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Broken arm leads to \$1M suit against city

WOMAN FILES CLAIM AFTER BEING INJURED DURING ARREST FOR ALLEGED CRACK COCAINE USE

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council and city officials have decided to reject a \$1 million claim against the city brought by a woman whose arm was shattered while she was being arrested by Mountain View police officers last fall.

The injury occurred Sept.

15, when officers were placing 47-year-old Jody Lynn Haar, of Marina, under arrest for allegedly being under the influence of cocaine and possessing a crack pipe. She was apprehended while riding in a car that was stopped by police on El Camino Real.

According to reports filed by the three officers involved, Haar, who is 5-foot-10 and 155 pounds, was sitting on a curb with her arms behind her back and was in the process of being handcuffed when she surprised the officers by lunging forward to stand up, saying, "I didn't do anything wrong."

As she moved, police agent Jose Vieyra held Haar's right arm in what he described as a "control hold" — his left hand on Haar's right hand and his right hand on Haar's right elbow. Officers wrote that she was losing her balance while Vieyra kept her in the control hold to keep her from falling forward, and that's about when her upper right arm broke in several places. Officers said they believed she was trying to "break free" to avoid arrest.

On Tuesday, the City Council met in closed session to discuss the case, and city attorney Janie Quinn announced that they had decided to reject the claim. The city's position, said Quinn in a phone interview, is that "The force used was reasonably necessary because the claimant tried to resist arrest."

Haar's attorney, William B. Look, said the officers used excessive force and were negligent.

In the claim filed against the city, Look called "not credible" the police report describing



JAMES TENSUAN

MUY DIVERTIDO:

Clowns Guayabita (left) and Valerito inflate a balloon last weekend in front of Mi Pueblo, the Mexican grocery store on Rengstorff Avenue. The two frequent the location, making balloon shapes for kids.

MV Whisman kicks off 10 budget forums

NO PINK SLIPS PLANNED FOR DISTRICT'S TEACHERS

By Kelsey Mesher

Despite tough fiscal decisions ahead, the Mountain View Whisman School District will not be handing out pink slips come March 15, the state deadline for notifying employees of layoffs.

In the first of a series of budget forums Tuesday afternoon, district chief financial officer Craig Goldman told the site council at Huff Elementary that the district plans to cut 11 staff positions in elementary schools, but that he is "highly confident" probationary and tenured teachers will keep their jobs this year.

The classroom reductions are one part of working out next year's budget amidst significant cuts from Sacramento. Due to a combination of categorical and unrestricted operational funding cuts, Goldman said, the district will be

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Brain drain takes toll on Valley

REGION'S HIGH-TECH TALENT RETURNING IN DROVES TO INDIA, CHINA

By Kelsey Mesher

Smart, talented immigrants have shaped the entrepreneurial spirit and vitality of Silicon Valley for decades. But lately, with economies growing in China, India and elsewhere while the local tech scene remains stagnant, skilled immigrants are returning to their home countries in search of better opportunities.

And recruiters like Jack Perkins, of Mountain View, are helping them get there.

"The word is that India is booming, and there are more product development opportunities there," said Perkins, a principal at local boutique search firm Oryx.

These days, he said, Indian companies are on the lookout for "Silicon Valley DNA," which helps give them a "global perspective to move beyond the India-centric marketplace."

"There's nothing good about this for Silicon Valley."

VIVEK WADHWHA

In the past, India was "really big on the services side, and back-office type of work and IT implementation and quality and testing," he said. "But now there's a critical mass of new product development for global (technology) products, tak-

ing place in India, and that requires a different type of engineer. So that's the market I'm addressing."

For example, Perkins is currently looking to fill a vice president of engineering position at a company in Mumbai: "They want the candidate to come from here because they need, as they put it, a real game changer," he said.

The trend bothers some industry watchers, who say an exodus of highly qualified individuals could have serious implications for the economic health of Silicon Valley.

"We have a lot to worry about," said Vivek Wadhwa, a researcher at Duke University and currently a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley.

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"I'm not for legalization, but I know none of my friends needed a medical marijuana card to get as much as they wanted to smoke."

Drewkai Butler, South San Francisco



"Absolutely. If people have reasons to smoke it, they should, especially if it's for medical purposes."

Jerome Edwards, Mountain View



"Definitely. My mother had cancer and it would have really helped her. Medical marijuana is much better than some of the alternative treatments for pain."

Heather Stoller, Sunnyvale



"Having medical marijuana dispensaries would create a lot of revenue for the city through taxes. Colorado already gets millions of dollars a year from patients, and that's not even counting sales taxes — just membership fees."

Vinh Pham, Boulder, Colo.



"It should be allowed — it's been known to help people with pain, and I'm all for a pain-free existence. I'm a teacher, and I'm OK with it as long as they increase regulation to keep it away from kids."

John Worley, Mountain View

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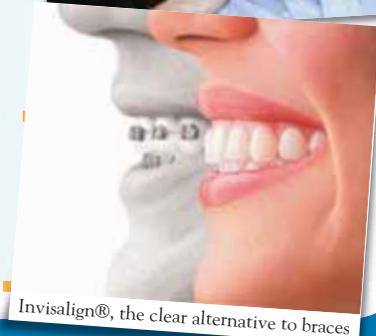
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February 2010

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Thursday, March 11, 2010, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. at:

Building 943 Eagle Room
1 NASA Parkway
Mountain View, CA 94025

**Building 943 (Public Affairs Building) is located just before the main gate on NASA Parkway*

The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities under way at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement.

To review documents on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Ms. Kathy Stewart, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at: (415) 743-4715 or kathryn.stewart@navy.mil.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

You are invited to the City Council meeting where the Council will consider the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation to approve the concept of allowing the Santa Clara Valley Water District to construct and lower the McKelvey Ball Fields to act as a floodwater detention basin as part of the Permanente Creek Flood Protection project. Additional details will be presented at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010
6:30 p.m.
(or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard)
City Council Chambers
Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street, Mountain View

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Robert Kagiya, Principal Civil Engineer, at the Public Works Department at (650) 903-6311.

County program helps with health care

Bay City News

Some uninsured low-wage workers in Santa Clara County can now enroll in a new program offering inexpensive health care coverage for small businesses that otherwise can't afford health insurance for their employees.

The Healthy Workers Program, developed by Working Partnerships USA together with the Santa Clara Family Health Plan and Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System, has been nearly four years in the making. According to Working Partnerships USA spokesperson Jody Meacham, the plan had to be approved by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the state Legislature and the state Department of Managed Health Care.

Working Partnerships USA undertakes projects that benefit workers in Santa Clara County, Meacham said. Its first health care program, launched a few years ago, was a children's health initiative that aimed to ensure every child in the county had health coverage.

The Healthy Workers plan would be available to some of the approximately 90,000 uninsured workers who work in small businesses in the county, Meacham said.

"The health care crisis we hear about in the news today has been going on in the U.S. for several decades in Santa Clara County, and one of the biggest needs is that we have tens of thousands of workers that hold down jobs where they cannot afford health insurance," Meacham said.

To be eligible for the program, a business must employ 50 or fewer workers, must not be currently providing health coverage to its employees, and must pay a tax-deductible fee of \$150 for every covered employee. Additionally, at least 50 percent of its eligible employees must enroll for the coverage to be offered.

Employees are required to work at least 20 hours per week, make \$18 or less an hour and pay a premium of \$75. Preexisting conditions do not affect eligibility. To enroll in the program, businesses can call (408) 410-0811. ■



MICHELLE LE

La Voz newspaper staff members (from left to right facing) Michael Mannina, Coree J. Hogan, Julianne Eckhardt and Refugio Garcia hold a production meeting at De Anza College.

Cuts could cripple De Anza's Voz

By Kelsey Mesher

De Anza Community College President Brian Murphy announced at the end of January a slew of looming layoffs, including one position that could shut down operations at one of the region's most important student newspapers: *La Voz*.

Murphy said in a letter to De Anza staff and community members that in order to balance next year's budget — \$4.8 million less than this year — dozens of hourly classified positions and 24 full-time staff members will be laid off effective June 30, with 14 more losing their jobs on June 30 of

the following year.

Among those in the second round of layoffs is Walter Alvarado, the learning lab and student publications assistant who does pivotal work for *La Voz*, the weekly student newspaper.

