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Farewell Slater

HUNDREDS OF KIDS
LOSE THEIR SCHOOL

By Molly Tanenbaum

The pressing question on Slater's playground last week was: "Where will you be next year?"

One fourth grade girl clutched her friend's arm and asked, "You're going to Landels, right?"

The response: "No, I'm going to Huff."

Last Wednesday marked Slater's last day of school for at least the next five years. Staff, teachers and parents worked to make Slater's final year memorable for all 364 students, who will be split up between the remaining six elementary schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District next fall.

For the most part, students appeared antsy with typical last-day-of-school energy, but they also knew that when they walked away from Slater that afternoon, they would be saying farewell to their school and to some of their classmates and teachers.

Teacher Bonnie Malouf's classroom was completely packed up in boxes last Wednesday, with half the room as storage and half as floor space for the kids to sit. For her last class, she had students take turns standing up on a chair in the front of the room



NORBERT VON DER GROEBEN

Goodbye Dr. Smith: Departing Slater principal Nicki Smith hugs Elizabeth Serfino, 8, and Madeline Haber, 7, on the last day of school. Next fall, Smith will be the principal at a new charter school in East Palo Alto.

and talking about what they'd miss about their school.

"We can bring a little bit of Slater School with us, wherever we go," one student read.

Second grade teacher Sally Topete wanted to wait until after

her kids left to pack up most of her supplies before the movers came on June 20. Most of all, she said, she'll miss working with her Slater colleagues. She is the only

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■ SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE

City suing auditor over Shoreline

FIRM ALLEGED TO HAVE
MADE SIDE DEAL WITH
CONCERT PROMOTER

By Jon Wiener

After extracting millions of dollars and a new lease from concert promoter Live Nation, the city is preparing to go to court again over accounting at Shoreline Amphitheatre, this time with a lawsuit against the auditing firm that city officials say helped cover up the venue's questionable record-keeping practices.

City attorney Michael Martello announced at the end of last Tuesday's city council meeting that the city had decided in closed session to initiate litigation against "one or more defendants."

Martello told the *Voice* that he expected to file the lawsuit against auditing firm Daoro, Zydel & Holland by the end of the month.

"The city council has an obligation to protect the financial interests of the city, and an auditor retained to assist in that regard is expected to perform in a manner consistent with that obligation," said Mayor Nick Galiotto.

Daoro had served as the city's independent auditor for years, responsible for ensuring that the operator was paying all of

the money it owed under the percentage rent provision of the lease.

But unbeknownst to the city, the venue operator, Bill Graham Presents, had also hired Daoro to audit the same records for the company. As a result, the firm was in a position to help BGP cover up potential disputes without ever informing the city or the public.

"It was real clear they were not watching out for our interests," said Martello. "Rather than turn to us, they turned to the client, and resolved them pretty much always against us."

The city first learned about Daoro's agreement with BGP last year, as part of the pretrial discovery in its bitter lawsuit with BGP parent Clear Channel. The city promptly fired the firm, and the two sides have had no contact since a deposition last fall.

In a stinging indictment of the firm, city finance director Bob Locke wrote in a new, city-sponsored audit report that Daoro had compromised its independence and violated "a foundational principle of the audit function."

They were "working both sides of the fence," Locke told the *Voice*.

The San Francisco-based firm has not responded to several requests for comment.

After the new audit report, prepared by Los Angeles-based Alix Partners, accused BGP of concealing more than \$80 million in revenue, Clear Channel spin-off Live Nation settled the case in May for a lump sum payment of \$10 million, and agreed to an annual lease payment of \$1.8 million for the next 15 years. As part of the settlement agreement, the city reserved the right to sue Daoro for its alleged misconduct. ▽

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Foothill-De Anza moves to protect bond money

By Molly Tanenbaum

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District has made a preemptive strike against a potential litigant who could challenge the district's recently passed \$491 million bond measure.

Using a specialized type of lawsuit called a validation action, the district has requested that the Santa Clara County Superior Court confirm that Measure C — which passed June 6 with 65 percent of the vote — followed all legal requirements needed for a bond issue.

If the action is successful, then Aaron Katz — the Saratoga attorney and landlord who has sued several public entities over their bonds and parcel taxes and netted \$260,000 in settlements — and other potential liti-

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Any advice for recent high school grads?



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David Coon, Mountain View



"Besides stay in school? Pursue an education, go to college. Make sure a career is No. 1 in your life and girls come second."
Kunal Punjabi, Menlo Park



"Go to school. Learn as much as you can. There's a lot of fun stuff to learn in this world, definitely."
Vida Meyers, Menlo Park



"Don't join the military."
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'It was real clear they were not watching out for our interests.'

— CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL MARTELLO,
ON AUDITING FIRM DAORO, ZYDEL & HOLLAND,
AGAINST WHICH THE CITY PLANS TO FILE SUIT

■ CRIMEWATCH

FORGERY, N. RENGSTORFF AVENUE, 6/17

At 5:21 p.m., a 41-year-old man and a 27-year-old woman entered Central Liquors together and attempted to cash one counterfeit check each. Suspecting their checks to be fake, the clerk attending to the two customers phoned the Mountain View Police Department. He was able to stall the two suspects until the police arrived. The officers determined that the checks were indeed counterfeit and took both of the suspects into custody, where they were booked and charged with burglary, conspiracy and forgery.

STOLEN VEHICLE, UNIVERSITY AND RENGSTORFF AVENUES, 6/20

An officer on patrol noticed a Ford Escort with various vehicle violations at 11:02 p.m. Tuesday night. The officer attempted to pull the car over, but the driver refused to stop. At Pachetti Drive, the driver stopped the car, and he and a passenger jumped out and started running. The patrol officer chased the driver on foot. He caught the man in the underground Caltrain parking area at the San Antonio station. The officer determined that the man had stolen the Ford Escort from Newark with a set of shaved keys. The driver was charged with possession of burglary tools and was booked in the San Jose main jail. Mountain View police are still looking for the passenger.

