocchi flavors. However, without the sauce, the gnocchi tasted more of flour than potato.

The salmon with creamy risotto (\$18.95) offered further disenchantment. If the fish was fresh, you could have fooled me. The three bone-dry filets were so overcooked they were stiff as cardboard. The risotto wasn't the least bit creamy, more al dente.

Desserts, \$7.50 each, were marginally better. Pumpkin pudding, not quite seasonal, was dense and moist. The cinnamon whipped cream was a nice touch.

The panna cotta was well conceived, light without being gelatinous, but the melted black-

berry preserves poured over the top nearly ruined it.

The tiramisu was another disappointment. The ladyfingers had been soaked in something faintly alcoholic, but I know not what. Otherwise, the only flavor derived was from the cocoa powder sprinkled too liberally over the cake.

Through the food ordeals, the waitstaff was unfailingly pleasant and helpful. Comec explained a new menu will launch soon, and many of the problems I had with the food will, hopefully, be amended. (Specifically, the bruschetta will no longer have any balsamic vinegar.)

Perhaps the new menu will be more compact, allowing cooks to perfect a smaller range of dishes.

DINING NOTES

Café Vitale

987 Fremont Road, Los Altos
650-559-1500
cafevitale.com

Hours:

Lunch: Monday-Saturday,
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dinner: Monday-Saturday,
5-9 p.m.

Reservations	✓
Credit cards	✓
Happy hour	✓
Children	✓
Takeout	✓
Parking	lot
Alcohol	beer and wine
Corkage	n/a
Outdoor dining	streetside
Private parties	n/a
Noise Level	moderate
Bathroom cleanliness	good

As it is, there are several different cooks, so consistency looks to be a problem.

It should be said that Café Vitale isn't intended as fancy schmancy dining. I wouldn't qualify it as Italian either — Mediterranean, perhaps? So many of the basics of Italian cuisine seem to have eluded the kitchen, passion and expression foremost among them. I look forward to the new menu. ▮

CLARKE'S

Happy Hour

4pm-9pm Sun-Thurs

- Clarke's Burgers - \$1.50 off
- French Fries - \$1.25 off
- \$3 off any dinner
- Kids 12 & under - buy 1 get 1 free*

*item from kids menu of equal or lesser value

70th year
ANNIVERSARY!



Open 7 days

Lunch & Dinner 11am-9pm; Fri 'til 10pm
Breakfast on Weekends 8am-2pm

Mountain View • 615 W. El Camino Real • (650) 967-0851



Clarks.com



"Best Mexican Restaurant"
3 years in a row



'A Ray of Sunshine in Menlo Park'

Inviting you to discover the fresh and vibrant tastes of modern Mexican cuisine in a warm and relaxed atmosphere.



Now catering! Make it a perfect occasion for any birthday party, business meeting, company function or any special occasion.

We deliver for FREE! 1010 DOYLE STREET, MENLO PARK
(650) 326-2501 | CAFEDEL SOL MENLO.COM

MON-THURS 11AM-3PM; 4:30PM-9:30PM || FRI & SAT 11AM-3PM; 4:30PM-10PM || CLOSED SUNDAY

MOVIE OPENINGS



IMAGE COURTESY OF RICHARD CARTWRIGHT/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

The Barden Bellas return to defend their reputation at an international a cappella competition in the sequel to *"Pitch Perfect."*

Pop goes the sequel

'PITCH PERFECT 2' BUBBLES, THEN GOES A BIT FLAT

★★ 1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

Though stretched a bit thin across its two-hour canvas, *"Pitch Perfect 2"* frames a peppy, poppy, funny sequel colored with youthful feminism. Like its 2012 predecessor, the follow-up comes credited as (loosely) adapted, by screenwriter Kay Cannon (*"30 Rock"*), from Mickey Rapkin's non-fiction book, *"Pitch Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate A Cappella Glory."*

Like the not-so-distant trend of dance movies, the *"Pitch Perfect"* franchise is a *"found"* musical with a plot that naturally incorporates song and dance. Three-time defending national collegiate a cappella champions the Barden Bellas pursue a *"Glee"*-ful vocation of perfecting their sound and trouncing the competition with dazzling vocal displays and production numbers (again choreographed by Aakomon Jones).