"While no one has said *La Voz* will have problems, the union president has told me, once this position is gone the work that he does is going away," said Beth Grobman, De Anza professor of journalism and mass communication and chair of the department.

The union president, Blanche Monary, explained to the *Voice* that her union — the Association of Classified Employees at

Foothill De-Anza, which represents most of the affected workers — has contractual control of Alvarado's position, meaning that losing him eliminates the position for good.

"The best way to look at it is we own the work, or the work is actually our property," Monary said. "When they lay someone off, no one outside of the union can do the work."

"A lot of people are saying 'We'll help out,' but it would be against the contract," Grobman said. That's a shame, she added, since "*La Voz* gives a First Amendment voice to the students and the staff on cam-

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Man killed by train near San Antonio station

Bay City News

A pedestrian fatally struck by a commuter train just north of the San Antonio station last Thursday evening has been identified as Kevin Heaney, 60.

Heaney was killed when a southbound train struck him just north of the San Antonio station at about 5:25 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25. Nobody on the train was injured.

The Santa Clara County medical examiner's office did not immedi-

ately release Heaney's final cause of death or his town of residence.

The tracks were temporarily shut down in both directions. The northbound tracks reopened soon after and trains were single-tracked through the area, Caltrain spokesperson Christine Dunn said. Tracks were open in both directions by 7 p.m.

Caltrain also experienced major service disruptions earlier the same day when northbound train No. 101 struck an unoccupied car that had been left on the tracks

at Mary Avenue in Sunnyvale at about 5 a.m., Dunn said. (See News Briefs, page 6.)

"These incidents, including the tragic circumstances of this evening, are deeply troubling to Caltrain customers and staff and we regret the loss of life and the immense difficulties caused (to) individuals who depend upon the rail service," Caltrain spokesman Mark Simon said in a prepared statement Thursday.

This was the second fatality involving Caltrain this year. ■

What happens when tax district sunsets?

COUNCIL DISCUSSES EFFECTS ON DOWNTOWN AFTER REVITALIZATION DISTRICT EXPIRES IN 2011

By Daniel DeBolt

The city's "downtown revitalization district," a special tax district created to give that neighborhood a boost, is set to expire in 2011, which means the city will lose millions per year in revenue designated for downtown improvements. On Tuesday, city officials held a study session to discuss how this will affect the downtown's future.

During the meeting, economic development director Ellis Berns gave some background on the tax district, explaining that Mountain View's is one of the first such districts in the state to expire, so there is little to learn from other cities' experience. He also said the city looked into extending the district, but concluded that it would be difficult, partly because the downtown is no longer blighted.

The tax district was started in 1969 to fund revitalization of what was then a downtown known for its empty lots and storefronts. Using the new income, "Basically the entire Castro Street was rebuilt," said city manager Kevin Duggan.

Illustrating just how far the area has come, the 16 blocks in the district — which is located between Mercy, Franklin, Evelyn and Hope streets — were valued at \$21 million in 1969 (\$122 million in today's dollars) but have since grown to be worth \$418 million in 2009.

Tax revenue from the district, \$4.7 million this year alone, has been used to attract

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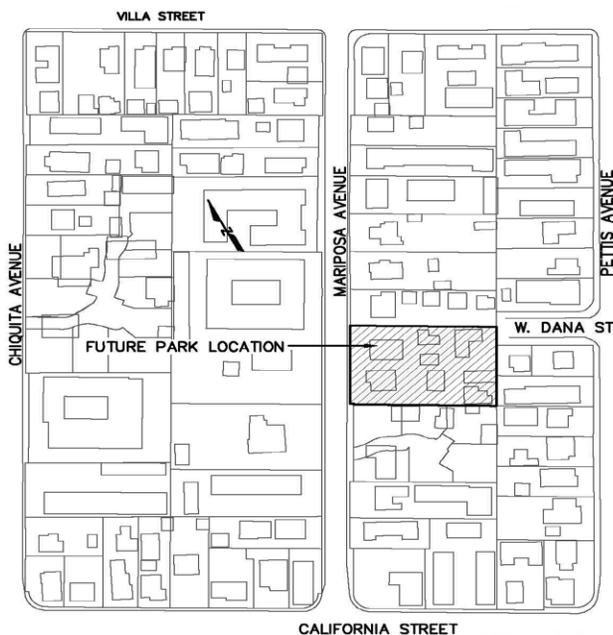
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Community Meeting Notice Mariposa Park

You are invited to a Community Meeting to discuss the design of a new neighborhood mini-park on Mariposa Avenue. The park will be located on City-owned property on Mariposa Avenue between California Street and Villa Street. The purpose of the meeting is to gather input from the neighborhood on what features to include in the park. The meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Thursday, March 11, 2010
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Mountain View Senior Center
266 Escuela Avenue
Mountain View

If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Anne Marie Starr, Senior Civil Engineer, at (650) 903-6311 or at annemarie.starr@mountainview.gov.



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Monday, March 8	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
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Saturday, March 13	10:00 – 1:00 a.m.
Monday, March 15	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 20	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Monday, March 22	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 27	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Refreshments will be served. Meeting rooms vary depending on the date. **Please call 800-216-5556 to register and for location information.**

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NEWS BRIEFS

AUTHORITIES ID VICTIM OF MIDDLEFIELD CAR CRASH

The Santa Clara County Coroner's office has identified the man killed last Sunday in a single-vehicle crash on W. Middlefield Road as Luis Sanchez-Contreras, 24, of Mountain View.

Sanchez-Contreras lost control of the Volvo he was driving in the early morning of Sunday, Feb. 21. Police said the car hit seven trees in the median of Middlefield Road between Linda Vista and San Veron avenues. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police say they believe high speed was a factor in the crash. A toxicology report has not yet been released.

On the *Voice's* Town Square forum, a poster identifying herself as Luis' sister Rosie wrote, "He was the most wonderful brother who put everybody else before himself and never asked anything in return."

— Kelsey Mesher

STIFFER FINES PROPOSED FOR CELL PHONE VIOLATORS

State Sen. Joe Simitian's latest "distracted driving" bill would sharply increase penalties for improper cell phone use and extend the hands-free, no-texting laws to bicyclists.

Senate Bill 1475 would increase penalties from Simitian's first hands-free law from \$20 to \$50, and for a subsequent offense from \$50 to \$100. It would increase the fine for texting while driving from \$20 to \$100. A violation would also add a point to the driver's record. A portion of the increased revenue would provide for a public-awareness program.

A twist to the new bill is that the existing hands-free and no-texting laws would apply to bicyclists as well as motorists.

Simitian, D-Palo Alto, said in a press release that there are definite links between cell phone use and accidents according to data from the California Highway Patrol.

— Palo Alto Weekly

TRAIN HITS ABANDONED CAR IN SUNNYVALE

Peninsula train service was halted for part of Thursday morning last week after a commuter train struck an abandoned car on the tracks in Sunnyvale.

Caltrain spokesperson Christine Dunn said that at about 5 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, northbound train No. 101 struck a car that had been left on the tracks at Mary Avenue. There were 35 passengers on the train, but no one was injured.

A "bus bridge" was set up between the Mountain View and Sunnyvale stations, shuttling passengers around the problem spot during the service disruption. Both north- and southbound tracks were reopened at about 8:40 a.m.

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LAWSUIT

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the injury as having occurred because Haar “lunged forward and shattered her own arm.” He says the officers could have used other means, such as mace or tasers, to control her.

“It’s not possible to dice the known facts into a situation that was life-threatening for the cops,” Look told the *Voice*. “I don’t want to accuse them of brutality or anything more than negligence.”

The officers, he said, used “too much force under the circumstances. It’s not complicated. If you hurt somebody in that situation, you have to take responsibility for it.”

Officers say they immediately took Haar to the hospital after she complained of pain from her injury, and there doctors found a “comminuted fracture” between the elbow and shoulder, which means it was shattered into pieces. Officers reported that they did not ask her to sign her Miranda rights card because of her injured arm.

“MVPD reviewed the case and determined that the officers’

actions complied with all of our policies, procedures and training,” said police spokesperson Liz Wylie in an e-mail.

Look said Haar now has a titanium plate in her arm, and is asking for \$73,636 in medical expenses and \$1 million in damages for what he calls a “permanent physical detriment.”