■ POLICE LOG

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

1900 block Montecito Ave., 6/15

AUTO BURGLARY

100 block Preston Dr., 6/12
300 block Preston Dr., 6/12
2200 block California St., 6/12
2200 block Showers Dr., 6/13
200 block Escuela Ave., 6/13
1800 block Latham St., 6/16
1900 block California St., 6/16
200 block Evandale Ave., 6/16

BATTERY

300 block Ravendale Dr., 6/15
1600 block of Villa St., 6/15

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

900 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 6/12
600 block E. Evelyn Ave., 6/13

GRAND THEFT

Shoreline Amphitheatre, 6/12
900 block Terra Bella Ave., 6/13
800 block Dalma Dr., 6/15

STOLEN VEHICLE

2000 block Latham St., 6/12
600 block W. El Camino Real, 6/12
1200 block Montecito Ave., 6/13
600 block Escuela Ave., 6/13
300 block Escuela Ave., 6/13
2200 block Latham St., 6/14
800 block Dalma Dr., 6/14
2600 block Miller Ave., 6/14
500 block Evandale Ave., 6/15
300 block Easy St., 6/15
2200 block California St., 6/16

VANDALISM

2200 block Latham St., 6/12
3500 block Truman Ave., 6/13
100 block E. El Camino Real, 6/14
1100 block Rose Ave., 6/15
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Join the Club

By Don Frances

GINNY LEAR, president of the Mountain View-Los Altos chapter of the League of Women Voters, told me recently that her term is ending at the end of this month, when she will be replaced by Coeta Chambers.

"I'm sure she'll be in touch before long," Ginny wrote. "She's just completed the AIDS ride to L.A.!"

This announcement makes Ginny yet another illustrious member of the Mountain View Lame Duck Club, whose numbers seem to be growing by the week.

It's not so hard to join this club — just quit what you're doing. Then let me know about it. ...

But Ginny is not the Club's most recent enrollee. No, that honor goes to our very own Jon Wiener, I'm sad to say. He too will be moving on by the end of the month.

Jon has been writing for this paper in some capacity for something like two and half years, which is worthy of honors right there. I won't say more about it, since he's planning his own farewell column. We'll save the tears for later. ...

IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING that "Vicki, Bruce & Oscar" — who must be Vicki Schultz, Bruce Karney and Oscar Garcia, key organizers of the recent Olympics in Mountain View event — threw a thank-you party for the many volunteers and sponsors who helped it along.

The event was held at McKenzie Park on Thursday, after this paper went to press, but I hope it's not too late to add our voice to the chorus of thank-yous. By all accounts Olympics in Mountain View was a smash-hit success, and I'm sure the many dozens of elementary school kids who participated would agree. ■

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Mountain View-Los Altos board president Julia Rosenberg gives retiring Superintendent Rich Fischer a cowboy hat to wear at his Western-themed retirement party. Fischer will move to his Placer County home which he and his wife, Sheri, have dubbed "The Ranch."

NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Fischer trading kids for llamas

SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES FOR OPEN SPACES OF PLACER COUNTY

By Molly Tanenbaum

Beginning next month, Superintendent Rich Fischer's new district will be a 15-acre parcel of land in Placer County with three houses, a pond and plenty of fruit trees. And his new staff will be his three llamas named Dalai Llama, Como Se Llama and Valentino.

"They're peaceful and they eat everything. They'll take care of all the weeds and stuff," he said.

Fischer's more than 30-year-long

career, which included 20 years as a superintendent, will not be quite over when he bids farewell to the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District at the end of this month. He still plans to help train new school administrators, for 100 days a year, through a San Francisco nonprofit organization called Springboard Schools.

But for the other 265 days, he wants to spend a lot more time with his wife, Sheri, and his three children and five grandchildren. For the past five years, Fischer

has lived in Mountain View and commuted to Placer County on the weekends. Now, he'll be a full-time husband.

Sheri, a landscape architect, just opened up her own nursery on Horseshoe Bar Road in Loomis, 10 miles away from their property in Lincoln.

The Flower Farm Nursery, which will sell pumpkins in October and Christmas trees in December, is part of a business

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Local Red Cross helps dozens of fire victims

FAMILIES FORCED OUT OF HOMES DUE TO LATHAM STREET BLAZE

By Chelsea Young

Eighteen Mountain View families remain without permanent residence after being forced out of their homes by a June 16 fire in the Lexington Apartments complex. Luckily, the Palo Alto Area Chapter of the Red Cross has managed to provide relief for the victims.

The exact cause of the fire, which started in one of the second-floor

kitchen areas of the apartments on 1970 Latham St., has not yet been determined. The Mountain View Fire Department was able to control the fire within 15 minutes of the first call, which came at around 5 p.m.

A total of 47 residents, including many young children, were displaced from 20 units. Two of the units were completely destroyed, and on Friday the fire department declared the 12 second-floor units to be uninhabitable due to damage from fire, smoke or water.

Red Cross volunteers arrived at the scene about an hour after the fire started. They distributed

vouchers for food, clothing and basic household goods, according to the residents' needs, and relocated some of the fire victims to a nearby church for the night.

The Latham Street residents now face the problem of where to live until the apartments become inhabitable again, which will take as long as three months for the second-floor units. Since Tuesday night, the Red Cross has made 19 rooms available in a motel on El Camino. The Community Services Agency covered the cost of those rooms through the weekend.