In the film's opening sequence, the Bellas face instant international disgrace when a wardrobe malfunction strikes the nether-regions of Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson). Suddenly, the champs are bottom-of-the-barrel underdogs faced with the seemingly insurmountable

challenge of winning the World A Cappella Championship and thus regaining their reputation and right to operate freely at Barden University. Meanwhile, relatively level-headed star performer Beca (the always adorable Anna Kendrick, fresh off *"Into the Woods"*) interns with a high-powered pop producer (Keegan-Michael Key), pondering if she can have it all and what that even means for her. Can she do more than sing covers in an a cappella group? Can she, as it were, find her voice?

There's romance times two in perfunctory subplots for Fat Amy (paired with Adam DeVine's Bumper) and Barden *"freshperson"* Emily Junk (Hailee Steinfeld), who instantly catches the eye of hyper-awkward Benji (Ben Platt). As a new pledge, Emily also mirrors Beca's trajectory in the first film, reacting to the craziness of the Bellas and bringing her own creativity heroically to bear on the group's success. Along with Wilson's deadpan rude-and-crude humor, John Michael Higgins and Elizabeth Banks return as the a cappella commentators with specialties in, respectively, blatant sexism

and blatant racism.

Banks also directs this sequel (in her feature filmmaking debut) and conspires with Cannon to craft another crossover comedy hit that nevertheless speaks directly to women. Flying in the face of sexist assumptions, the brash, trash-talking Bellas build self-worth and win team victories, and although politically incorrect (if absurdly funny) cultural stereotyping rears its ugly head again, the film also upends gender stereotypes, as with the wild suggestion that the Green Bay Packers are underground a cappella stars.

The run-time drags as the storyline sags, and the jokes start to go a bit stale. Though the thrill of invention is gone, there's enough comic fertility and accumulated goodwill to sustain *"Pitch Perfect 2"* through to its splashy and socially optimistic finale, which paints the big picture that arts education invaluablely nurtures the whole person and keeps on giving through the years.

Rated PG-13 for innuendo and language. One hour, 55 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

MOVIE TIMES

Age of Adaline (PG-13) Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m.

Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) ★★★

Century 16: 9 a.m., 12:15, 2:30, 3:40, 7:10, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m. In 3-D at 9:50 & 11 a.m., 1:20, 4:50, 6:10 & 8:20 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:50 p.m.

Century 20: 10:20 & 11:35 a.m., 2:50, 6:15, 7:20, 8 & 9:35 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:30 & 4:45 p.m., Sun 4:50 p.m. In 3-D at 11 a.m., 12:30, 2:10, 3:40, 5:30, 6:55, 8:55, 10:05 & 10:35 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 12:30, 3:40, 6:55 & 10:05 p.m.

The Blues Brothers (1980) (R)

Century 16: Sun 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

Bombay Velvet (Not Rated)

Century 16: 11:25 a.m., 3:15, 7 & 10:35 p.m.

Clouds of Sils Maria (R) ★★★1/2

Guild Theatre: 1:15, 4, 7:05 & 9:55 p.m.

The D Train (R) Century 20: 9:05 p.m.

Ex Machina (R) Century 16: 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 5, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 10:40 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

Far From the Madding Crowd (PG-13)

Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 1:30, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.

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

Furious 7 (PG-13) Century 20: 12:50, 3:55, 7:10 & 10:20 p.m.

Home (PG) ★★ Century 16: 4:55, 7:20 & 9:50 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:25 & 11:50 a.m. & 2:15 p.m., Sun 9:10 & 11:35 a.m. Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 1:35, 4:10 & 6:45 p.m.

