Staying in school

FORMER STUDENTS RETURN TO WORK AT CITY-RUN RECREATION PROGRAMS

By Kevin Forestieri

Talking to middle school kids can be tough, but not for Arnel Pajarillo. At “The Beat” after-school program at Graham Middle School, Pajarillo went around the room Tuesday afternoon talking to students about how they spent their three-day weekend.

As a leader of the program and member of Mountain View Recreation Department team, he said it’s easy enough to relate to them once they get to know you. Leading students through after-school and summer activities is, in some ways, Pajarillo’s chance to pay it forward after getting years of support when he was a kid. He said he was in all sorts of city-run programs including the “Busy Bees” preschool summer camp, Summer Safari, and after-school programs at Theuerkauf Elementary and Crittenden Middle School.

Pajarillo, 25, said he and his friends used to look up to the camp leaders and talk about

Push made for Mountain View to become ‘human rights city’

By Daniel DeBolt

Sometimes this year, the City Council is expected to discuss the possibility of pursuing a “human rights city” designation, indicating that city officials are expected to consider the impact on human rights in all decisions.

Local advocates include council member Ken Rosenberg and Human Relations Commission member Lucas Ramirez, who say focusing on human rights isn’t much different from what city staff does on a daily basis.

“If you are placing human rights at the front of your decision making, you may make different decisions,” said Rosenberg, who last month asked his council colleagues to make it a top goal. “It’s a recognition of ‘What are we doing? What are we trying to accomplish?’”

If council members decide to

Trustee comes under fire as parents grill school board

SUPERINTENDENT PAYOUT RAISES QUESTIONS

By Kevin Forestieri

Controversy over former superintendent Craig Goldman’s $231,567 severance agreement with the Mountain View Whisman school board bubbled over last week as members of the public — and even board members — spoke of dysfunctional governance and a hostile work environment that led to the settlement.

Parents and teachers packed the room on Thursday, March 12, to grill the board on why it decided, in closed session, to pay Goldman nearly a quarter-million dollars to sign a resignation agreement, which board members are now referring to as a “settlement agreement.”

Goldman announced last November that he would step down the following month, and the move was called a resignation agreement that was drafted, discussed and signed behind closed doors awarded Goldman nearly a quarter-million dollars in exchange for his agreeing to the terms, according to board President Chris Chiang. Those terms included Goldman’s waiving his legal right to sue the district.

Goldman felt like he needed a quarter-million dollars worth of money from our kids to soothe himself because he was mistreated by Mr. Nelson, then the public needs to know that,” Pauly said.

If this led to the settlement, Pauly said, this all needed to be done in the open. He said the public needs to know if Nelson created a “quarter-million dollar liability” for the district, and the public needs to know if the payout is something Goldman required to agree to a release of claims.

“‘If Goldman felt like he needed a quarter-million dollars worth of money from our kids to soothe himself because he was mistreated by Mr. Nelson, then the public needs to know that,’” Paul said.

Chiang stood by his support of the settlement, and said he would have voted for it even if the action had been taken in an open-session meeting with a crowd of people opposed to the payout. He said it was important that Goldman waive his right to sue the district.

If this led to the settlement, Chiang said that had Goldman been fired, as some people suspect, he would have retained his right to sue, and would still be entitled to a lump-sum payment of 12 months’ salary — as stipulated in his contract.

Chiang said the community has a right to be upset about Nel-
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*Brad Ashmore, Mountain View*

“How well would your hometown survive a big quake?”  
*Voices Around Town?*

“Now our buildings have better standards, so I think we should be somewhat prepared, but not fully.”  
*Ryan Vista, San Jose*

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*Felicia Hoehnle, San Jose*

“Mountain View seems to be mostly one-story structures, so I think the damage would be limited. There’s still a lot of wood structures too, which could survive an earthquake better.”  
*Rachel Becket, Mountain View*

“I think my hometown would survive an earthquake well because it’s in the Bay Area and they’ve been thinking about it for a long time.”  
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PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Connie Sawdey, the principal of Theuerkauf Elementary School, announced her retirement this week, effective June 30. She’s led the school for the past 11 years.

Sawdey, who has worked in education for over 40 years, came to Mountain View after serving as principal and vice principal at schools in Santa Maria-Bonita and Lodi unified school districts, according to a Mountain View Whisman district press release.

She also served as a bilingual trainer for two education companies, and as a “master teacher” at a Model Education Center in Redwood City, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner’s Office.

Since Sawdey joined Theuerkauf, the school established its first Parent-Teacher Association, started after-school clubs and kicked off software program integration in the classroom 10 years before the Parent-Teacher Association was formed.

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El Camino says goodbye to paper medical records

TESTING ABOUT TO START FOR NEW ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS SYSTEM

By Kevin Forestieri

Patients at El Camino Hospital can expect easy-to-access medical health records and online hospital test results — some of the perks of the hospital's new online medical record system that's under way.

El Camino, working with medical software company Epic Systems, is working to set up an online medical records database that will link the hospital’s patients with millions of others in the Bay Area. It is hoped it will make it easier for neighboring hospital networks — like Stanford and the Palo Alto Medical Foundation — to tap into records from El Camino, including information on medications, allergies and health problems.

And amid recent controversies over hospitals’ cyber-security and the major breach at Anthem Blue Cross earlier this year, El Camino Hospital officials say the move towards a digital system will be safe and secure, and patients won’t have to worry about their personal information being compromised by identity thieves.