According to Red Cross mem-

ber Tom Cascone, the Latham Street fire called for the biggest relief effort that the chapter had seen in his 16 years as a volunteer. The group is now working with CSA to find longer-term housing for the fire victims.

Those wishing to help can provide a night of lodging for one family for \$66, or for all 16 families for \$1,250. Donations can be made online at www.paarc.org, or mailed to 400 Mitchell Lane, Palo Alto. Checks — with "Mountain View Fire" written in the memo line — should be made out to the Palo Alto Area Red Cross. ■

■ CITY COUNCIL

The maybes of Mayfield

RESIDENTS HOPE TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AT UPCOMING HEARING

By Daniel DeBolt

If all goes according to plan for Toll Brothers Inc., the development firm soon will take a large step towards building as many as 578 more homes — and a few more acres of park space — on the 26-acre site where there was once a major shopping destination.

Next Tuesday, the city council is holding a hearing on the Mayfield Mall project. Neighbors of the proposed development, who don't want it to happen without some changes, say they plan to make their presence known.

Their main complaint with the current proposal concerns traffic impacts: The fastest way from the site to Highway 101 is to go through the suburban streets of Monta Loma Neighborhood. Neighbors there also say plans to build adequate parking under the development have been thwarted by findings that the water table is closer to ground level than was previously thought.

"It's really obvious [cars] are going to overflow into our neighborhood," said Elna Tymes, incoming president of the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association. At its June 27 meeting, the



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Broadband bill has city officials seeing red

By Jon Wiener

Municipal leaders from Mountain View and around California are up in arms over an industry-backed state bill that will override the current cable franchise system and reduce local control over telecommunication services.

The bill, called "The Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act," allows cable and telephone companies to sign statewide franchise agreements, bypassing the local agencies they have dealt with in the past. It passed the Assembly without a dissenting vote in late May and is now before the Senate.

Phone companies aiming to build broadband networks that provide phone, Internet and cable television services say the bill is necessary to increase competition, help lower prices for subscribers and ensure that networks cover remote parts of the state. But opponents say the bill could have disastrous results reminiscent of the 2000 electricity deregulation.

"How the state is going to be doing this on a statewide basis better than each community makes no sense to us," said city manager Kevin Duggan. "It may be more convenient for the large telephone companies ... but it doesn't mean that it's going to be better for the local communities and the people who live here."

Under the current version of the bill, cities would lose their authority to require companies to make services available to residents in every area of the city or charge franchise fees that help pay for community television stations like KMVT. Another provision requires cities to respond to a proposal within 45 days, or else the company is free to build it regardless.

According to one estimate in the *Sacramento Bee*, telephone

companies like AT&T and Verizon have already spent tens of millions of dollars lobbying to get the bill passed, an amount indicative of the profits at stake.

"What people have to understand is this bill is going to have a tremendous impact on consumers," said Rebecca Elliot, local representative of the League of California Cities. The League of Cities organization has teamed up with cable companies in opposing the bill.

Mountain View officials are writing letters on a weekly basis to state senators in order to voice their concerns. One of their chief concerns is a loss of funding for KMVT, which still receives more than \$200,000 a year, plus a \$750,000 endowment, from the franchise fees the city charges Comcast.

Brian Szabo, KMVT's executive director, wrote in an e-mail to the *Voice* that the legislation "is likely to stifle a critical voice in local communities across the state."

"It is not an unreasonable concept that media conglomerates pay an infinitesimal fraction of their net revenues to support one of the last bastions of truly independent, local speech," Szabo said.

Sally Lieber, the third-ranking Democrat in the Assembly, said that the concerns of cities have already been addressed, and the final version of the bill will be more to their liking.

That's an explanation that doesn't sit well with local officials.

"It's incredibly complex, and it's going to have huge long-term consequences," said deputy city manager Linda Forsberg, who manages the cable contracts for the city. "What we're hearing is, 'Oh, we can fix this in just some rewrites.' What we think is we need a complete overhaul of the bill, not just tinkering with existing language." ▽

Eshoo 'nay' on war resolution

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo, who represents Mountain View, has voted against a non-binding resolution supporting the government's policy for the war in Iraq.

The resolution passed the House of Representatives Friday on a vote of 256-153.

A "yes" vote indicated support for the government's policy on an open-ended engagement in Iraq with no withdrawal date set for American troops.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Eshoo said, "Across this magnificent country, almost two-thirds of the American people, it

matters not where they live, what their economic background is, what their political affiliation is, have now lost faith in the president's war in Iraq."

"There is a difference between Iraq and the war on terrorism," Eshoo said. "And some people in the Congress, unlike people in the country, do not want to acknowledge that. So where are we today? Our intelligence agency demoralized, intelligence manipulated, the American people ashamed of what we are doing instead of being proud."

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MAYFIELD

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council will hear public comments and vote on three things: a set of guidelines to help the developer draw up its plans (which will then come back to the council for final approval), rezoning the site for residential development, and a final environmental impact report for the project.

The most contentious issue is housing density. At the corner of Central Expressway and San Antonio Road, the proposed buildings would be five stories tall. Two-story town houses are planned for the edges adjoining the rest of the neighborhood.

Proponents of high-density housing, like Vice Mayor Greg Perry, say such plans are necessary to accommodate the large number of workers employed here. Mountain View has 15,000 more vehicles commuting into the city every morning than leaving for jobs or destinations elsewhere, Perry said. And the project's location near a train station makes it ideal for high-density housing, he said.

The planning commission has recommended the higher density option at 530 homes. On the Palo Alto side of the site, 48 more homes would be built for a total of 578.

For its part, the Monta Loma Neighborhood Association wants lower density to alleviate the supposed traffic and parking problems. The group is now part of a coalition of four different neighborhood groups, and another has shown interest in joining. So far 4,000 residents are represented in the coalition.