Look said he was not aware of any health problems Haar had that would make her bones fragile, such as osteoporosis. Even if she did, he said, it would not be allowed as a legal defense under state law.

When asked whether his client had smoked crack cocaine on the day she was arrested, Look did not answer directly and did not dispute it either.

Police had pulled over the truck Haar was riding in after it was seen swerving down El Camino Real with an expired registration and no license plate light. The driver said he was on parole for possession of cocaine but was not found with any. Police reported that Haar was hesitant to allow them to search her purse, but she allowed them to do so even though she was not legally obligated to. Officers say they examined her on the spot and determined that she

had been using crack cocaine. They also said Haar eventually admitted to smoking it earlier that day.

Police say the driver of the truck witnessed the arrest from the back seat of a police car three feet away. He is quoted in the police report as saying: “You guys were just trying to cuff her and she pulled away. I will tell you one thing, I never make any sudden movements like that around cops. I don’t know what she was thinking.”

Haar herself is quoted in the police report saying, “I tried to pull away like an idiot” when explaining her injury to a doctor.

Look pointed out that the police report was written after the officers knew that Haar’s arm was broken. The story may change if the officers, victim and witness testify under oath, he said.

Finance director Patty Kong said any payout as a result of the claim would come from the city’s reserves. Last year the city used some of those reserves, which totaled \$37 million at the time, to keep from having to cut city services. ▣

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■ CITY BRIEFS

COUNCIL HOPES VOLUNTEERS CAN TAKE UP SLACK

In response to requests from the City Council about the idea of using volunteers to patch holes in city services left by budget cuts, city staffers gave a presentation Tuesday revealing that there are already 600 volunteers working for the city.

The program, run since 1988 by a single staff member out of the Community Services Department, has volunteers in every city department. Those volunteers provide everything from photography to office assistance, adding up to 39,000 hours of work last year alone — the equivalent of 18.7 full-time staffers.

Mayor Ronit Bryant said the city should do more to recognize the work the volunteers do. The volunteers do receive free tickets to shows at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

More information can be found on the “Volunteer Services” page at www.mountainview.gov, or by calling volunteer services coordinator Tyler Phillips at (650) 903-6607.

CITY WON’T BUY SITE BEHIND MCKELVEY

With a goal of possibly extending McKelvey Park, the City Council met in closed session last week to discuss purchasing five houses behind the park, and decided not to.

Some council members had previously said that the idea was to buy the partially constructed houses behind the park, which have been called an eyesore, to extend the park’s boundaries and help the Santa Clara Valley Water District build a larger flood detention basin there. Council members had said they wanted to have the Water District reimburse the city for it.

But city manager Kevin Duggan said “We are unable at this point to know for sure how it might impact the Water District project and what savings might be involved,” and he noted that it might even delay the flood basin project.

Also being considered for purchase was a fifth house at 935 Mountain View Ave., which is next to the other four. Duggan said he expected the properties would be sold privately sometime soon.

— Daniel DeBolt

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downtown businesses, plant trees, acquire property for parking and numerous Castro Street improvements. About 20 percent goes to the city’s affordable housing fund, which currently is paying for a 51-unit family housing project on Evelyn Avenue. It also paid for part of the city’s new \$18 million parking garage on Bryant and California streets.

Tax districts like this one siphon property taxes away from schools and other services — and when they finally sunset, those funds begin flowing back to local schools, and to the city’s general fund. But although the downtown tax district is set to expire in 2011, it may not be until 2019 that local schools get their share of downtown property taxes.

That’s because, after 2011, the city will continue to receive its “tax increment” from the district until \$25 million in debt is paid off, which is expected no later than 2019.

Once the debt is paid, the Moun-

tain View Whisman School District will receive 17.7 percent of the newly released property taxes. That would have amounted to \$832,000 this year, according to a March 1 presentation by Craig Goldman, the school district’s chief financial officer. Similarly, the city’s general fund would have received \$700,000 this year.

Local high schools, community

rail downtown, one on downtown parking needs, and others.

Staffers also proposed that the city allow Castro Street businesses and property owners to apply for funds for building facade improvements, which council member Margaret Abe-Koga said can be an expensive city requirement on a new business.

Mayor Ronit Bryant said that a study on downtown high speed rail impacts should be a top priority. The city will only have 45 days to comment on the project’s draft environmental impact report once it is released by the California High Speed Rail Authority, she said, and right-of-way maps

which would show the impacts of running two additional tracks up downtown’s Caltrain corridor may be released within the next month.

Council member Jac Siegel echoed the concerns of downtown businesses that the grade-separated crossing required for the high speed train at Castro could shave severe impacts on downtown, especially the historic 100 block. ▣

Staff writer Kelsey Mesher contributed to this report.

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colleges and the county will also begin to get a portion of downtown property tax revenues, once the debt is paid off.

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pus. This is our main method of communication, and a lot of people will be a lot less informed without it.”

The budget shortfalls at De Anza are just part of a \$10.6 million gap facing the Foothill-De Anza Community College District as a whole, according to district spokesperson Becky Bartindale.

That figure, she said, is after every employee took a health benefits cut to save \$5.3 million at the end of 2009.

“Sadly, I think all of us there, whether we’re faculty or administrators or worker bees, we’re there because we believe in the students, and they’re the ones who are really going to suffer,” Monary said. ■

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LANDELS WINS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Landels Elementary School was named a “Title I Academic Achievement Award School,” one of 238 in California, last month by the state’s top educator.

Landels was one of three Santa Clara County schools to receive the award, granted Feb. 11 by Jack O’Connell, state superintendent of public instruction, to schools whose students are deemed to be making significant progress toward proficiency in California academic standards. Socioeconomically disadvantaged students must have doubled the achievement standards set for them for two consecutive years.

Landels’ Academic Performance Index (API), a comprehensive score from 200 to 1,000 given by the state, jumped 31 points this year to 825. A score of 800 or higher is the goal for all California schools.

“This award exemplifies the Landels community,” said Principal Carmen Mizell in a statement. The

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school is “a place full of people who care about, look after, and root for one another — people who work together for the good of the whole in times of need as well as times of celebration,” she said.

Landels also received the award for the 2005-06 school year. Castro Elementary received it in 2006-07.

To be eligible for the award, schools must be receiving Title I federal funding, given to institutions who serve high populations of students living at or below the poverty level under the 2001 No Child Left Behind Act. More than 6,000 schools in California receive Title I funding.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT SUFFERS UNDER CUTS

California’s community colleges saw a drop in enrollment for the 2009-10 school year, but not due to lack of demand, according to the head of the state’s community college system.

Rather, the statewide decline

of about 1 percent — 3.3 percent in the Foothill-De Anza district alone — is due to lack of funding for classes and sections, California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott said in a statement released last week. Statewide, class sections reportedly are down by about 5 percent.

According to Becky Bartindale, spokesperson for the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, despite the drop in enrollment for the 2009-10 school year there were long waiting lists for fall- and winter-quarter classes. She said the district is currently serving the equivalent of 900 full-time students for whom they are receiving no money from the state.

The district says it must balance next year’s budget with over \$10 million less than this year due to funding cuts. That figure was calculated even after a health benefits reduction approved for all employees in December freed up \$5.3 million.

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balancing its 2010-11 budget with \$1,309 less per student than when fully funded.

When calculated with the district’s projected attendance figures for next year — a record high 4,712 — that amounts to \$6.17 million.

“Throughout the state the first place districts are addressing this is through class size reduction,” Goldman said.

The district’s current proposal

is to allow kindergarten through third grade classrooms an average student-to-teacher ratio of 25 to one, with no more than 27 students in any one classroom. The proposal has gone through union negotiations, but has yet to be voted on by the board of trustees.

Goldman said this class size ratio would accommodate growing enrollment for next year, and also allow the district to eliminate 11 staff positions and 20 classrooms in its elementary schools. The shift would save about \$1 million, he said.

The eliminated staff positions

would be accounted for by retirees, those leaving the district on their own, and by not renewing some temporary contracts.

He added that middle school enrollment projections are approximately the same for next year, and that the number of classrooms at Crittenden and Graham will likely not be affected.

Goldman said the district’s categorical funding — flexible money dedicated to special programs like GATE, art and music, textbooks, professional development and English language learners — is most vulnerable to state cuts.