Hot Pursuit (PG-13) Century 16: 10:20 a.m., 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:50 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 10:45 a.m., 1, 3:25, 5:45, 8:05 & 10:25 p.m.

I'm No Angel (1933) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:50 & 9:10 p.m.

Mad Max: Fury Road (R)

Century 16: 11:50 a.m., 2:45, 5:45 & 8:45. In 3-D at 9:45 & 10:45 a.m., 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45 & 10:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:45 p.m.

Century 20: 2:55, 5:50 & 8:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m. In X-D 3-D at 11:05 a.m., 2, 4:55, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m.

Monkey Kingdom (G) ★★1/2

Century 20: 10:25 a.m., 12:35, 2:50 & 5:05 p.m.

My Favorite Wife (1940) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 4:10 p.m.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG) Century 16: 9:35 a.m., noon, 2:25 & 4:50 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

Piku (Not Rated) Century 16: 7:25 & 10:30 p.m.

Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:25, 1:25, 2:25, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:10 & 10:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:10 p.m. & 12:01 a.m.

Century 20: 10:30, 10:55 & 11:40 a.m., 12:25, 1:15, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4, 4:35, 5:20, 6, 6:45, 7:25, 8:10, 9, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m.

The Water Diviner (R) Century 16: 9 a.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.

Wild Tales (R) ★★★1/2

Palo Alto Square: 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:55 p.m.

Woman in Gold (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: 9:15 & 11:55 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m.

AQUARIUS: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

CENTURY CINEMA 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (800-326-3264)

CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)

CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

STANFORD THEATRE: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

For show times, plot synopses and more information about any films playing at the Aquarius, visit www.LandmarkTheatres.com

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

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit www.mv-voice.com and click on movies.



MOVIE REVIEWS

CLOUDS OF SILS MARIA

★★★ 1/2

A tale of two actresses and one personal assistant, *"Clouds of Sils Maria"* subtly dramatizes the existential questions facing show folk in an uncomfortable landscape crowded with superhero

movies. Writer-director Olivier Assayas (*"Summer Hours," "Carlos"*) tenderly drops us into the world of middle-aged actress Maria Enders (Juliette Binoche), whose past successes only complicate her present attempts. The film opens on a train taking Maria and her personal assistant Valentine (Kristen Stewart) to a Zurich-based festival to accept a lifetime achievement award on behalf of the playwright-director who launched Maria's career, but a phone call informs the pair that honoree Wilhelm Melchior has died.

This pours salt into the already reopened wounds that are Maria's memories of her 20-years-earlier triumph (in Melchior's two-woman play, *"Maloja Snake"*) and complicated relationships with her elders (Melchior and her co-star, who died in a possibly suicidal car crash). To make matters worse, an insistent film director wears down Maria's defenses until she agrees to star in a revival of *"Maloja Snake,"* but now, distressingly, in the elder role, opposite 19-year-old movie starlet Jo-Ann Ellis (Chloë Grace Moretz).

ing the ineffability of life itself. Assayas implies that what transpires between the film's characters, artists and art, and art and audiences contains its own beautiful mystery that's nourishing, maddening and essential. *Rated R for language and brief graphic nudity. Two hours, 4 minutes.* — P.C.

GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

CALIFORNIA POPS ORCHESTRA: 'SPIES, HEROES, COMEDY, MAYHEM!'