The new system, called iCare, will give patients the ability to look up their medical test results, schedule appointments, refill prescriptions and even fill out the lengthy pre-visit questionnaires, according to Deborah Muro, the iCare project director.

It also means physicians outside of El Camino Hospital and the Epic system can access a read-only version of patient records, removing a long-standing communication barrier.

“It (meets) the challenges health care has moving from silo to silo, both within organizations and between organizations,” said Greg Walton, chief information officer at El Camino Hospital.

The price tag of the project, estimated to be $125 million, will in some ways bring the hospital up to speed with other hospitals in the area, according to Walton. He noted Northern California has most of its major health care systems already hooked up to the Epic network with programs similar to iCare, which includes patient records for millions of Bay Area residents. About half of patients in the United States have an electronic record with Epic, according to the company’s own statistics.

A big part of the cost of iCare comes from paying the salaries of some 100 hospital employees that were pulled from their posts, either as physicians, nurses or pharmacists, to come work full-time on getting the medical record system up and running. Working out of the old main hospital building, they’ve been developing and designing the new system for almost a year. The system is expected to be 100 percent "built" and go into the testing phase this month, with Nov. 7 as the tentative date for going live, Muro said.

"Hospital board member David Reeder called iCare a big commitment on the part of El Camino, involving all aspects of the hospital. He said staff can’t be expected to do their normal jobs on top of working on iCare. Money spent on the project have been rolled into the $125 million budget. Reeder, who is one of two board members overseeing the iCare project, said the hospital will be heading into the “testing” phase next, which will include a rigorous process of testing and validation to make sure the system doesn’t have any glitches when it goes online. Medications or mixed-up information about the patients, Reeder said, are a serious concern.

“We don’t want to go online and get the wrong results,” he said.

Threats to medical records

El Camino Hospital will be firing up its new medical records network and hook up to Epic’s database at a time when hackers appear to have their crosshairs set squarely on hospitals — institutions notorious for being vulnerable to cyber attacks.

Earlier this year, it was reported that Anthem Blue Cross was hit by a “very sophisticated” threat to medical records later revealed that Anthem Blue Cross systems were vulnerable to cyber attacks. In some ways, Caltrain’s choice for the rail line, it fell to Hartnett to make the case for what is now known as a “blended system.” Under this design, the high-speed rail would share a single set of tracks with Caltrain on the Peninsula segment of the line, rather than have its own set. Hartnett called the new approach a “rethinking of the whole high-speed rail approach.”

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Jim Hartnett makes a return trip to Caltrain — now as CEO

AFTER A STINT WITH HIGH-SPEED RAIL, REDWOOD CITY POLITICIAN HIRED TO LEAD CALTRAIN

By Gennady Sheyner

When Jim Hartnett joined the effort four years ago to bring high-speed rail to California, the project was in danger of going off the rails, with intense opposition mounting in Sacramento and on the Peninsula.

The rail project’s price tag had more than doubled from what it was in 2008, when the voters passed a bond to fund the high-speed rail system, and the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line was facing lawsuits from numerous Peninsula communities and citizen coalitions.

Hartnett, who this week was selected as the new CEO of Caltrain, had been a fixture in the Peninsula politics for well over a decade, having served on the Redwood City Council for 14 years. But as one of the new faces on the California High Speed Rail Authority, he was charged with turning the project around and bringing the Peninsula on board.

So when high-speed rail officials attended a meeting in Mountain View in November 2011 to discuss their new vision for the rail line, it fell to Hartnett to make the case for what is now known as a “blended system.” Under this design, the high-speed rail would share a single set of tracks with Caltrain on the Peninsula segment of the line, rather than have its own set. Hartnett called the new approach a “rethinking of the whole high-speed rail approach.”

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What it would be like to do the same job once they got older.

“I still remember our leaders, they were so cool,” Pajarillo said. Pajarillo is not alone, according to Maureen Grzan-Pieracci, the city’s recreation coordinator. She said many of the recreational leaders who help out at schools across the city were once students who benefited from the very same programs.

She counted 26 recreation staff members who were in things like the city’s preschool program or the Beyond the Bell program — at the time called the All Stars program, which offers after-school homework help, academic enrichment and recreation activities.

When people like Pajarillo apply for a job with the city’s recreation department, Grzan-Pieracci said, they always refer to those childhood experiences as a motive for joining up. She said they talk about how they needed the after-school program as an incentive to go to school, and as a way to avoid activities after school that “weren’t very positive.”

“These are people who applied to work in the program and give back to the community. They just love the positive environment,” Grzan-Pieracci said. “It gave them a place to go, get outside and be active.”

But the work doesn’t feel like any sort of debt-paying chore, Pajarillo said. His four years as recreation leader have been rewarding work. He said after figuring out his strengths as a leader, he does a pretty good job of keeping a natural, free-flow environment where kids can feel comfortable hanging out.

“I love it, it keeps me going. All my jobs here have to do with kids,” he said.

Many of the staff now running after-school programs cut their teeth on leading youth activities through the city’s Leadership-in-Training program, which gives kids between 13 and 17 years old a chance to volunteer and help run summer camps, Grzan-Pieracci. There, they help with nearly everything short of actually supervising the kids themselves.

The Beat, where Pajarillo currently works with kids at the after-school program, is a three-hour drop-in program that gives students a place to talk, do homework and participate in activities. The room itself has table soccer, inspirational quotes on the whiteboard and an ancient relic of the past — a Backstreet Boys poster — on the wall.