Tymes said there has been so much neighborhood activity regarding the Mayfield project that she received more than 400 e-mails from residents in one weekend. She added that her group is busy planning for the June 27 meeting; among its strategies, group members will coordinate their comments so that they are not repeating themselves during the comment period.

Group's influence already felt

Neighbors have waged a unique campaign around the project — including drawing up their own environmental impact report, which they presented to the environmental planning commission.

"We did our own noise analysis, we did our own traffic studies, we did our own measurements, population studies, projections and superimposed imaging," Tymes said. "This isn't just garden-variety citizen hours. This is the volunteer time of people like attorneys, engineers, professional planners and sound

engineers. People who for one reason or another are involved in this kind of work for a living."

City planner Linnie Melena said the work has definitely had an impact on how the precise plan has come about, especially on the visible edges of the development where things like setbacks, building heights, unit types and special design features have taken neighbors' remarks

'Why doesn't the city use some of its \$9 million in park funds and build something there?'

ELNA TYMES

into consideration.

Tymes said neighbors are not against the project, but want to ensure that their concerns are heard — particularly, that new residents of the development won't cut through the Monta Loma neighborhood to get to Highway 101.

The same issue had been addressed in the past. Before

vacating the site in 2003, Hewlett Packard took over the mall and made it into corporate offices, and told employees not to drive through the neighborhood.

Besides density and traffic concerns, neighbors say more park space is needed, partly to relieve the heavy use of the Monta Loma Park for youth sports.

Developers are required to provide 3.2 acres of park space if 530 units of housing are built. Current plans show that space divided into two parks. Almost another half-acre could be added if developers and the city want to trade the city-owned, northwest corner of the site for more park space.

"Mayfield represents the last bit of open space" Tymes said. "Why doesn't the city use some of its \$9 million in park funds and build something there?"

There are 700 trees on the Mayfield site, 535 of them on the Mountain View side. Some of them are large heritage trees. Toll Brothers is expected to leave the heritage trees alone as much as possible, only applying for a removal permit when absolutely necessary. Each heritage tree would have to be replaced by several new trees. ▣

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BART still central to VTA's plans

By Jon Wiener

County transit officials approved a 30-year plan last week that they openly acknowledged was "less than perfect." Next up: figuring out how to pay for it.

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is billions short of what it needs to build the projects called for under the plan, including a BART extension to downtown San Jose, a new light rail line to East San Jose and a series of Caltrain upgrades.

Officials had hoped county Measure A, a proposed half-cent sales tax on the June ballot, would help make up the shortfall. But voters soundly rejected it, in part because of concerns about the cost and feasibility of BART.

"We don't have all of the answers," said Forrest Williams, a VTA board member and San Jose City Council member, "But we have individuals here who are capable of coming up with creative ways of funding programs."

VTA general manager Michael Burns said that the 20 percent funding shortfall is similar to what the agency faced when sales tax revenues declined following the passage of 1996 Measures A and B, a recently expired half-cent sales tax.

The agency was able to deliver most of the projects voters approved under that measure, including the new interchange at Highways 85 and 101, and Burns said he was optimistic that partnerships with developers and additional funding from the state would help bridge the gap again.

But under aggressive questioning from Mountain View

Vice Mayor Greg Perry, Burns admitted that of all the potential funding sources, only a new sales tax will even come close to generating enough revenue.

"It's a very inconvenient question where that \$3 billion comes from," Perry told the *Voice*. "There's no question that they'll need one if not two more sales taxes to finish it."

Perry said that without a new tax, the VTA will eventually have to cut the project list or face bankruptcy. In the meantime, he wants the agency to stop spending money designing the BART project until it has enough money lined up to pay for it.

In addition to BART and light rail extensions, the plan also includes nearly \$1 billion in operational subsidies for bus and light rail service throughout the county, and \$370 million for a "pavement management fund" to supplement city coffers.

Los Altos Hill Mayor Brene Kerr said he was concerned that the plan does not have enough funding for Caltrain improvements — including electrification of the system and grade-separated railroad crossings all along the route, two prerequisites for increased train service. A grade separation project at Rengstorff Avenue is estimated to cost around \$60 million.

Perry proposed transferring the pothole repair money to Caltrain improvements. But Cupertino City Council Member Dolly Sandoval said the agency should keep the pothole fund "in the interest of fairness" to the suburbs in the western part of the county, and the proposal failed. ■