Conducted by Kim Venaas, the California Pops Orchestra will present a program focusing on music associated with heroes, detectives and adventurers from movies, Broadway and TV, including James Bond, Indiana Jones, Superman and others. Special guests during the program will be impressionist Matt Helm, Gilbert and Sullivan star Jordan Eldredge and the Mamma Mia singers. May 17, 3-5 p.m. \$42 premium; \$37 regular; \$15 youth. Foothill College, Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-856-8432. www.calpops.org

ART GALLERIES

'Barnyard Friends' Viewpoints Gallery will showcase a new group of oil paintings by Julia Munger Seelos called "Barnyard Friends." April 28-May 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday only until 3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com/calendar.html

'Cuba, Paris & California' Main St. Cafe & Books has on display an exhibit of black and white photography by Tom and Marj Green, work that uses light and shadows to lend common scenes a mood or story. On May 16, from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a reception. May 2-29, Monday-Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free. Main St. Cafe & Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-4536. www.tomandmarj.com

'Cuban Icons, Cuban Lives' Gallery 9 will offer an exhibit of photographs by Bill Scull called "Cuban Icons, Cuban Lives," which captures the rich daily lives of Cubans and their compassion, resilience, pride and style. April 28-May 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/index.html

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Fine Art in the Park The Los Altos Rotary Club will hold its annual Fine Art in the Park event, where this year there will be original work by 160 artists, wine tasting, beer, food and free live entertainment. The event benefits scholarships, local nonprofits such as Rotacare Free Clinic and earthquake relief in Nepal. May 16 and 17, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Free. Lincoln Park, Foothill Expressway, Los Altos. Call 408-832-7858. rotaryartshow.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Add Culture to Your Veggies class This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will cover the benefits of fermenting vegetables, the necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste sample sauerkraut, dill pickles and kratchi, a sauerkraut-kimchi hybrid, and they will take home a few products they make themselves. May 19, 6-8 p.m. \$75. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-450-8205. www.zerowastechef.com/register

Adult school summer classes registration Registration for summer classes at the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will begin on Friday, May 15. The summer session will run from June 15 to July 31. Those interested should call or visit the website for more info. May 15-June 19. Prices vary. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

Coffee tasting event This event at the Mountain View Public Library will help attendees in differentiating between various kinds of roasts and developing an appreciation for the complex beverage. Free coffee will be provided. May 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6877. www.mountainview.gov/library

Drop-in Bike Clinic Once monthly, professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will visit the Mountain View Public Library to share advice and help with changing tires, adjusting shifting and brakes, identifying mysterious noises and more. Third Saturday of the month, April 18-Aug. 15, 11-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Foothill College summer registration This summer Foothill College will offer two six-week summer sessions from June 8 to July 18 and June 29 to Aug. 9, each featuring online and on-campus general education courses. Registration will run from May 7 to June 7. Visit the website for more information. May 7-June 7. \$31 per unit. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.edu/reg/summer15.php

Health care programs orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified

Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. May 22, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlaae.net

CLUBS/MEETINGS

AAUW Tech Trek Tea At this event, the local AAUW chapter will present the newest Tech Trek Science Camp scholars from middle schools in Los Altos, Mountain View and Palo Alto. Tech Trek Camps provide opportunities for young girls to explore science and technology as career routes. Dr. Erica Wirich of Global Health Research will speak at the event. May 21, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-967-7898. lamv-ca.aauw.net

ESL Conversation Club in Los Altos The Los Altos Library will host a weekly ESL Conversation Club, where those new to speaking English can practice their conversational skills. Basic English speaking abilities are needed; no registration is required. The library is also looking for volunteer facilitators for the club. Thursdays, March 12-June 4, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683, ext. 3516. www.sccd.org/Services/ESL-Resources

ESL Conversation Club in Mountain View This weekly club at the Mountain View Public Library provides a place to practice English conversation skills with friendly company. All levels are welcome; no registration is required. Wednesdays, April 1-July 1, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Language Swap This weekly Mountain View Public Library event will allow community members to both practice speaking a different language and teach a language to others. All levels and drop-ins are welcome. Thursdays, April 2-July 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CSA Homeless Outreach Twice monthly a Community Services Agency social worker will come to the Mountain View Public Library to offer assistance to low-income and homeless individuals, including information and referrals to community resources. Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, year-round, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

linkAges TimeBank orientation at Red Rock This event will introduce community members to linkAges TimeBank, a neighborhood service-exchange network that enables people to share interests and skills and help one another. May 21, 6-7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-934-3556. timebank.linkages.org/component/dtregister/

linkAges TimeBank orientation in Mountain View This event will introduce community members to linkAges TimeBank, a neighborhood service-exchange network that enables people to share interests and skills and help one another. May 19, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-934-3556. timebank.linkages.org/component/dtregister/