Pajarillo said it’s a good place for kids to hang out and get homework done, particularly for kids who don’t necessarily have that kind of helpful environment at home. He said it’s also a place where kids can feel free to talk to him and other recreation staff about any problems they’re having.

“They can talk to us about issues that they might not have an older brother or sister to ask (about),” Pajarillo said. Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com
pursue the designation, it could mean making the United Nation’s 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights a guiding document for the city, with some language changed to promote gender inclusiveness. The Human Relations Commission, which has a member of Eugene’s Human Rights Commission, has been really symbolic effort, in Eugene, on the designation as a large-library cards.

sure that those with no address come in city buildings, providing access to people who can’t speak English, and making sure that those with no address can still receive services, such as library cards. While cities have taken on the designation as a largely symbolic effort, in Eugene, Ore., city officials have really embraced the human rights city approach, says Ken Neubeck, a member of Eugene’s Human Rights Commission, which has been allowed to take the lead in Eugene’s transformation. He recently spoke on the topic to Ramirez and other members of Mountain View’s Human Relations Commission.

Neubeck, a soft-spoken former sociology professor, says he had brown bag lunches with Eugene city staff where he told them that they are “already doing human rights work,” though they may not realize it.

Eugene, home to 160,000 people and the University of Oregon, is a city surrounded by forests. Neubeck says the city has been able to house 65 percent of its 2,000 homeless people in designated tent camps and villages of tiny homes, created by local nonprofits; these include one called the “Opportunity Village” and another being built called the “Emerald Village.” About 80 people live in their cars in designated car-camping areas, supervised by police — an idea that has also been discussed by advocates for the homeless in Mountain View after people had their cars towed and were unable to pay fines to retrieve them.

“Just to have a safe and legal place to be, people are feeling so much better,” Neubeck said of efforts in Eugene. “Some of them are beginning to find jobs — it stabilizes their life.”

Mountain View’s skyrocketing rents have meant growing numbers of homeless individuals and families in the city, many living in motor homes, camped along creeks, and in cars. A 2013 count found 139 homeless people in Mountain View, nearly four times higher than in 2011.

“You can choose to look at it or you can choose to ignore it,” Rosenberg said of the city’s housing problems. “If the solution to housing more people is (more housing) development, then you are not really impacting the people who need it right now.”

Rosenberg said the tendency for some in Silicon Valley to want government to emulate corporate practices is wrong-headed — an unusual statement for a Morgan Stanley financial adviser who was solidly backed by business interests in the November election.

“They are not the same, not the same at all. Corporations are not designed to solve the problems of poverty or water desalination — that’s what governments are supposed to do,” Rosenberg said. “When governments are reduced to number-crunching, then that’s government gone wrong.”

The city’s government needs to make sure “we are not going down the path of net-present value over the dignity of our residents,” he said.

Neubeck describes the human rights city effort as confronting entrenched perceptions. He encourages people to step and talk to the homeless, to listen to their stories.

“The city manager really bought into this idea, and that was really helpful,” Neubeck said of Eugene’s human rights city efforts that began in 2007. “The city manager invited some trainers to give training in implementing human rights to managers and supervisors. We’re asking people to work in a different way, to put on a different lens. It’s been successful, but there’s much, much more work to do.”

“Our police officers take mandatory training to avoid racial profiling. I tell them that’s human rights work. They take training on how to respond to people out on the streets who are autistic — their behavior is different than one would expect.

We want people like that treated with care and respect. The public library figured out how to give library cards to people who are homeless; that’s human rights work. They take extending to people the human right of education, and giving people equal access. Everybody has some role to play in protecting the human rights of people.”

Eugene city officials also now use something called a “triple bottom line tool” in decision making, which makes social equity a top priority, followed by economic development, and finally, environmental sustainability.

“It doesn’t make a decision for people but it prompts them to think about the implication of the decisions they are going to make,” Neubeck said. The tool has helped as the city considers potential development outside of its designated urban limit line, set up to preserve the wilderness outside the city.

Human rights don’t necessarily cost a lot of money, Neubeck said. “This is in hard budget times. It doesn’t seem to cost more to do this.”

More information on the efforts in Eugene can be found at humanrights.city.com.

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“...and his actions on the board, and that he is also upset and angry to see the harm the board, because of Nelson’s actions, has caused the kids in the district.” 

Chiang said. “The damage is still happening, and there’s still people we may be losing — good people because of (it).” Chiang encouraged the community to hold the board accountable, watch past meetings online and see the behavior of the board over the last two years. “I really wish Trustee Nelson was here because I would say all this if he was here,” Chiang said. “It’s unacceptable, and I’m glad people in the room are hearing this and I wish more people would hear and notice.”

Board member Bill Lambert, who spoke after a member of the public requested that all the board trustees comment on the issue, said it was a very difficult decision and that almost everything that was brought up by parents that night had been brought up in drafting the agreement.

Still, Lambert said, he felt he and the rest of the board made the right decision.

Board member Ellen Wheeler also said the board discussed the issue thoroughly and that she believes it was appropriate to do so in closed session. She remains behind her decision “100 percent,” she said.

Robyn Iwai, a parent of two kids who graduated from Huff and Graham, said she has seen a series of program cuts since she was a parent in the district, and that she and her husband have given thousands of dollars in support of the district’s foundation and worked hard on two parcel tax campaigns to get more funding for the schools.