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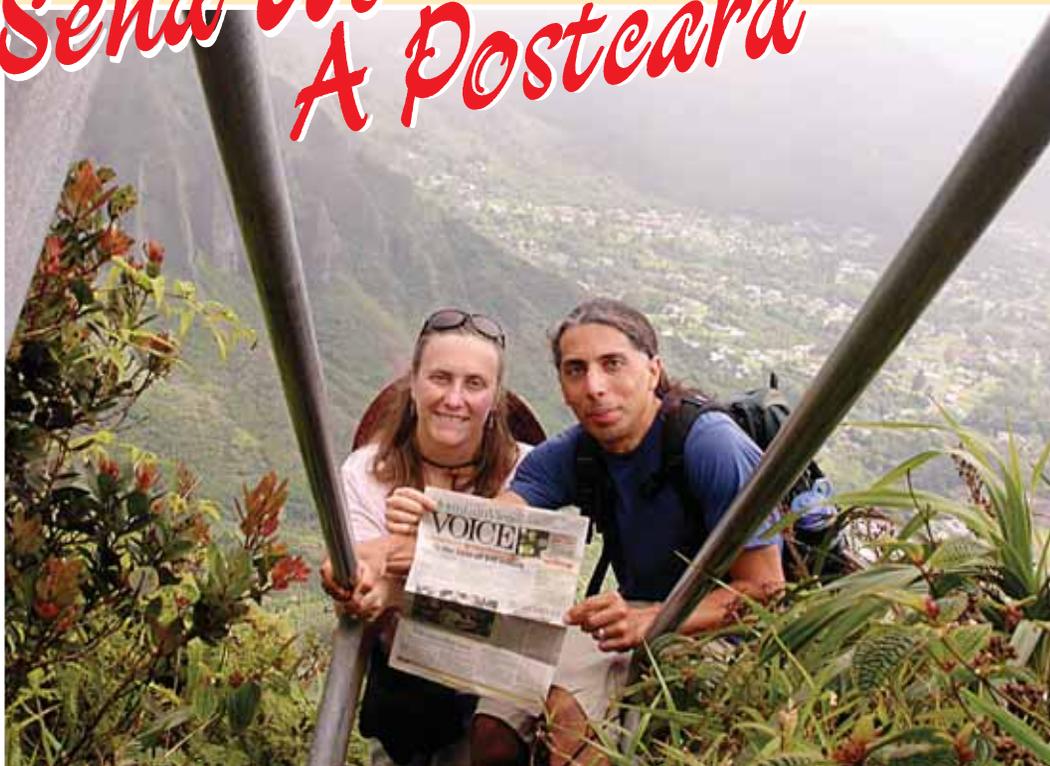
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teacher moving to Monta Loma School in the fall.

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Postcards, P.O. Box 405, Mountain View, CA 94042.**Where will they go?**

Principal Nicki Smith will leave the district to head a charter school in East Palo Alto, and Slater teachers already know where they will move in the fall.

Five teachers will go to Bubb School, four to Landels, and Huff, Theuerkauf and Monta Loma will each receive one new Slater teacher. Seven teachers will shift to Castro School along with the PACT (Parent-Child-Teacher) program.

Due to Slater closing, the district's average elementary school size will increase from 417 to 504, according to an enrollment report given at the May 18 board meeting. Of Slater's 364 students from the 2005-06 school who are not either leaving the district or attending middle school in the fall, 45 percent, or 135 students, will go to Landels; 32 percent to Castro; 7 percent to Monta Loma, 6 percent to Bubb; 5 percent to Theuerkauf; and 3 percent to Huff.

This past year, the district spent \$25,000 on transition costs, including moving expenses, planning for the transition, and a celebration for Slater, according to Chief Financial

will miss them.

Farias said he's "excited but nervous" about moving to Theuerkauf, but he said, "I went to the school and it's nice. I like it."

Throughout the school year, Principal Nicki Smith, teachers and parents planned activities to prepare students for Slater's closure. The Parent-Teacher Association funded a memory book that has pictures of all students and lists where everyone will be next year. The school developed a timeline of Slater's history for its 50th birthday and gave every student a library book for their new school.

Parent volunteers helped plant a commemorative crabapple tree while kids crowded around to watch. The tree will have a plaque that reads: "In honor of the Slater community who called this school 'Home' from 1956 to 2006."

At the end of the day, Smith stood at the front of the school while hoards of children approached her to give her hugs, notes and gifts.

After parting ways with her students at noon on Wednesday, Smith said she thought the school did a good job of easing the transition for the kids.

"They'll do fine wherever they go and that's what matters."

But then, while holding back tears, she said quietly, "But this day is the hardest." ■

Officer Rebecca Wright.

But Wright said that with Slater closed, the district will save a yearly amount of \$334,000 from the parcel tax and receive \$650,000 from Google each year for the next five years while the company leases the site.

One concern with Slater's closure has been transporting neighborhood kids to their new schools. The district will not purchase additional buses, but is currently working on designing new routes, including two more bus stops to the route at Devonshire Park, at Devonshire Avenue near Whisman Road, and Creekside Park, at Easy Street and Gladys Avenue.

"We're hoping we can operate smarter and manage to get everybody on the buses without having to add a bunch more buses," Wright said.

Also, the city will spend \$400,000 to improve the tricky Whisman Road-Dana Street intersections so kids can walk to Landels safely, said Tim Ko, assistant public works director for the city. The project will be completed by fall. ■

— Molly Tanenbaum

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gants could no longer stand in the way of Foothill-De Anza issuing its bonds and beginning construction work on its many renovation projects.

Katz, who could not be reached for comment before press time, had begun to express concerns with Measure C long before it passed.

The Wednesday morning after Election Day, Foothill-De Anza trustees held a special 10-minute meeting to approve the issuance of up to \$300 million of the \$491 million in general obligation bonds approved with Measure C. The district filed the validation action that same day.

According to the district's lawyer, Sean Absher, the validation action will "ensure that the bond process can go forward without unexpected legal challenges."

Stephen Deitsch, a public lawyer with the Riverside firm Best, Best and Krieger, which specializes in working with school districts and other public entities, said validation actions are not common practice, but can be useful — particularly to let bond holders know the bonds are

legitimate.

"It lends greater assurance, and some would argue total assurance, to the district and all parties working with the district that the financing is entirely legal and appropriate," he said.

If the validation action is successful, Katz and other potential litigants who wanted to challenge Measure C bonds would not be able to do so, Deitsch said.

Members of the public have until July 17 to file with the county court against the bonds. Katz already indicated in a recent e-mail to the district's chancellor, Martha Kanter, that he planned to enter the validation action as an interested party. He added that if Foothill-De Anza failed to act, Katz would take matters into his own hands.

If the District chooses not to bring such an action, then be advised I am investigating the feasibility of bringing such an action of my own, in his June 14 e-mail read.