Los Altos United Methodist Church rummage sale This two-day rummage sale will bring together a large selection of household items, linens, clothes, children's stuff, toys, books, electronics, garden items, jewelry, sports equipment, furniture and more. A "Quality Corner" will have finer items and collectibles. Lunch will be available from a hot dog truck. May 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; May 16, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free admission. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-2044. laumc.org/news/calendar/

Sew Sew Saturday The Mountain View Public Library invites community members to come by on Saturday mornings to use its four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger. Appointments are required. Saturdays, April 4-July 4, 10:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Tech Day for Older Adults During this linkAges TimeBank event, community members can receive free, personalized assistance from young adults and Stanford alumni in using technology like personal devices, social media and more. Walk-ins are welcome, but priority will be given to those with reservations. May 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-934-3556. docs.google.com/forms/d/1711VZe5iP8i8lpSG0SwZMMN77oR_8tXC2b9Z6GCXlsQ/viewform

CONCERTS

'Jewish Music of the Baroque' The Albany Consort, led by Jonathan Salzedo, will perform a concert with period instruments and a full chorus of Baroque music with Hebrew words. The music was originally performed between the 16th and 18th centuries in Jewish communities in the Netherlands, France and Italy. May 17, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 408-245-6901. www.albanyconsort.com

'The Gift of Music' in Los Altos In a program entitled "The Gift of Music," choral group Schola Cantorum will salute John Rutter — a composer, conductor, arranger and editor — with the performance of a handful of works associated with his multifaceted career. May 17, 3 p.m. \$25 general; free for students ages 25 and under with ID. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

BELLA Piano Trio The Oshman Family JCC will host the BELLA Piano Trio, a talented, rising group that will perform a recital of works by favorite chamber composers. May 19, noon-1:30 p.m. \$15. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8616. paloaltojcc.org/music

DANCE

'Unlaced Dance Series' Smuin Ballet will close its 21st season with the "Unlaced Dance Series," which includes performances of the balcony pas de deux from Michael Smuin's "Romeo and Juliet," Helen Pickett's "Petal," a world premiere by Adam Hougland and vignettes from Michael Smuin's "Hearts Suite." May 21-23, 8 p.m.; May 23 and 24, 2 p.m. \$52-\$71. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-912-1899. www.smuinballet.org

EXHIBITS

'Into the Wild Woods' The Community School of Music and Arts currently has on display an exhibition of illustrations and paintings by Bay Area native Liz Amini-Holmes. April 3-May 31, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

'No Limits - Freedom to Create' The Town of Los Altos Hills is now hosting "No Limits - Freedom to Create," a fine art exhibit showcasing the work of the Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society. Monday-Friday, March 9-Aug. 28, 8 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m. Free. Town of Los Altos Hills, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-941-7222. www.losaltoshills.ca.gov

'Reflect + Create' The Los Altos History Museum will offer a new exhibit called "Reflect + Create: Where Art and History Intersect," looking at how artists, makers and creators from the community have taken inspiration from items in the museum's collection. Thursday-Sunday, May 7-Sept. 30, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427, ext. 16. losaltoshistory.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Lego Day At the Mountain View Public Library's Lego Day, adults can enjoy building with Lego blocks during lunchtime from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., and all ages can join in from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Legos are provided by the library. No registration is required. May 21, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