To see the board give Goldman a quarter-million-dollar payout after he resigned, she said, made her “furious.” That money amounts to about one-third of what the foundation raises each year, Iwai said.

“We don’t want to see him get away with this. This is a really serious issue and he should face consequences.”

Of the members were first-time cheerleaders and had never competed on a national level before. This marks the second national title for the Mountain View Marauders; their first national championship win was in 2006.

The Mountain View Marauders is the local extension of the Pop Warner Little Scholars Football and Cheerleading organization. The Marauders have had youth participants from Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Palo Alto and the surrounding communities since 1966.

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—Rachel Lee
ticated external cyber-attack,” according to a message to customers from Joseph Swedish, Anthem Blue Cross’ president and CEO. The attack involved a breach of a database containing the personal information of about 80 million Anthem customers and employees.

Some of the attacks in recent years haven’t been so sophisticated. In November 2011, for example, Sutter Health had a security breach when a password-protected, unencrypted desktop computer was stolen from one of its Sacramento offices, containing data on some 3.3 million patients, according to a Sutter Health press release. The database included personal information including medical record number and email address, but did not include Social Security numbers.

The FBI released a notification in April last year to health care providers warning that “cyber intrusions” are likely to increase as health records continue to transition from paper to digital. What’s more, the notification goes on to say that hospitals have lax cyber-security standards, and there’s a higher financial payout for hackers looking to sell medical information on the black market.

Candid Wueest, a software engineer for Symantec’s security response team, said there’s a definite and eminent problem with security among electronic medical record systems, and that unlike financial institutions—which have had so many security breaches that they have now steeled themselves against attackers—hospitals have yet to catch up with the higher security standards.

“Attackers are moving to the low-hanging fruit,” Wueest said.

The problem is that hospitals store much of the same information as banks do, like credit card information, as well as the added information from medical insurance and medical records, Wueest said. That means identity theft can come with requests for medical benefits, pills and even medical equipment, he said, and it takes a whole lot longer to detect it.

“Usually if your credit card is billed for something you haven’t bought you can find out pretty quick,” Wueest said. “I’m not sure if it’s that easy to prove you didn’t get those prescription glasses”.

As a result, it’s far more lucrative for hackers to steal medical records, which are going for anywhere from $20 to $50 a piece on the black market — about ten times more than credit card information, Wueest said.

“Medical records for identity theft can be useful possibly for months, rather than financial (information) which gets locked out pretty quickly,” Wueest said.

Solutions for increased security include two-factor authentication, where users have to log in using a password in addition to an authentication code that is only valid for about 30 seconds. Wueest said encrypting connections and even encrypting the database itself can also be useful tools for keeping information secure. But even with encryption, he said, it’s possible for hackers to bypass these measures if hospitals don’t stay up-to-date and prevent the use of known bugs, like the Heartbleed security bug that was discovered last year.

“With the right program you could open (the database) and read it like an Excel spreadsheet,” Wueest said.

Walton said El Camino Hospital is rolling out iCare with security and privacy as a “top priority,” using specific security standards called the HITRUST Common Security Framework, which helps the hospital bring its security level up to government regulations and standards. He said the system has been audited, and the hospital has an in-house security team to monitor and update the system.

Reeder said he is comfortable with the level of security iCare has, but emphasized that the hospital has to keep up the pace.

“It’s a constant exercise in making sure we keep up with all the newest threats,” Reeder said. •

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Questions raised over Foothill project

COLLEGE DISTRICT REROUTES $18 MILLION IN BOND MONEY FOR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

By Kevin Forestieri

Plans are underway at the Foothill-De Anza Community College District to construct a new $18 million administrative building on the Foothill campus in Los Altos Hills. The project is a reversal of earlier plans and has raised questions about whether it’s an appropriate use of bond money.

District officials, using money from the $490 million Measure C bond that passed in 2006, are considering spending about $18.5 million to construct the 20,000-square-foot office building to house administrative services, the chancellor’s office and a new board room, according to Kevin McElroy, the district’s vice chancellor of business services.

The original plan was to build a new data center to house technology services for the district, as well as renovate the district office building — both long overdue, say district officials. For years, the technology services for the district and the Foothill College have been scattered all over the campus and are badly in need of a centralized building.

But technology changes over time, and McElroy said it became clear to district officials that they didn’t need a “full-on data center” with redundant power sources, so they have redistribut ed that money towards building a new administrative building and redirecting information technol ogy services to the renovated old district office.

“It’s making adjustments according to operations, and meeting the needs of the district in a changing environment with technology and construction costs,” McElroy said.

But to Foothill teacher Ken Horowitz, the change did not seem like an appropriate use of the bond money.

Horowitz said he believes the original bond measure didn’t call for a new administrative building, that the proposed project was not clearly listed in plans and that administrative building plans fit the intent of the bond. The change didn’t come as a surprise to him or the rest of the committee when it came to a vote, she said.

“The district has been very careful to stay within the legal guidelines and within the spirit of it,” Silver said. “The money is supposed to be used to benefit the school community, and that is the intent of the people doing it.”

The new building will be on the southwest edge of the campus on one of the parking lots, taking up 140 parking spots, according to district spokesperson Becky Bartindale. But the building will be a very small structure taking up just 25 parking spots.