“It’s the money you have authority over at a site council” that is being cut, Goldman explained. “We’re going to start dipping into the money for English language learners and low-income students.”

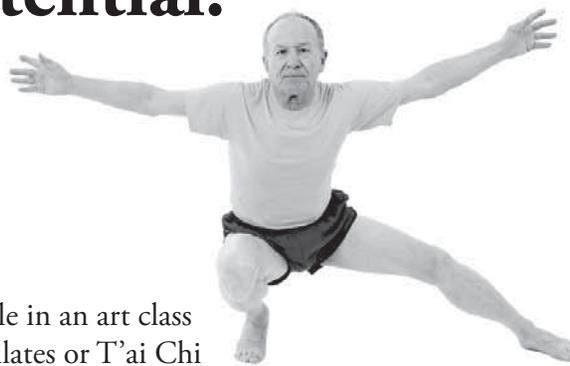
“Facts will change over the course of the month,” he added, referring to the uncertainty and ever-changing cuts from the state. “This presentation will change.”

The district will hold eight more budget forums throughout the month. In addition to providing information, school officials hope to receive input from the community regarding the 2010-11 budget. All forums are open to the public. The Castro and district office sessions will also be presented in Spanish. ■

■ INFORMATION

The upcoming budget forums are:
March 9, 4:30-6 p.m. at Bubbs
March 11, 6:30-8 p.m. at Castro
March 15, 6:30-8 p.m. at the District Office
March 16, 6:30-8 p.m. at Monta Loma
March 23, 4-5:30 p.m. at Landels
March 23, 6:30-8 p.m. at Crittenden
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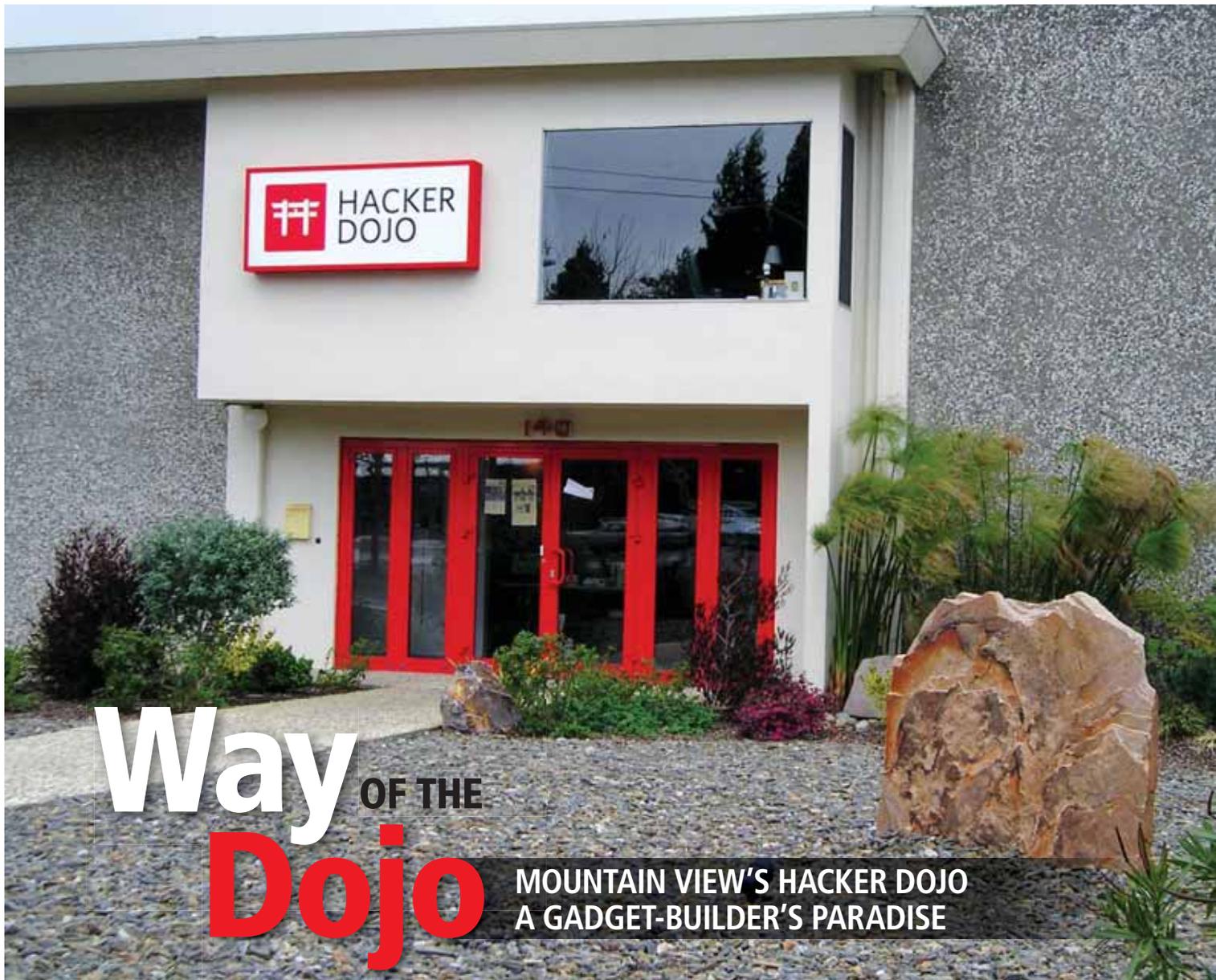


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MOUNTAIN VIEW'S HACKER DOJO A GADGET-BUILDER'S PARADISE

By Angela Hey

With colorful hair and vibrant enthusiasm, Mitch Altman was at Mountain View's Hacker Dojo last week, instructing people on how to solder circuit board components using kits from his company Cornfield Electronics.

Mike Rooney, from marketing automation company Genius.com, was there too, making a "TV-B-Gone" remote to switch off televisions. This single-function device can be used for pranks, switching off TVs in bars and restaurants.

His colleague Drew Stephens was making "Trip Glasses," which display colored flashing lights in sequence with brain waves. And Bill Hewitt waved his hands over a circuit board to make lights change color.

Another experimenter demonstrated a board with rows of blinking red LED lights. When he waved it fast in the air it spelled the word "MINK."

Members join the Hacker Dojo for \$100 a month and gain access

to the lab's tools, including a computer-controlled mill and test instruments. Members save time by using standard components, stocked in the lab's drawers. Software engineers with laptops hang out to brainstorm.



As I took in the sights, staff volunteer Katy Levinson invited me on a tour of the place, which is part events venue, part startup office and part public living room, decorated with stained glass art left by Glass Paradigm, a previous tenant.

Levinson led me through the main event room. A model helicopter hovered by, steered by Ari Krupnik, who designed the controller to fly several helicopters at once. Upstairs, we passed a movie screen used for Hacker Dojo movie nights. Movies are selected via voting on Hacker Dojo's Web site, hackerdojo.pbworks.com.

Programmers with laptops were creating innovative applications upstairs. Waleed Abdullah was working on his Networked-Blogs application for both the Web and Facebook. A directory of popular blogs, it sorts and selects them by topic, region or school. Another programmer was making an operating system for children. Another had multiple computers linked to test cloud computing. Levinson ended by showing me the library, where there's a fair selection of books on programming that you can read on a comfy sofa, drinking fresh coffee roasted on site.

Hacker Dojo co-founder Jeff Lindsay is interim executive director, supported by a volunteer staff. He told me he started programming on a Kaypro luggable computer because he couldn't afford either an IBM PC, like his father had at work, or an Apple II, like his class used at school. He showed me pictures of early hacker parties held at co-founder David Weekly's home. Weekly founded PBWorks, which provides online document sharing.

Eventually the parties grew so large they began holding them at company sites — a Sun Microsystems event had 400 programmers in attendance.

Lest you think a hacker is a bad person who steals computer data, let me assure you in that the 1970s, when I was at college, hackers were the best programmers with the most creative ideas and solvers of the most challenging problems. It's in this spirit that the Hacker Dojo was founded.

Lindsay explained to me that shared hacker space is a growing trend, where volunteers provide a creative environment for technical professionals. He cited Noisebridge, on San Francisco's Mission Street, as another hacker hangout.