Kanter and members of the board of trustees refused to comment on the issue and asked that legal questions be referred to the San Francisco law firm Stradling, Yocca, Carlson and Rauth. ▀

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that the Fischers began with another couple. It includes a bed and breakfast, wedding center and a spa, and will soon add a coffee shop that Fischer plans to build by hand this summer.

"I've done a lot of carpentry in my years," he said.

Though Fischer's new business card titles him "Owner/Ambassador," he says he just wants to help his wife do what she loves.

"It's really her passion and her business," Fischer said.

Before he picks up the hammer and nails to build the Flower Farm Coffee House, he will take a two-week vacation to Costa Rica with his 16-year-old granddaughter, Alexis.

Personalized education

Above all else, Fischer says, he'll miss getting out of the office during the school day to visit high school campuses and classes. Though his administrative role kept him out of the classroom for most of his career, he enjoyed staying close to the students.

"I can have as much connection with the kids as I want," he said. "The position [of superintendent] has the potential to influence the direction of the entire school district."

As superintendent, Fischer tried to implement what he calls "personalization" of the education of high school students — coming up with new kinds of learning environments to better



NICHOLAS WRIGHT

Rich Fischer

serve all students.

"How do we keep our high schools from becoming large, impersonal institutions?" he said. "Every kid deserves to be known by the school."

One example of Fischer's efforts towards personalization is his work to build a new campus for the district's continuation high school, Alta Vista, so that the students could move out of the ramshackle classrooms behind the district office. Students began their second semester this January at their new campus on Bryant Avenue.

Fischer also developed the idea for Freestyle High, a "new academy of communication arts and technology," which will open in the fall — at the old Alta Vista site — with its first class of 64 juniors and seniors.

With a focus on preparing students for careers of the future, Freestyle will provide a

new type of educational setting where students can hone their video, graphic design and computer skills. Construction has already begun on the former Alta Vista classrooms.

"We're taking these crummy, horrible buildings and turning them into some cool spaces," Fischer said.

Though he's moving from Mountain View and leaving his post, Fischer still plans to make the occasional local appearance for Rotary Club meetings and poker games, in addition to helping ease the transition with the new high school superintendent, Barry Groves.

Two big challenges

Groves comes to Mountain View-Los Altos from his post as superintendent of the Cambrian School District in San Jose.

Mountain View-Los Altos has two major challenges for Groves: narrowing the achievement gap, and "making sure the least advantaged kid gets as much value out of the district as the most advantaged kid," Fischer said.

"I'll always make myself available to him," he said, adding, "He's got good instincts, so he's not going to need me."

Fischer did say he will help Groves represent Mountain View-Los Altos' interests at the county level, particularly to speak about the recently announced effort of Los Altos Hills to form its own K-8 school district.

"I'm happy to do that until I get too moldy," he said. ▀

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Castro gets new principal, 200 students

By Molly Tanenbaum

With Slater School closed, Castro School will add more than 200 new kids and the parental involvement program, PACT, in the fall. It will also lose its principal, Carla Tarazi.

Last week, the Mountain View Whisman School District announced that Carmen Mizell, manager of student information and technology at the Sunnyvale School District, will replace Tarazi to head Castro and to attempt to bring unity to the PACT and Dual Immersion programs at the site, as well as to raise test scores at a school that has failed to meet federal targets for three years in a row.

"We are so thrilled to find someone with extensive experiences and leadership skills," said Assistant Superintendent Mary Lairon.

Mizell has worked in administration for a decade and says she's eager to return to school.

"To me, there's just something about working with kids where you can see growth and it comes back to you tenfold," Mizell said. "I think I've made a really great choice and I'm happy they chose me. It's really where I feel I belong and it's where I can contribute the most."

Prior to managing attendance, instructional technology and graphics in Sunnyvale, Mizell

taught in myriad environments, including bilingual, year-round kindergarten, English as a second language, middle school migrant programs and gifted classes. She has taught in Texas, New Mexico, Nevada and California.

"First and foremost, I'm a teacher at heart," Mizell said.

Mizell grew up in a bilingual household in Houston, Texas, and is fluent in Spanish, which she will use as principal of a school with a large number of children with Spanish-speaking parents.

"I'm very proud of where I came from, so I can give a good perspective on what you can do when you persevere," she said.