Concerns over Prop. 39

Measure C is subject to greater legal requirements and scrutiny because it was issued under the framework of Proposition 39, which allows school districts to pass bonds with only 55 percent of the vote — rather than the 59 percent required for new construction away from student-related services and toward benefiting administrators.

“Districts can make the lan guage vague and flexible enough that they can do whatever they want to do anyway,” Horowitz said.

A similar controversy hit the Los Altos School District last November, when voters were asked to approve a $150 million school building. Opponents of the bond contested that the bond project list was too vague and allowed district staff and the school board to decide how to spend the money, giving people little idea of what improvements they were voting for. The bond passed by a slim margin of 57.4 percent of the vote.

Measure C passed an extra level of scrutiny when it faced a lawsuit during a validation action — where the district essentially says anyone seeking litigation against the bond should come forward and fight its legality by a certain date.

The tentative schedule for the project is for a conceptual design of the new building to come to the board in either April or May, with construction expected to begin in the summer of 2016, according to Bartindale. The building is slated to be ready for use by either spring or fall of 2017.
The colorful culture of Zimbabwe comes to Mountain View cross-country races, an art competition, and a collection of festive booths from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 22, at St. Joseph School.

The event includes 11 races to cater to age groups ranging from preschool to adult. An eclectic collection of booths will be peppered along the perimeter of the race course, offering educational and creative ways for youth to become immersed in African traditions. And the local art competition offers another way for younger generations to connect with Zimbabwe culture and art, according to race organizers.

By holding activities other than foot races, event organizers seek to be inclusive and offer alternatives for kids with disabilities or who are unable to participate in the race, said event spokeswoman Girley Tegama.

People who cannot afford the $5 fee to run but would still like to participate are invited to join in the activities as well.

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In a statement, Hartnett touted his awareness of the struggles of the communities he serves.

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“The person in this job must be compensated in a manner that reflects the challenges and responsibilities of the position, as well as the expectations of our community and region that this work be performed at the highest level and with the greatest skill,” Gee said in a statement. “In today’s employment environment, we are competing not only with other transit agencies in the United States, but also with transit agencies internationally, as well as the private sector.

“We are fortunate that Jim is willing to take on this daunting task, and leave behind a highly regarded and extraordinarily successful legal practice,” Gee said.

In announcing the appointment, Caltrain called Hartnett a “key figure in the reorientation of High Speed Rail to a more collaborative partnership on the Peninsula” and credited him with helping to win “legislative support and funding for the project, specifically working with the Legislature to ensure High Speed Rail’s early investment funds include the Caltrain Modernization Program.”
A positive step toward transparency

Members of the Mountain View Whisman school district board did the right thing last week in scheduling a public discussion of the costly severance agreement between the district and former superintendent Craig Goldman. Although questions remain about the board’s decision to pay Goldman $231,567 to resign late last year, the meeting was a good-faith attempt on the part of board members to explain as much as they could without violating employee confidentiality laws, and to allow members of the school community who are unhappy with the settlement to have their say.

What board members had to say is troubling, to say the least. The agreement and payout was necessary, board President Chris Chiang said, to allow Goldman to quit before his contract expired while protecting the district from a lawsuit.

Goldman was being sued by former district employee Linda Atilano, who accused him of creating a hostile work environment, and by Kate Wakerly, former director of the Mountain View High School Student Union, who accused him of breaking the school district’s code of conduct.

The board feared being sued by Goldman, Chiang said, because of a hostile work environment created in large part by one board member, Steve Nelson — a revelation that probably surprised no one. In 2013, the board took the unusual step of censuring Nelson for violating the board’s code of conduct, citing incidents that included sending inappropriate, insulting emails to district staff, shouting at them in the district office, and even reportedly angrily telling Goldman that he was “full of sh*t” in front of other staff members.

Nelson didn’t attend last week’s meeting, held in a room packed with parents and teachers who wanted answers, and a chance to be heard. In addition to lamenting the size of the payout — nearly a quarter-million dollars in funds that might otherwise be spent on kids in the classroom — some parents also criticized the process the board used to discuss the settlement agreement as lacking transparency. Did the board violate the Brown Act, the state’s open-meeting law, when it met in closed session over the matter? Did the closed-session agenda properly describe what the board was up to?

The attorney who represented the district during the process says no Brown Act violation occurred. The agenda description of the topic, “Public employee discipline/dismissal/release,” properly notices closed-session actions that “accept the resignation of, or otherwise affect the employment status” of a superintendent, attorney Gregory Dannis said in a report to the board requested by the board’s president.

Regarding the charge by some that the agenda should also have included the discussion of pending litigation, Dannis wrote that the district could have included both the “pending litigation” and the “personnel” topic descriptions on the agenda, but was not required to do so. “It has been argued by some, however, that since a release of claims is based on a real or perceived exposure to liability from potential litigation related to a resignation, the ‘pending litigation’ item should be used,” he added.

Attorney Nikki Moore of the California Newspaper Publishers Association told the Voice that the district was indeed required to use the “pending litigation” designation, and we agree. But even leaving aside the legal question, which the courts have yet to adjudicate, the district had the option of including both descriptions on the agenda, but did not. And a public agency’s decision to opt for providing the public with less information than what can be provided inevitably leads to suspicions of bad faith and intentional lack of transparency.

Those parents who pressed the board for a public meeting to try to clear the air and possibly curtail growing anger over the settlement agreement should be commended, as should the four members of the board who faced the public last week. We hope this episode helps board members understand that the more light they can shine on controversial actions, the better — including providing as much information as possible on agenda notices.