Hacker Dojo provides a highly stimulating environment for bouncing around ideas and meeting new people. There's no need to be a lone programmer in Mountain View. ▀

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"Now if you speak to anyone, meet any random Indian or Chinese, everybody knows somebody that has gone back home," he said. "It's a severe problem because we're losing critical talent."

Wadhwa's research focuses on the effects of globalization on engineering, and specifically on highly skilled immigrant entrepreneurs. Over the next five years, he estimates, 100,000 Indian and Chinese immigrants working in technology and engineering will return to their home countries in search of better professional opportunities. He believes tens of thousands of them will be leaving Silicon Valley.

"More than half of the startups during the dot-com boom were from immigrants," he said. "That's a major blow to Silicon Valley's vitality. There's nothing good about this for Silicon Valley."

In research conducted last year, Wadhwa's team at Duke surveyed 1,203 Indians and Chinese who had returned to their home country after working or going to school in America. The survey yielded a 90 percent response rate.

They found that 68.7 percent of Indians and 84 percent of Chinese believed their home countries provided better career opportunities. Almost half of Indians, and over 60 percent of Chinese, said financial compensation was a factor in returning. (Perkins said he wouldn't disclose for free the difference between typical salaries here and in South Asia.)

"It started with the economy," Wadhwa said, "but it was happening anyway."

Missing home

Even up-and-comers educated here seem to be following the larger drift.

"I'm thinking about sticking around for a couple of years, two or three but probably not more than that," said Ayush Khanna, a graduate student in the School of Information at UC Berkeley, adding that he chose the Berkeley program specifically for its proximity to Silicon Valley.

"I would say the primary motivation for me to stay would be the fact that I'd like to experience working in Silicon Valley to see what that's like," he said. A second reason to stay, he said, would be to pay back his student loans.

Khanna said he was surprised, when he moved to the U.S. from Mumbai last August, to find

that the job opportunities here were not so different from those back home. While it used to be that “so-called elite” jobs, like research and development, were only available in America, the emerging South Asian economy has opened up similar opportunities back home, he said.

Wadhwa noted that aside from seeking better professional opportunities, many immigrants miss their families, or have trouble adapting to American culture.

In his research, a majority of Indian respondents said the emotional growth of their children was better in India, and 42.5 percent believed their home countries provided better education for children. And a vast majority cited closeness to family and friends in their home country, as well as care for aging parents, as other considerations in leaving the U.S.

“I’d definitely be making much better money here compared to there,” Khanna said. “But the thing is there’s also the small fact that I am from there, and that I have friends and family there, and there’s not a huge difference in the quality of work that I get to do.”

‘People go willingly’

Perkins said the current brain drain will not cause the “death” of Silicon Valley, but described it as “one of the many headwinds” it faces.

“We can’t assume that people who come here on an H-1B visa will do anything and everything to stay when there are very attractive opportunities back in the home country,” he said.

Asked whether his work didn’t hurt America’s economy, Perkins replied, “The money I’m paid comes here, that’s a good thing.”

“I’m going with the flow,” he added. “I’m in the Indian export business, and people go willingly.”

Wadhwa agreed, describing the work of headhunters like Perkins as “a booming business right now because everyone wants to go. That’s the future, unfortunately.”

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Nonprofits deserve break on budget

Included in the options city manager Kevin Duggan presented in his first pass at reducing up to \$2 million from the coming year's budget was a massive hit on local nonprofit agencies, as well as the possibility that the city's long-standing support of Deer Hollow Farm would be terminated.

There were many other options on the table as well, including a \$1.4 million cut in the Police Department, nearly \$400,000 from the library and over \$100,000 from code enforcement. The laundry list of total cuts went beyond what the City Council will need to find before a budget is adopted sometime in June.

A standing-room-only crowd descended on the council chambers during last week's budget discussion, including a good number who are concerned about the future of Deer Hollow Farm, which could close if the city decides to pull its yearly \$110,000 grant.

As the budget talks progress — the next one will be held later this month — the council will have to decide whether to cut off grants the city makes to outside agencies or look inward to reduce the size and scope of city staff. The council could also decide to tap the city's reserves again, a strategy opposed by the city manager.

None of these decisions will come easily, but given the state of the local economy, the council should do everything possible to continue its support to the nonprofit agencies that serve the less fortunate in our community. In the worst case, a total of \$272,000 could be taken away from these agencies, during what is arguably the worst economy since the Great Depression. But at a time when donations are down and need is higher than ever, these agencies need more, not less, funding.

The proposed cuts to nonprofits would leave no agency unscathed. The Community Service Agency, which provides food and shelter for persons in need, could lose \$33,000 from its senior food program; the Support Network for Battered Women could lose \$32,000; the Day Worker Center could lose \$10,000; and the Community School of Music and Arts could lose \$15,000, plus another \$76,000 if the city backs out of a joint powers agency that pays for art and music programs.

As for Deer Hollow, rather than end support for this unique and important demonstration farm, which teaches agricultural lessons to thousands of kids from around the region, the city should seek help from neighboring cities including Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and Cupertino to contribute to its upkeep.

In this tough budget year, the city's best course is to trim relatively small amounts from lesser city programs, such as code enforcement, weed abatement, shopping cart/graffiti abatement, tree trimming and the ranger program at Cuesta and Rengstorff parks. None of these reductions would deal a crippling blow — and could help avoid dealing a crippling blow to our essential, and already struggling, local nonprofits.

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

CUTS SHOULD COME FROM CITY SALARIES

Editor:

All the City Council could come up with to balance their ballooning budget was to cut about 2 percent from the spending? You'd be hard pressed to find someone living in Mountain View who only cut back 2 percent on their spending over the past year ("City Council sets the stage for major budget cuts," Feb. 26).

It's time for some real cuts in the city budget. Not in weed abatement or library hours (total savings: 0.2 percent of the budget), but in the costs of public employees. Mountain View spends over half its budget (more than \$46 million) on the police and fire departments. And Mountain View's public employee compensation costs are growing \$4 million every year.

When county assessor Larry Stone recently wrote that the public sector compensation and pensions are bankrupting cities, you don't have to look any further for proof than the city of Mountain View.

Daniel Waylonis
Stierlin Road

HUGE VOLUNTEER EFFORT BENEFITS DEER HOLLOW

Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of the potential closing of Deer Hollow Farm. I was misquoted in your article.

For clarification: The 80 Deer

Hollow Farm volunteers do not conduct tours of the Farm, but rather teach 5,000 children on field trips that support the state curriculum in science, history and social studies.

These volunteers also perform most of the farm animal maintenance and garden care, working under the direction of just 2.5 city employees. These volunteers donated 6,400 hours of labor to the city last year.

Sue Gale, President
Friends of Deer Hollow Farm

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Editor:

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Janet Hayter
Yale Drive





Elizabeth Nevigato, center, with her mother **Maria** and father **Giuseppe** at their recently opened restaurant, **Cedro Ristorante Italiano**.

■ RESTAURANT FEATURE

Menlo Park's Cedro Ristorante is a family affair

WITH MOM IN THE KITCHEN AND DAD AND BROTHER HELPING OUT, ELIZABETH NEVIGATO'S DREAM CAME TRUE

By Renee Batti

When Elizabeth Nevigato told her parents, Giuseppe and Maria Nevigato, that she wanted nothing more than to open a restaurant, her mother worried that her eldest child, barely 20 years old, didn't know what she'd be getting herself into.

"I told her she needed to work at her aunt's restaurant before she thought of opening her own place," Maria says.

Elizabeth agreed. For some time she could be seen at Mona Lisa restaurant in San Francisco, waiting and busing tables, fulfilling

her management duties, even standing just outside the doorway, encouraging North Beach strollers to come in and sample the food.

It was hard work, sometimes beginning at noon and ending at 3 in the morning. But it didn't change her mind.

The Menlo-Atherton High School grad persisted in trying to persuade her parents to join her in her dream enterprise of operating a family restaurant, and last fall, opportunity knocked. Family friends Renato and Diane Cusimano of Atherton were looking for buyers of their Pal-

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- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3 ounces pancetta, cut about 1/4-inch thick, slices cut into 1/2-inch long strips
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 pound imported spaghetti

To cook: In a small bowl, lightly beat the eggs. Add the cheese and black pepper and set aside. In a medium skillet over low heat, cook the pancetta slowly, turning the pieces occasionally, for until they are cooked through and beginning to crisp. Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the spaghetti. Cook, until the pasta is al dente. Save 1 cup hot pasta water. Drain the pasta, add back the hot pasta water and return it immediately to the skillet. Stir to combine pasta and pancetta. Stir in the egg and cheese mixture and toss well to coat the pasta thoroughly to distribute it evenly.