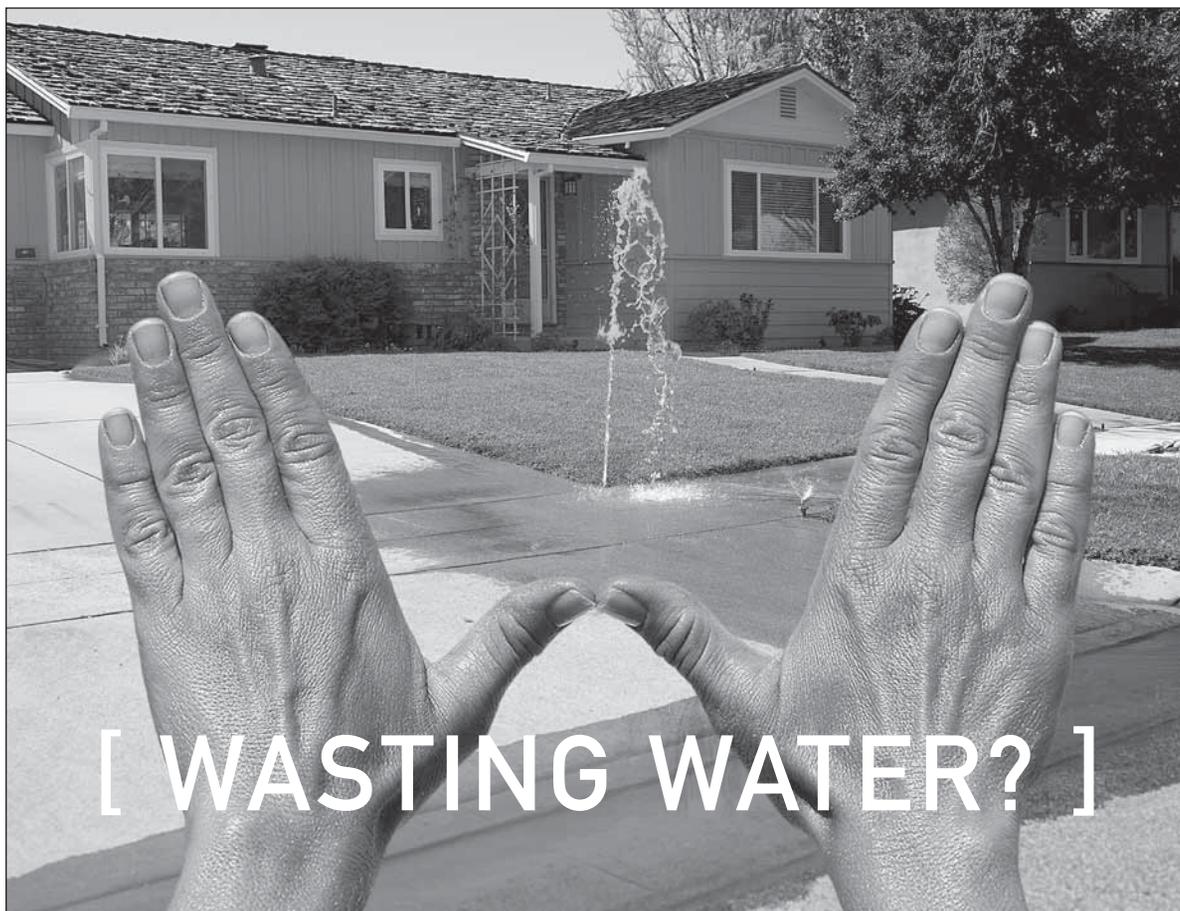
Mountain View Whisman had two principal vacancies this fall. The district hired former Sacramento-area principal Phyllis DeMattos in early May to head Landels and replace interim principal Jerry Davis.

Tarazi will move with her family to Manhattan, where her husband accepted a job as an accountant. Her last day was June 15. Mizell will begin Aug. 7.

At the June 28 board meeting, community members and Castro families may meet Mizell at a reception. ▀



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Good news on school budget

MV WHISMAN'S INCOME GOING UP — AT LEAST THIS YEAR

By Molly Tanenbaum

With continuing income from a parcel tax, additional revenue from Google leasing Slater School, and a promising state budget, the Mountain View Whisman School District is looking at a solid fiscal year for 2006-07.

But in her presentation to the school board last Thursday, Chief Financial Officer Rebecca Wright said that the increase in state money per student for the next school year may just be one-time funding, and could disappear in coming years due to a slowing state economy.

In revenues, the elementary school district will receive \$1.6 million from the parcel tax this year to be spent on smaller classes, music, art, after-school sports and other programs.

In addition, the Mountain View Educational Foundation raised \$141,000, compared with last year's \$120,000, and those funds will also contribute to programs supported by the parcel tax.

For the next five years, Mountain View Whisman will also receive about \$650,000 per year in

However, like other districts throughout the state, Mountain View Whisman continues to face declining enrollment, and Wright projects a drop from 4,227 students this past year to 4,176 next year. This dip in students will bring in less of the per-student state funds.

Wright could not predict whether this decrease in students will continue.

"Have we reached bottom and will begin slowly increasing, or do we have one more year to go down?" she asked.

Wright and board trustees also worry that this rise in state aid could be one-time funding proposed by the governor to support specific programs such as arts and music, preschool and technology infrastructure instead of general use. If 2007 funding dips due to a slowing state economy, school districts could be forced to cut programs that they were asked to start just the year before, said board vice president Fiona Walter.

"Per kid, we're up. But it's still a huge concern as far as starting new programs on one-time money," she said.

Though school finances look good for at least the next school year, Wright said two major concerns remain: the increasing cost of health insurance premiums and the cost of special education.

Wright said that, while state revenue per student has yet to double since 1988, health care premiums have quadrupled.

Special education costs have doubled in the past four years, pushing the total paid by the dis-

trict to around \$2.5 million for the 2006-07 school year, up from \$2.3 million last year.

Wright noted that this year's budget does not include salary increases for staff, nor does it include a cost-of-living adjustment in employee salaries, because salary negotiations are still under way. However, a 1 percent salary increase for all employees in the district would add up to about \$210,000, she said.

The Mountain View Whisman Board of Trustees is expected to adopt the budget for 2006-07 at its next meeting on June 28. ■

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LOS ALTOS
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By Justin Bull

Los Altos overpowered the opposition in the 2006 season en route to the El Camino Division Championship. Los Altos ended its season with an 18-6-2 record, and several of those wins were the result of late inning, come-from-behind victories.

"We played overall good baseball," said head coach Sandy Wihtol, "These guys never gave up."

The Eagles also earned a bid in the Division II CCS tournament as the No. 4 seed. They defeated Santa Cruz in Round One but would lose to Monterey in the following round.

Los Altos was moved down to the lower El Camino Division after a last-place finish in the De Anza Division last year. Due to the team's sweeping success in 2006, they will return to the upper division next season.

Wihtol attributed the Eagles' domination to the "Good all-around assortment of players." The team was led by senior center fielder Mike Peterson and junior catcher Kellen McColl. Peterson started four years for the varsity team, while McColl won the

MVP award for the El Camino Division.