STUDENT SIT-OUT IS CALLED FOR

When I was a senior in high school in 1967 during the Cre-taceous Period, the dictatorial principal told all the boys we could not grow mustaches or beards nor have long hair. Obviously he was totally out of touch with the rapidly evolving times. He had no idea about the growing force of the Woodstock Generation. He had no idea how much my generation had had it with being dictated to by a bunch of uptight adults.

So one day more than 90 percent of the entire student body of my high school went on strike. We refused to go to classes and we just occupied the student union for day after day, over 4,000 of us. We broke the principal’s resolve and we won the right to grow our hair and grow mustaches and beards, albeit not many of us could. The victory extended to the girls, as they too no longer had to adhere to a bunch of inane puritanical dress codes.

I suggest that the student body of Mountain View High School go on a mass sit-out of classes as long as it takes to break the will of the school board that has terminated the contract of a much-loved drama teacher without giving any of the students or their parents any reasons for their decision. The MV-VA school board is treating the parents and students like little children, and this is an insulting outrage. Furthermore, I hope the
parents vote out every member of the school board next time around. Wipe the slate clean and get people on the board who are maturely responsive to parents, students, and teachers.

Jeffrey Van Middlebrook
Easy Street

UNSAFE CROSSINGS

My sympathy to the family of the late Robert Schwehr, who died after being struck by a car at Charleston and Independence. Having crossed the street at that spot, I must say, sadly, that I’m not surprised there’s been a death. Some drivers appear determined to ignore the “Yield on Green” sign that’s supposed to protect pedestrians. Once when I crossed, the driver of the huge pickup behind the car that yielded to me was honking like mad and started to pass the stopped car. Since “Yield on Green” in that spot appears dicey, the traffic PTB might consider leaving the light red so pedestrians have a better chance of crossing safely. Another close-by danger spot is the corner of Rengstorff and Leghorn. Drivers making that right on red appear more focused on their upcoming burger than on the pedestrians or bikers in the crosswalk.

I hope that we can find ways to make those crossings safer for pedestrians and bikers — soon.

Esther Erman
Calderon Avenue

HOLDING HIS NOSE OVER ‘GENTRIFICATION’

It certainly appears that gentrification gets a big boost with the new members of the Mountain View City Council. The three new members were voted in by about 7 percent of the residents (counting non-voters) and hundreds of thousands of dollars of developer and expansionist money backing them. Money can certainly buy gentrification and government action, and it’s a shame for the non-high-tech workers, retired people (like me) and long-term property owners to be forced out — as well as blue-collar workers who rent older and more affordable units, like the ones at 333 North Rengstorff Ave. who will be forced out by the new council’s decisions to make room for “new” more affluent people. Out with the long-term population and in with higher-paid high-tech workers — it stinks.

Donald Letcher
North Rengstorff Avenue

Editor’s note: Mr. Letcher’s reference to “hundreds of thousands of dollars” in campaign spending in the November 2014 election is not supported by the facts. A landlord advocacy group spent $114,000 on mailers for three council candidates, two of whom were elected, but the candidates had no control over that spending.
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Mixx, the newish restaurant next to über-popular Cascal on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View, is just what its name implies: a grab bag, a hodgepodge, a crazy quilt of casual fusion dishes from around the world, or, “new American cooking,” as owner Bill Berkowitz put it.

The menu includes Italian, Thai, soul food, Mediterranean, American comfort, Chinese, West Coast, the Bronx, Japanese, New Orleans and even a “Mt. View” chicken melt. The wine list matches with selections from four continents. Does such an eclectic assortment work? It’s a mixed bag.

The crispy calamari slaw appetizer is big enough to share at the Mixx in Mountain View.
Berkowitz, owner of Max’s Opera Cafe at Stanford Shopping Center and other locations, said the idea behind Mixx is to reflect the international flavor of a tech-driven area where there are “people from all over the globe working here.” Berkowitz partnered with Steve Mayer, owner of Scott’s Seafood, the previous tenant at 420 Castro, to reinvent the space.

The interior has changed from Scott’s modern industrial design. Now there is a lot of wood with leather upholstered booths, chairs and tables, plus an elegant bar area partitioned off from the dining room. Behind the bar is the spacious “game lounge,” an area separated from the dining room complete with a giant TV and a young vibe.

Mixx has a major bar presence on Castro Street. Besides craft cocktails, there is an attention-grabbing oak barrel aging program where various concoctions are poured into 5-liter casks and mellowed for three weeks with delicious results, according to Berkowitz.

Mixx has undergone some recent changes with long-time Max’s in-house chefs Carlos Salcedo and Jose Perez now managing the food.

Mixx’s lunch menu differs slightly from the dinner menu and both change frequently. Since I was at Mixx for both lunches and dinners, I will quote the price I was charged in this review.

The crispy calamari slaw ($12) was fun, colorful and delicious with plenty to share. The perfectly fried squid was tossed with sweet chilies, peanuts, cilantro and red cabbage.

Another tasty and shareable dish was the crisp, fried Brussels sprouts ($9) mixed with toasted pecans and drizzled with an apple-maple glaze. Order both dishes together and it’s enough appetizer for four people.

The Thai fish taco trio ($9) was a hit with coconut, jalapeño, peanut and cilantro. The cod was fresh-tasting and juicy and the other ingredients made the dish undeniably mouthwatering. The jalapeño added zing.