Serve with a sprinkle of pecorino cheese.



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ermo restaurant, which they opened in 2005 in the Menlo Center, near Kepler's bookstore and Cafe Borrone. It seemed as if it were meant to be.

The Navigatos, longtime Menlo Park residents, took over the comfortable, smartly designed space that was formerly Palermo by mid-November, and have been serving up lunch and dinner every day, and breakfast on the weekends, ever since. Elizabeth is at the helm of the business — at the tender age of 23 — and her mother is executive chef, an important element of Elizabeth's dream of a family restaurant.

"I told my mom, 'If you cook the way you cook at home, (the restaurant) will succeed,'" Elizabeth says.

Elizabeth's father, Giuseppe, and one of her brothers, David, also work at the restaurant, although Giuseppe also works as a distributor and David is a college student.

The restaurant's name changed with the new owners: It is now Cedro Ristorante Italiano — the cedro being the large citrus fruit grown by Elizabeth's grandfather, Osilio Navigato, in the

Italian region of Calabria.

It was Osilio's wife, also named Maria, who taught the woman who would become her daughter-in-law how to cook, according to the younger Maria Navigato. That was when Maria's mother and her future mother-in-law were good friends, working together at the long defunct Parsons Manufacturing Co. in Menlo Park.

"She was like a second mom to me," the younger Maria says, adding that she was in her early teens when her own mother died.

Growing up in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, Maria started cooking when she was about 9, and regularly cooked for her large family.

Before the restaurant opened, she worked as a personal chef, which became easier as her own children got older and developed a love of cooking themselves. "My brothers and I all know how to cook," Elizabeth says, adding that growing up they would rotate cooking nights. "The kitchen has always felt more like a family room to us than any other room in our home."

Maria hasn't had any trouble adapting to the larger kitchen and greater number of people at the restaurant because her cook-

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ing standards haven't changed, she says. "When people come here, they're coming to my home," she says. And that means the freshest ingredients available, homemade sauces and stocks, and creative desserts.

Elizabeth says she and her mother shop for the restaurant, choosing organic and local foods whenever possible. The goal, she adds, is to eventually be "100 percent sustainable" in everything they serve.

The lunch and dinner menus feature a range of pastas, risottos and salads. Panini are also available for lunch, and the dinner menu includes meat and fish dishes. Wine and beer are available, and there's a full bar.

The family is eager to open the restaurant's doors to community events, and on Feb. 24 Cedro co-hosted an event with its neighbor, Kepler's bookstore, that included a presentation by author Valentina Cirasola, whose cookbook, "Come Mia Nonna — A Return to Simplicity," features food from the Puglia region of Italy. The event also included a five-course meal cooked by Maria Nevigato, showcasing some of the recipes in the cookbook, Elizabeth says.

Meanwhile, a fundraising breakfast for Haitian emergency relief is set for Sunday, March 14, from 6 to 11 a.m. Elizabeth explains that on a recent day, her youngest brother, Josef, an eighth-grader, came home from school "really distraught" and wanting to do something for the Haitians suffering from the effects of the earthquake.

"We came up with this idea for an event, 'Pancakes for Haiti,'" Elizabeth says. On that morning, the restaurant will serve only Maria's signature buttermilk and whole wheat pancakes, with all the proceeds going to relief efforts in Haiti, she says.

Also this month, the restaurant will begin a series of "opera nights" with professional singers. Plans are in the works to host other live music, but details are still being developed, Elizabeth says. ▀

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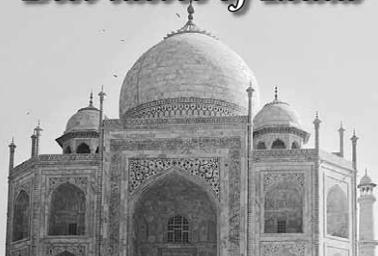
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The Boondock Saints 10th Anniversary Event (R) Century 16: Thu. at 7:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Brooklyn's Finest (R) Century 16: 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 1:05, 2:45, 4:10, 5:50, 7:15, 8:55 & 10:20 p.m. & Sun. also at 10:20 a.m.

Cop Out (R) ★★ Century 16: Fri 12:05, 1:15, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m. Sat 12:05, 1:15, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m. Sun 12:05, 1:15, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m. Mon 12:05, 1:15, 2:40, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 7:50, 9:10 & 10:20 p.m.

Century 20: Fri 11:50 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:35, 7:55, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Sat 10:30 & 11:50 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:35, 7:55, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Sun 10:30 & 11:50 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:50, 5:10, 6:35, 7:55, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m. Mon 11:50 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3

The Craziest (R) Century 16: 12:15 & 2:55 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 5:25, 8 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 12:50, 2:25, 3:35, 4:55, 6:10, 7:25, 8:40 & 10:10 p.m. Sat.-Sun. also at 10:20 a.m.

Crazy Heart (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7:25 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

The Ghost Writer (PG-13) Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1, 2:20, 3:55, 5:15, 6:55, 8:10 & 9:50 p.m. Sat. & Sun. also at 10:15 a.m.

Ikiru (1952) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri 7:30 p.m.

It's Complicated (R) ★★★ Century 16: Fri., Sun. & Mon. at 1:40 & 7:20 p.m. Sat. at 1:40 & 7:20 p.m. Tue. at 1:20 & 4:15 p.m. Wed.-Thu. at 1:20, 4:15, 7:20 & 10:05 p.m.

The Last Station (R) ★★1/2 Guild: 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 12:30 p.m.

One Wonderful Sunday (1947) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri 5:30 & 10:05 p.m.

Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts (Not Rated) Aquarius: 2 & 7 p.m.

Oscar-Nominated Live-Action Shorts (Not Rated) Aquarius: 4:30 & 9:30 p.m.

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:05, 4:50, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m.; 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild: Sat. at midnight.

Shutter Island (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 12:35, 2:10, 3:40, 5:20, 6:55, 8:25 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:55, 2:35, 4, 5:45, 7:15, 8:50 & 10:25 p.m.

Tooth Fairy (PG) Century 20: Fri 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Sat 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Sun 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Mon 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Tue 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Wed 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m. Thu 11:45 a.m.; 2:15 & 4:50 p.m.

Up in the Air (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri., Sun. & Mon. at 11:10 a.m.; 4:45 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** Fri., Sun. & Mon. at 11:10 a.m.; 4:30 & 10:05 p.m.

Valentine's Day (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: 1:05, 4, 6:50 & 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 2:15, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:35 p.m.

The White Ribbon (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius: 6 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 12:30 p.m.

The Yellow Handkerchief (PG-13) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m.

Note: Screenings are for Friday through Tuesday only.

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



MOVIE REVIEWS

COP OUT ★★

(Century 16, 20) New York detectives Jimmy Monroe (Bruce Willis) and Paul Hodges (Tracy Morgan) have been partners for nine years. Jimmy is a no-nonsense veteran struggling to pay for his daughter's lavish wedding before her sleazy stepdad (Smith favorite Jason Lee) can step in and steal the thunder. Paul is an endearing but spastic joker paranoid about his gorgeous wife's fidelity. They are a perfectly dysfunctional pair — each thrives on the other's peculiarities. Jimmy's wedding-bill desperation reaches a fever pitch and he's forced to sell an incredibly rare and valuable baseball card. But when the card is swiped by a smart-mouthed thief (Seann William Scott), Jimmy and Paul get caught in an unpredictable predicament that involves a baseball-loving gangster (Guillermo Diaz), a Spanish-speaking damsel in distress (Ana de la Reguera) and a pair of by-the-book cops (Kevin Pollak and Adam Brody). "Cop Out" is worth a good chuckle — it just isn't worth a \$10 ticket price. *Rated R for pervasive language including sexual references, violence and brief sexuality. 1 hour, 50 minutes.* — T.H.

