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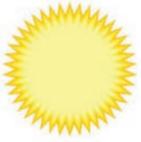
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MOUNTAIN VIEW



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ABOVE: Lesly Portilla, 12, of Mountain View, lounges inside the Mountain View Teen Center, at 298 Escuela Ave., on Wednesday. The city council is moving forward with plans for a new teen center at the former site of Rock Church, 263 Escuela Ave., across the street from the current building.
LEFT: Teen Center staff member Ruben Siordia, left, with some of the teens.

Teen center costs on the rise

■ Council allocates extra \$700K to help address deficiencies, design changes

BY JASON GREEN
Daily News Staff Writer

Despite higher than expected costs, a plan to create a new teen center in Mountain View is still on track.

The city council voted 5-2 late Tuesday night to increase the long-in-the-making project's \$1.9 million budget by \$700,000.

Costs have exploded as a result of numerous deficiencies discovered at the former home of Rock Church, 263 Escuela Ave., which the city purchased in 2009 to house the new teen

center, according to a city staff report.

Dry rot, mold and insufficient structural bracing are just a few of the issues with the building. The roof is also leaky and the existing water lines can't support upgraded bathrooms.

In addition, the project design team's decision to relocate the front entrance to make the building more inviting has driven up costs.

The ballooning budget was concerning to council members, but most said they were comfortable dipping into a park land dedication

in-lieu fund, as recommended by city staff, to bring the building up to snuff.

"It's unfortunate that some of these expenses and conditions weren't known as we went into the project," said Council Member Mike Kasperzak, "but I really do think we owe the youth in our community a quality center."

Vice Mayor Chris Clark agreed. Set to be called "The View," the new teen center will replace a cramped facility at 298 Escuela Ave. known as "The House."

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Three homers in one inning

■ Woodside High's Brad Degnan breaks longstanding state record

BY JOHN REID
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Move over Ted Williams, there is a new home-run king in town. Meet Woodside's Brad Degnan.

The junior Degnan hit three homers in the first inning in the Wildcats' 24-6 demolition of visiting Westmoor-Daly City on Thursday.

According to Cal-Hi Sports Executive Editor Mark Tennis, Degnan's feat makes him the state record-holder for most home runs in an inning. The legendary Williams is one of 35 California prep players to have hit two home runs in an inning. Williams, a member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, hit two home runs in the same inning for Hoover-San Diego in a 13-1 win over South Pasadena back in 1936.

"It's awesome," said Degnan when informed he is the new homers-in-an-inning state leader. "I never dreamed of a day like this."

Degnan's first home run was a line drive down the right-field line. His second round-tripper was his longest, an estimated 375-foot shot to right field. Home run No. 3 was a low liner to right-center field. The dimensions to right-center and center field have been shortened because of ongoing construction, which began last year. Right field stayed the same at 295 feet down the line. Right-center was shortened from 360 feet to about 300 feet, Faulkner said.

"I've never seen anything like it," Woodside coach Tim Faulkner said. "All three of Degnan's homers were legit."

"Guys on the bench were getting excited," Degnan said. "They were getting pumped up. Their pitchers were throwing me fastballs."

Degnan has nine home runs this season, 15 for

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PALO ALTO

Yogurt shop thief gets cold feet, police say

■ Employee takes cash from safe, returns almost half a few minutes later

BY JASON GREEN
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Call it the case of the thief who thought he took too much.

Palo Alto police on Wednesday arrested an employee of Yogurtland, 494 University Ave., after he admitted to stealing money from the frozen yogurt shop after hours, but only after he returned some of it first.

The suspect, 27-year-old Jose Luis Cardenas of East Palo Alto, used a key to enter the shop at about 2 a.m. and then took \$850 from a safe, said Officer Brad Young of the Palo Alto Police Department.

Five minutes after leaving the shop, however, Luis Cardenas returned and shoved more than half of the money through the mail slot, Young said.

Security cameras at the shop recorded the entire episode and helped police identify Luis Cardenas as the suspect, Young said.

The crime itself was reported by a newspaper deliveryman at about 6:10 a.m. He thought the cash scattered on the floor of the shop looked suspicious, Young said. Yogurtland is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesdays.

When police went to Luis Cardenas' home on the 1600 block of Notre Dame Avenue, he immediately admitted to the burglary, Young said. He then pulled \$281 from his pocket and gave it to police. All but \$100 was ultimately recovered.

Police arrested Luis Cardenas and booked him into Santa Clara County Main Jail for felony commercial burglary, Young said.

"It can only happen in reality," Young said about the unusual case. "Hollywood can't make this up."

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

65 lost ballots found

■ Chief elections officer calls incident 'inexcusable,' says it won't happen again

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More than five months after the Nov. 6 election, 65 uncounted ballots were found last week inside a vault, Chief Elections Officer Mark Church announced Thursday.

Although there weren't nearly enough ballots to swing even the closest of contests, Church promised to investigate why they were misplaced and that it won't happen again.

"The importance and significance of each vote cannot be understated," Church said in a written statement. "It is the cornerstone of our democracy. While the misplacing of provisional ballots is a rare incident, the misplacing of even one ballot is shocking and inexcusable to me as the Chief Elections Officer."

Employees found the ballots Friday inside a storage vault in the county's elections office at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo.

According to Church's announcement, a preliminary review disclosed that the ballots were taken from the county's voting office in Redwood City, sealed inside a case and deposited in the elections office storage vault. But somehow, the ballots were then "transferred to a covered bin that prevented the ballots from being seen" inside the vault.

Elections Manager David Tom said the county has not "conclusively" determined who put the ballots into the covered bin, but suspects it was a temporary worker or workers. The provisional ballots should not have been removed from the sealed case until it was time to count them the next day, Tom said.

Provisional ballots are cast on Election Day by voters whose names don't appear on the precinct list or whose eligibility is unclear.

Of the 65 provisional ballots lost and then found, only 35 were from eligible voters and 30 of those came from 30 precincts. The other ballots were deemed ineligible either because those who cast them had already voted or were not registered, according to the elections office.

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If trees fall in Woodside

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