The panko-crusted crab cakes ($16) with salad greens and tartar sauce were delectable. Exceptionally light, golden, and expertly cooked, the cakes were loaded with crab flavor and the crunch of greens balanced the dish beautifully. This was my favorite Mixx dish.

Mixx’s game room is stocked with board games, a shuffleboard table and TVs for watching sports.

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I loved everything about the chicken pot pie ($14) — except the chicken, which came as gristly bites of flavorless and altogether unpleasant bird. The kitchen must do better. Otherwise, the crust was golden, flaky and not too thick. Besides the foul fowl, there were potatoes, peas, carrots, celery and onion in a piping hot cream sauce. It could have been enjoyable.

The linguini (misspelled on the menu) alla carbonara ($12) came with Reggiano Parmesan cheese, egg yolks and guanciale. Guanciale, a cured meat, is generally richer and less salty than pancetta when cooked. The fat renders differently which allows it to plump more than pancetta when cooked. The carbonara sounded delicious, but unfortunately, the dish was dense and leaden — so over-cious, but unfortunately, the dish was less salty than pancetta. The flavor of the guanciale, which had great savor, was not enough. Thai green curry sauce, pearl couscous, sweet potato, snap peas and caramelized onion made the plate prettier than it tasted.

Excellent desserts though. Don’t miss the tootsome bananas Foster ($10) with caramelized and braised banana, salted caramel ice cream and fresh whipped cream. It came to the table flambeed, a variation on the famous Bananas Foster from Brennan’s of New Orleans. The ice cream sandwiches ($10) were two each of chocolate chip cookie and vanilla (misspelled) bean ice cream, and sea salt chocolate cookie with burnt almond ice cream. Luscious themselves, there was a side of warm ganache fondue for making your own mini It’s–It. Mixx has elements that don’t quite mesh, while the menu is eclectic and promising, the execution is often lackluster. More attention to detail in the kitchen is needed if Mixx is to distinguish itself.
Life in the fun-house mirror

‘WILD TALES’ DELIVERS ON ITS TITULAR PROMISE

★★★★ 1/2 (Palo Alto Square)
Quentin Tarantino, move over. Argentinian writer-director Damien Szifron has his own “Wild Tales” to tell—six of them, in fact—in the take-no-prisoners black-comedic anthology film that rocked last year’s Cannes Film Festival, became Argentina’s most-watched film of 2014 and scored an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film.

Like Tarantino, Szifron takes an obvious relish in man’s inhumanity to man, man’s inhumanity to woman and woman’s inhumanity to man, all of which are merely preludes to nasty and at times wickedly over-the-top violence. Vengeance, then, is a primary motif in Szifron’s chaotic universe: a fun-house mirror image that, despite its hyperbole, remains a recognizable reflection of our own.

Aside from the wildly creative opening segment (“Pasternak”) and the post-credits chaser (“The Rats”) which are nasty, brutish and short, Szifron establishes a more leisurely pace with the remaining four short stories clocking in at roughly twenty minutes each. “Pasternak” and “The Rats” both feature revenge fantasies, one that we’re trauma-tically rooting against (even as we admire its ingenuity) and another we may find ourselves rooting for, though less so the more distressingly messy it gets. Szifron’s skills at playing with the audience’s own desire for bloodlust—only from the safety of theater seats, of course—and plying his cinematic trade with stylistic precision put him in good company with “Master of Suspense” Alfred Hitchcock. “Tools of the trade? A jumbo jet, rat poison and a sizable kitchen knife.

And cars, as per the segments “Road to Hell” and “The Deal,” in which chance vehicular encounters turn deadly. The van “The Deal” proves to be “Wild Tales’” weakest (though hardly worthless) effort, spinning the domestic horror of a hit-and-run into a hit-and-miss satire on people’s shameless capacities for greed (lazily punctuated with an obvious “twist”). Szifron’s specialty is stoking a laugh that, interrupted by a gasp, catches in the throat. “Road to Hell” gets there with a dispropor-tionate bout of road rage of the "that escalated quickly" variety, while the “Bombita” segment (with Argentinian star player Ricardo Darin of “The Secret in Their Eyes” as an everyman-pushed-too-far) employs a ballooning pressure that you know just has to pop.

“Bombita” and the film’s closing chapter, “Til Death Do Us Part,” have the deepest impacts by being the most relatable and credible of the wild tales. The former makes hay of everyday institutional injustices (like maddening parking tickets and governmental bureaucracies) while the latter gets more personal: a groom’s philandering irri-tates his new bride (Érica Rivas) into a Bridezilla. Darin’s controlled slow burn and Rivas’ understandably crazed, ang-ving-angelic hurt are sure to get audiences where they live. Like Tarantino’s films, “Wild Tales” will rub some the wrong way by taking glee in the violence that comes from our worst selves, but the catharses have a positive social function: In the end (in all six ends, that is), there’s no doubt Szifron intends caution-ary “Tales.”

Rated R for violence, language and brief sexuality. Two hours, 2 minutes.