SHUTTER ISLAND ★★★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Jutting disconcertingly from Boston Harbor, the foreboding Shutter Island is home to Ashecliffe Hospital for the Criminally Insane. In 1954, U.S. Marshal Teddy Daniels (Leonardo DiCaprio) and new partner Chuck Aule (Mark Ruffalo) arrive to investigate the disappearance of a female patient. They meet with stone walls both literal and figurative, as chief physician Dr. John Cawley (Ben Kingsley) and colleague Dr. Jeremiah Naehring (Max von Sydow) discuss and display defense mechanisms. Something lies beneath the orderly surface of Ashecliffe, but what? *Rated R for disturbing violent content, language and some nudity. Two hours, 18 minutes.* — P.C.

VALENTINE'S DAY ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Celebrated director Garry Marshall assembles an A-list cast for this mediocre romantic comedy about everyone's favorite — or most reviled — Hallmark holiday. Characters and storylines weave together on Feb. 14 in the city of angels, including Ashton Kutcher as a flower-shop owner and Jessica Alba as his ambivalent girlfriend; Jennifer Garner as a sensitive teacher and Patrick Dempsey as the two-timing doctor romancing her; and Taylor Lautner and country singer Taylor Swift as a set of high-school sweethearts. Confused by the cornucopia ensemble? You're not alone. The big-name cast is distracting, and it doesn't allow the audience to get attached to any one character. The script is sporadically clever and there's plenty of V-Day cheer. But with a cast that reads like the Vogue Oscar party guest list, this should have been can't-miss cinema instead of schmaltz. *Rated PG-13 for some sexual material and brief partial nudity. 1 hour, 30 minutes.* — T.H.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.-Susan Tavernetti,
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■ HIGHLIGHT

COMPANY C CONTEMPORARY BALLET PRESENTS ITS WINTER 2010 PROGRAM

Company C Contemporary Ballet presents its Winter 2010 Program. The program features new and celebrated works by nationally recognized choreographers Amy Seiwert, Lar Lubovitch, Charles Moulton and Artistic Director Charles Anderson. March 6-7, 8-10 p.m. \$19-\$43. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 925-708-0752. www.companycballet.org

ART GALLERIES

Gallery 9 Watercolor Artists Seven watercolor artists display recent works through April 4. Featured artists: Rajani Balaram, Rosemarie Gorman, Suej McCall, Miyoko Mizuno, Kathy Sharpe, Joyce Savre & Nancy Wulff. Gallery hours: Mon-Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sun., noon-4 p.m. Throughout March, Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Shadow Boxes, by Raquel Coelho Shadow Boxes, a 3-D illustrated history of theater. Using hand-made puppets and found objects, Brazilian artist Coelho creates shadow boxes that present the history of theater as a theme. Feb. 12-March 28, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 306. www.arts4all.org

BENEFITS

Lions Club Corned Beef Dinner Benefits local students (MVWSD and MVLHSD) and adults who need eyeglasses. March 14, 5-8 p.m. \$20. Masonic Temple, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-720-5679. www.siliconvalleylions.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Afternoon Cow Wow! Ages 5 and up. Come help milk Cleo, the dairy cow. Learn cow facts, proper milking techniques and how to make butter. Dress warmly. Sat., March 13, 3-5 p.m. \$20. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road., Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

Afternoon Wine and Cheese Adult

program, 21 and over. Make fresh mozzarella and chevre. Bring wine to share. Sun., March 14, 4-6 p.m. \$25 per adult; \$20 per Senior; \$20 per student. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road., Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

How Does Your Garden Grow? This class is a six-part series. For ages 3 to 5 and parent or caregiver. Learn about planting and caring for edible plants. Series ends with harvesting and enjoying the vegetables grown. March 12-April 23, 3-4 p.m. \$120 for first adult & child. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road., Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fred Luskin to Speak on Forgiveness Fred Luskin, Ph.D., director of the Stanford Forgiveness Project and one of the world's leading researchers on forgiveness will speak on the healing power and medical benefits of forgiveness and the practical steps that enable people to forgive. Community social 6:30 p.m. before the talk. Wed., March 10, 7 p.m. Free. The Third Place at Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Roads, Los Altos. Call 650-948-2151. forgiveforgood.eventbrite.com

Santa Clara County e-waste collection event The County's, Household Hazardous Waste Program will be holding a free e-waste collection event on Sat., March 6, 2-8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Microsoft Parking Lot, 1065 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Call 408-918-1991. www.hhw.org

Spring Fling Yard Sale Yard sale with proceeds to benefit the Crittenden Middle School Music Department. March 6, 9 a.m.-1

p.m. 254 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-245-6210.

CONCERTS

CSMA Faculty Brass Quintet Community School of Music and Arts Faculty Members Jacob Brodski & Richard Roper (trumpet), Daniel Wood (French horn), Donald Benham (trombone), and guest Mike Cushing (bass trombone) will perform music by Bach, Arnold, and a new work by Daniel Wood. March 10, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

CSMA Faculty Wind Quintet Community School of Music and Arts Faculty Members Kathe Kuehl (flute), Karen Sremac (clarinet), Mihail Iliev (bassoon), Carrie Campbell (French horn), and Alla Dobrish (piano) will perform music by Poulenc & Vogel. March 12, 6-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

CSMA String Quintet & Sextet Community School of Music and Arts Faculty Members Ching Le & Jessica Poll (violin), Anthony Doherty & Hazelle Miloradovitch (viola), Amy Hsieh (cello), Carrie Campbell & Daniel Wood (French horn) will perform music by Mozart & Beethoven. March 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

ON STAGE

"Spelling Bee" Foothill Music Theatre presents the loopy musical comedy "The

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." Feb. 19-March 7, 8 p.m. \$10-\$26. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

Great Expectations Los Altos Youth Theatre brings Dickens story to life. Follow the adventures of young Pip as he grows from boy to man and meets new friends, unsavory characters, and uncovers hidden pasts. Directed by Rebecca J. Ennals. Adapted by B. Field. Presented Sunday at 2 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Marc 3-20, \$12 and \$10. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Cara Black at Books Inc Mountain View Cara Black, author of nine previous books in the Aimee Leduc series, visits Books Inc. to talk about her latest, "Murder in the Palais Royal." Mon., March 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net

Talk on the Many Mysteries of Anti-matter Dr. Helen Quinn of Stanford will give a nontechnical talk on the form of mirror-matter. Wed., March 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Foothill College Smithwick Theater, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/ast

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum M. Ryan Calo, residential fellow at Stanford's Center for Internet and Society, discusses his views on legal liability for harm caused by or with personal robots. March 9, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for non-members Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Teen Open Gym Teen Open Gyms are open every Saturday night for various sports. Middle School and High School students only; bring your student ID. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Whisman Sports Center, 1500 Middlefield Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

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VOLUNTEERS

Change a life through literacy Vision Literacy, a nationally recognized and accredited adult literacy organization, holds a volunteer orientation. Tue., March 16, 6:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.visionliteracy.org

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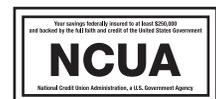
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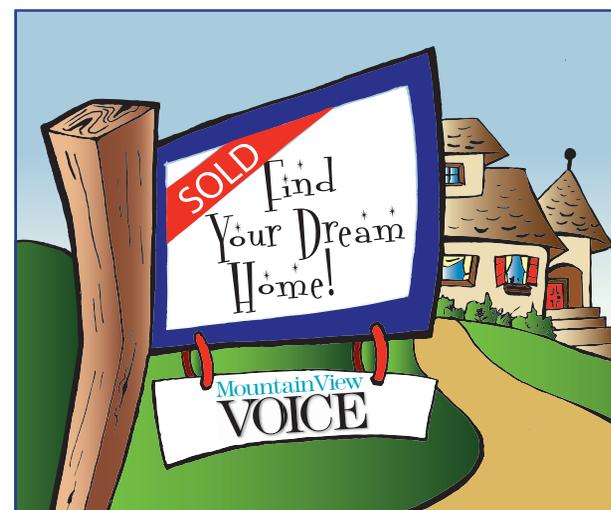
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226 WEST EDITH #26 \$599,000
Charming 1BR/1.5BA unit plus expansive bonus room could be possible 2nd bedroom. In the heart of downtown, sunny & bright, new interior paint, updated kitchen with granite counters. Great location!