HEALTH

Danceation fitness classes European pop star Heath Hunter and international fitness guru Kirsten Johnson teach regular high-energy dance and fitness workouts for all skill levels. March 16-June 17, Monday, 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 9, 10 and 11 a.m. \$20 single class; \$150 10-class pass. American Legion, 347 1st St., Los Altos. www.danceation.com

Free YMCA fitness course This weekly course led by YMCA instructors, called Healthy Happens Here, leads participants in beginner-level strength training to develop balance, flexibility, posture, coordination and fall prevention. Classes are appropriate for all levels and backgrounds. Registration is required. Wednesdays, May 6-July 29, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Jacki's Aerobic Dancing classes guide participants in abdominal work, strength training and aerobic routines. Complimentary childcare is provided by staff. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, March 9-Dec.

18, 9 a.m. \$36 month; \$6 single class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. joanier@pacbell.net

ON STAGE

'Birds of a Feather' The Pear Avenue Theatre will stage "Birds of a Feather," the third installment of a stage noir trilogy by Paul Braverman that follows the irascible detective Frankie Payne. May 1-24, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. See website for ticket pricing. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org

'Once Upon a Mattress' Peninsula Youth Theatre will perform "Once Upon a Mattress," a musical parody of a Hans Christian Andersen story in which Winnifred the Woebegone undergoes tests for a chance to marry Dauntless the Drab. May 9-17, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, 2 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. \$22 adult; \$18 senior, child age 12 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pytnet.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, which are accompanied by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Dec. 29, 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

SPORTS

Bike Courier Challenge The Mountain View Public Library and Cowgirl Bike Courier will hold a fun event where community members can go up against professional couriers in a bicycle race to make deliveries. May 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

MVTC May Tennis Tournament The Mountain View Tennis Club will hold a mixed doubles tournament at Rengstorff Park that is open to both club members and nonmembers of all abilities. Individuals can participate with or without a partner. Breakfast, lunch and prizes are included. May 16, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. \$15 member; \$20 nonmember. Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. www.mvtnet.net

LECTURES & TALKS

'State of Change: Forgotten Landscapes of California' In this California Native Plant Society talk, Laura Cunningham will use historical ecology to paint pictures of California's past and explore what the future will hold for the state's ever-changing landscapes. May 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.cnps-scv.org

Stanford

Attend Stanford while living at home.

High School Summer College

Stanford's High School Summer College is an academically selective program that provides high-achieving high school students the ability to attend Stanford University in the summer. The program runs 8 weeks and participants enroll as visiting undergraduates students in Stanford's Summer Quarter and take the same courses as Stanford undergraduates. Summer College students can choose from 145 courses across 30 university departments. Live at home and attend Stanford for as low as \$3,400.

 DATES

June 20 – August 16

 AGES

16 – 19

 Applications are open! Visit:

spcs.stanford.edu/pawekly



SEE OUR PROGRESS in the Bay Area

Bret Hembree

Crew Foreman

CUPERTINO RESIDENT

“ I love serving the community I live in, and I’m proud to be part of the work PG&E is doing to build a better, stronger and more reliable infrastructure here. ”

At PG&E, our customers are our neighbors. The communities we serve as PG&E employees are where we live and work too.

That’s why we’re investing \$5 billion this year to enhance pipeline safety and strengthen our gas and electric infrastructure across northern and central California. It’s why we’re helping people and businesses gain energy efficiencies to help reduce their bills. It’s why we’re focused on developing the next generation of clean, renewable energy systems.

Together, we are working to enhance pipeline safety and strengthen our gas and electric infrastructure—for your family and ours.

SEE THE FACTS IN THE BAY AREA



Replaced more than 30 miles of gas transmission pipeline



Invested more than \$2.1 billion into electrical improvements



Connected more than 65,000 rooftop solar installations

“PG&E” refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2015 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. Paid for by PG&E shareholders. All facts 2013/2014, unless otherwise noted.



**Together, Building
a Better California**

pge.com/SeeOurProgress