— Peter Canavese
ART GALLERIES
“Along Highway Y” Viewpoints Gallery will have on display “Along Highway Y,” a videotaped photographic print of artists in the print that are inspired by vistas along the famed Highway from Big Sur to the Oregon coast. On Friday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m., there will be an opening reception and artist’s talk. March 31-April 24, 5-11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 375 St. Louis Ave., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

Earth Poems” by Kathleen Mitchell Viewpoints Gallery will have on display a group of contemporary acrylic paintings by Kathleen Mitchell that abstract California landscapes and celebrate the colors and textures of the earth. March 3-28, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday only until 3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 375 St. Louis Ave., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS
“Hard Worker” Wednesdays Estrela Room at Los Altos Will have a benefit brunch for the Day Worker Center of Mountain View. Visitors enjoying the Mexican food may want to bring their own beverages (call them website). Wednesday, year-round, dinner hours, Prices vary. Estrela Mexican Brass and Cantina, 1061 N. Shoreline Blvd., Los Altos. Call 650-930-4902. www.dayworkercen.org

Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans & Fair As part of this 16th annual event organized by Sustainable Living Foundation, community members can run in a race, donate, volunteer or enter an exhibit into an auction. There will also be beadwork, brought by music and arts for sale. 100 percent of profits will benefit the Makumbe Children’s Home in Zimbabwe. March 22-23, noon to 3 p.m. Entry fee: Free; 10% of sale. 1530 Miramar Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-941-9206. www.zimbabweanorapholyfair.net

Object:Art fundraiser for Art in Action This fundraising event called Object:Art will include a silent auction of original artwork, an unique theme and the presentation of the Art Hawaiian Project. www.object:art. The opening will be on Thursday, March 26, 5-9 p.m. $100. Computer History Museum, 1640 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-854-8150. http://objectartsymposium.net

DanceAnnies fitness classes One pro- gessional, Heather Hunter and international fitness guru Kirsten Johnson will lead participants in high energy dance and fitness workouts at multiple locations. March 16-17 and 23-24, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., 6 p.m. -6 Wednesday, 9 and 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. 10 single classes. Free: 10-30-15. Ages: 16-65. Mountain View Community Center, 347 St. Louis Ave. Los Altos. www.danceannies.com

Fare Food Fest: Easter basket For this Mountain View Public Library craft activity, children can make a special Easter basket filled with spring treats out of Fimo, a synthetic clay. All materials will be provided, and kids can bring their own special Easter basket. 16 or older. March 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-5977. www.mylibrary.org

Football College Spring Registration Registration for spring classes at Football College through April 3. Adults can sign up for job skills or earn a specialized career certificate or associate degree — begin on March 6. Classes last from April through June. Contact the school’s admissions office for more info. March 6-14, 5-7 p.m. $1 per unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Football College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothill.edu/fcreg.htm

Simplifying: Felt Basket This Simple Sewing workshop — appropriate for sewers of all levels — will teach how to choose fabric, cut, and decide on the patterns. March 25, 5:30-6:45 p.m. $12. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-562-7020. govt.org/ovp

Magazine Show Will host a garden night in its new seating area. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite magazines to share with other attendees. March 23, 8-10 p.m. Free. Bookbuyers, 373 St. Carlos, Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com


Pets in Need: Bring those differently. The event will also cover children and teens; and how boys and girls may present differently. March 21, 1-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-945-8100. www.mtseniorcenter.org

Health
Jacqui’s Aerobic Dancing Jacqui’s Aerobic Dancing will host a standard routine and a show of the latest dance styles. March 23, 1-4 p.m. $6. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com


Teach for America, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.teachforamerica.org

Techonomy Bio will hold a dinner meeting free to general membership, where members can socialize and meet with business leaders. March 25, 6-7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-945-8100. www.mtseniorcenter.org

SPORTS
Mountain View Tennis Club Inactive members and others may receive info about the club. Mountain View, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.mvtc.net


Author Peter Heller on ‘The Painter’ Peter Heller, author of the book “The Painter,” will visit Books Inc. in Mountain View to mark the paperback release of his second work of fiction, “The Invisible Life.” March 22, 7-8:30 p.m. $20 general; $25 at the door. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 2391 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-2855. www.schultzarts.org/events


Credit score talk: This event at the Mountain View Public Library will educate community members about credit scores, including how to improve scores and avoid scams. Registration is open. March 26, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. govt.gov/mycredit

Technology Bio 2015 Techonomy Bio will explore emerging technologies such as virtual reality, artificial intelligence, information technology, science, healthcare, pharmacology, agriculture, academia, finance and economics. March 25, 8:30-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall, 41000 El Monte Road, Mountain View. Call 660-206-4200. www.mountainview.gov

Mountain View Tennis Club will hold its March Team Tennis Tournament, which is open to all residents and members of all skill levels. Sessions are available in the morning and afternoon. March 21-24, 8-11 a.m. $10. rentonpark.org. Rentiogolf Park, 211 Rentiogolf Ave., Mountain View. www.mtnv.org

LECTURES & TALKS
‘How Depression Manifests in Children and Teens’ In this talk and workshop for parents and educators, Dr. Ayelet Hirschfeld will discuss how to identify patterns and symptoms, its characteristics among infants, toddlers, children and teens; and how boys and girls may present differently. March 22, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-223-8631. paloaltojcc.org/per/specials

‘Successful Seed Starting’ UC Master Gardener Heather Doxsey will provide information and tips on planting seeds for warm season vegetables, including tomatoes, peppers, corn and other crops. March 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1550. www.mtnv.org

‘The Lake Effect’ The Lake Effect will present a photography of “The Lake Effect,” a new drama written by Bay Area artist Roy V. Harrington. Harrington will include images capturing forms of water, including clouds, ice and snow, and will be on exhibit for two weeks. March 21, 8-10 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com

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