989 STANLEY AVE \$2,398,000
You will love this 5 bedroom, 4 bath home that is just over two years old! With an open floor plan, this 3,540 sq.ft. home on a 12,197 lot is perfect for family life and entertaining alike. Features an impressive artistic metal entry door, beautiful lined high ceilings, Anderson doors, three fireplaces and so much more!

1486 FAIRWAY DRIVE \$4,195,000
This brand new custom home located in the country club area of Los Altos offers over 4,700 sq. ft. of luxurious living space. Soaring ceilings, crown moldings, and the limestone and walnut floors provide a feeling of warmth and elegance.

24131 SUMMERHILL AVE \$4,195,000
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12011 GREENHILLS COURT \$3,295,000
Gated property on quiet cul-de-sac on a highly desired street in Los Altos Hills. Great floor plan featuring 5 bedrooms and 3 baths plus office/study with wet bar. Spacious rooms throughout, newer appliances in kitchen, remodeled master bath, with tennis court and pool, 3 car garage. Minutes to town.

12125 OAK PARK COURT \$3,349,000
Great value in this 6,300 sq. ft., 4 acre, newer style home. Nice floor plan with soaring ceilings, 6 bedrooms, 4.5 bath with office and au-pair with separate entrance. Expansive land with many possibilities for pool and tennis court. Huge MDA 54,129 sq. ft. and MFA 22,496 sq. ft.

12369 GIGLI COURT \$3,995,000
Newly constructed Mediterranean style villa w/ sweeping views to the Bay. Located on a private cul-de-sac, 5 BR/5 BA + 2 1/2 BA, 4700 sq. ft., 1.5 acres, theater, wine cellar & elevator. Palo Alto schools

13901 WEST EDITH AVE. \$4,195,000
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13914 MIRIROU DRIVE \$6,850,000
Exceptional estate which includes a 1.12 Acre parcel with main home, pool, gazebo plus a 1.25 Acre parcel w/guest house, tennis court, 2nd gazebo for a total of 2.37 Acres adjacent to the open space Arastradero Preserve. Palo Alto Schools.

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LOS ALTOS HILLS

12155 EDGECLIFF PL. \$1,565,000
VIEW! VIEWS! VIEWS! Very private property, A lot of potential at a low price, Move in remodel or build new, Indoor swimming pool, Possible 5th bedroom or bonus room, Garage 2nd floor bonus room, original tennis court, close to town.

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4 BR/ 2 BA upstairs plus in-law quarters off garage w/ kitchenette. Step down Living room w/ fireplace and recessed lighting Separate dining room, Bright and sunny kitchen with breakfast nook & powder bath. Swimming pool, expansive yard with sprawling lawns. Excellent Los Altos Elementary Oak School.

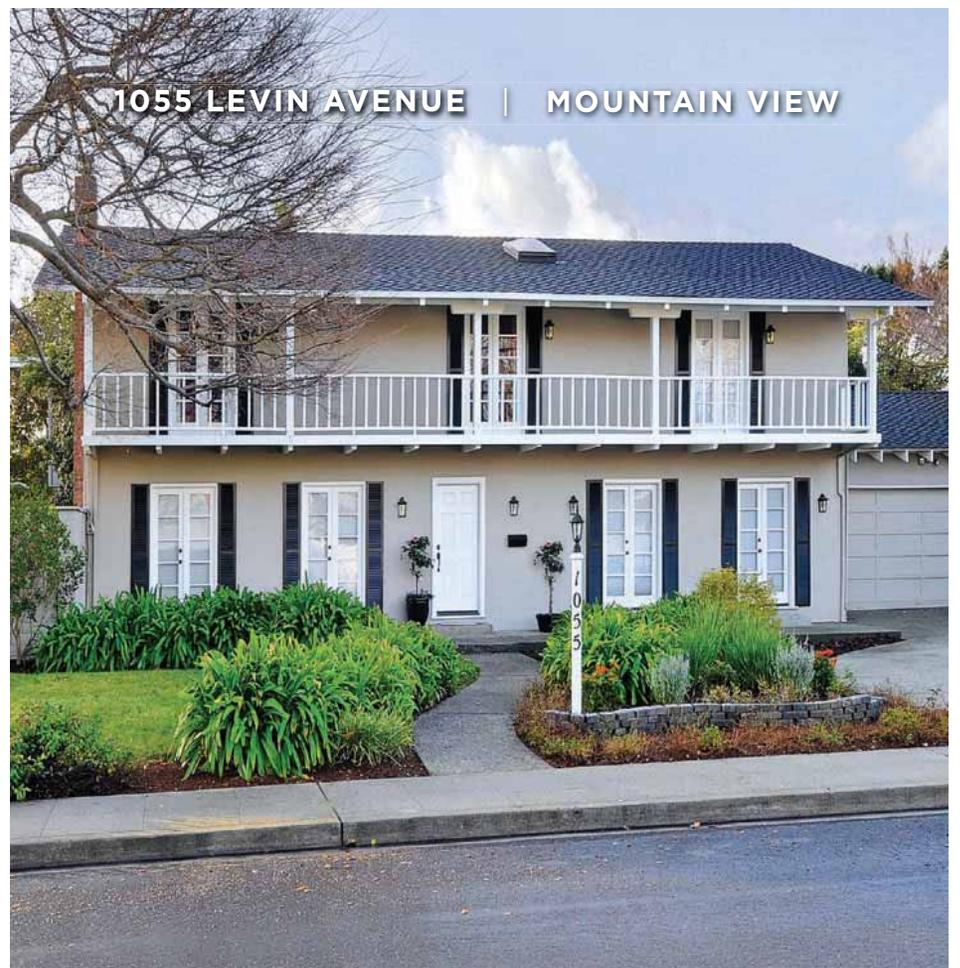
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3.5 BA Enjoys Mills Act benefits. Classic Farnsworth hm in the heart of Los Altos, built in 1895.
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24481 SUMMERHILL AVE \$1,599,000
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3 BR 1.5 BA Idyllic private location w/gorgeous views! 20,000 sq ft lot, charming Hm. Hrdwd flrs, frplc.
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LOS ALTOS

852 UNIVERSITY AVE \$1,528,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 2.5 BA Harmony & good design. Remodeled & close to dwntrvn. 11,465 sf lot. LA schools. 2 car gar.
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3 BR 2 BA Build your dream home or fix/remodel this country Ranch on large view-lot near downtown.
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26 PASA ROBLES AVE \$1,275,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Well-maintained Spanish Mediterranean home with open, sunny floorplan. Lots of windows.
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27580 ELENA RD \$3,250,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
7 BR 6.5 BA This elegant Hm will impress even the most discriminating tastes. Exquisite touches thruout
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12510 MINORCA CT \$2,650,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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TOWNHOME BY GOLF COURSE \$979,000
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UNIT W/ REMOLDED KITCHEN! \$298,000
1 BR 1 BA Possibly the best loc in complex! Top floor w/newer carpet, vaulted ceilings, remodel kit.
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
7 BR 6.5 BA Exquisite home on 1/2 acre lot w/ chef's kitchen & separate guest quarters
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NEW HOME IN OLD PALO ALTO \$5,200,000
5 BR 5.5 BA New 5,695sf home w/gourmet kit & att FR w/FP. Full basement w/media room. MST ste w/walk-in
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA 9-year-young custom built lot over 7000. House over 2700+ Attached grg. Family rm+sep study
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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2 BR 2 BA Impeccably remod. Fml DR. Spa like master bath. Georgous kit. Lrg rms. storage attic. 2 car grg
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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444 SAN ANTONIO RD #3B \$778,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
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157 S. CALIFORNIA AVE. #D205 \$589,000
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30
1 BR 1 BA Unique opportunity. New Bosch appliances, carpet, light fixture, & more. A bright delight.
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888 LINCOLN CT \$888,000
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Every amenity including newly added master suite w/decorator design bath. Hrdwd flrs.
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2571 LANCASTER COURT \$433,985
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 1.5 BA Overlking park-like area w/ swimming pool/mature trees. New crpt/paint. Spacious Mster Bdrm
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SUNNYVALE

1270 ORTIZ COURT \$599,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Remodeled on quiet 9975 sq.ft. cul-de-sac lot. Approx 1486 sq.ft. Spacious granite, eat-in Kit
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1065 SAGINAW TE #201 \$498,000
SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Lovely single level condo with upgrades throughout. Grnt Kit Cntrs w/backsplash.
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