This Los Altos team is comprised mostly of young players, with Peterson the only one Wihtol will lose to graduation. Juniors Isaac Wilhelm, Kyle Tachibana and Devin Matthews and sophomore closer Eric Johnson will all play key roles as the team looks to contend amongst tougher competition next season.

ST. FRANCIS FINISHES FOURTH

The Lancers played solid baseball in 2006, finishing in fourth place in the West Catholic Athletic League with a 17-11-2 record.

The team advanced to the second round of CCS. After defeating Leigh in Round One, the Lancers were eliminated by Serra High School, the same team that took down Mountain View four days earlier. Bellarmine College Prep was the eventual CCS champion.

"They weren't necessarily flashy," athletic director Michael Pilawski said of the St. Francis boys, "but they had great leadership and great comradery among the kids."

Two of those leaders included catcher Alex Dreyfuss and pitcher Tim Busbin, both seniors and both named first-team all-leaguers. UC Davis-bound Dreyfuss was also selected for the all-CCS team and lead the league with a .581 batting average.



The Los Altos High School baseball team

One of the highlights of the Lancer season came in the semi-finals of the WCAL tournament, where they overcame a five run deficit in the seventh and final inning to win 9-8 against Bellarmine. Pilawski said of the come-from-behind victory, "It was one of those games where you say 'This is what this team is all about.'"

Coaching the St. Francis baseball team next year will be former Santa Clara University Assistant Coach Mike Oakland. Oakland has over 10 years of coaching experience, as well as eight as a collegiate and professional athlete. After a stellar college career at California Polytechnic State University, Oakland was drafted

by Colorado and spent four years in the Rockies organization.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ENDS SEASON COACHLESS

Mountain View High School wrapped up its baseball season with a 9-15 regular season record. Led by their All-American lefty hurler Joe Hatasaki, the Spartans managed to squeak into the CCS Division I tournament as the No. 16 seed, but were quickly defeated on the road by No. 1 Serra High School.

Mountain View endured turmoil near the end of the season when head coach Ray McDonald had a verbal altercation with

Hatasaki, and an alleged shoving match with another athlete. The dispute led to the postseason suspension of McDonald, who resigned soon after.

This marked the third straight year of new coaches for MVHS baseball, and it appears that the pattern will continue in 2007. The struggles of the Spartan baseball program could be partially attributed to its coaching inconsistency, and hopefully Mountain View will be able to sign a talented leader for the long term rather than another annual substitute. ▀

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Softballers stepping up

ST. FRANCIS FINISHED FIFTH AMID TOUGH COMPETITION

By Justin Bull

St. Francis played respectable softball this spring, going 14-12 in the regular season and taking fifth place in the West Catholic Athletic League. They made it to the second round of CCS, defeating Pioneer in Round One and eventually losing to Presentation 4-1.

One of the Lancers' top hurlers, Junior Lindsay O'Hearn, went down early in the season with a shoulder injury, but others pitched well in her absence.

"Laurel Thompson really

stepped up," athletic director Mike Pilawski said. "Pitching in the CCS game; she was unbelievable." Thompson took second-team all-league honors this year as a mere freshman.

Other leaders for the Lancer girls were senior center fielder Sarah Kamenski, a first-team all-leaguer, and junior catcher Jen Luders. Luders also earned a second-team all-league award along with Thompson.

LOS ALTOS LOOKING TO NEXT SEASON

The Los Altos softballers had a tough 2006 season, finishing with a 3-20 record in the El Camino division. Coach Bernie Quintero felt that their disparaging record

looks deceiving because, he said, "We lost 15 one-run games."

The Eagles had a handful of stars despite their losing campaign, such as sophomore short-stop Emily Galli and junior catcher Tessa Villasenor. Galli earned first-team all-league honors at season's end.

"I'm working with the pitchers this summer," said Quintero, who coaches a softball camp in the off-season. The Eagles' head coach is confident that next year will yield better results.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ACHIEVED CCS

The Spartan girls appeared in the Division II CCS softball tournament in 2006, earning a No. 11 seed after a 15-12 regular season. They didn't advance past Round One, however, losing to Live Oak by a score of 10-0. ▀

Jolly season for volleyball

ST. FRANCIS TO RETURN WITH A YOUNG TEAM

The volleyball program at St. Francis continued improving this spring, as the Lancer boys compiled a 24-13 record and placed third in the WCAL.

Led by senior first-team all-league stars Brett Neylan and Brad Sullivan, St. Francis moved to the first round of CCS before losing to Sacred Heart Cathedral.

All season long it was typical for five of the six Lancers on the court to be seniors, which will account for a team of new faces next year. Junior Ian Right and sophomore Max Schneider will be key players for the 2007 squad.

Although St. Francis will lose several players to graduation, athletic director Michael Pilawski says he's confident next year's team will be equally strong.

"The JV team went undefeated

this year," he said, "I'm extremely excited about the future here."

MOUNTAIN VIEW SQUAD EYES NEXT YEAR'S CCS

The boys volleyball team at Mountain View High School had a solid spring season, finishing third in the El Camino division with a 20-11 record and making a brief appearance in Round One of the CCS tournament.

Coach Andrew Girshfeld says the Spartans will advance much farther into CCS in the 2007 season.

"I believe that next year they'll do much better than this year," said Girshfeld. "Our players have a lot of potential."

Senior Prashant Rai helped lead the young Spartan team, and juniors John Fisher and Lev Girshfeld provided talent that will return to the court next season.

— Justin Bull

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

No need to keep hangar bids secret

The ongoing battle to save Hangar One, the giant landmark on Moffett Field, took a turn for the worse last week when the Navy said it would not make public the cost estimates to either demolish or save the structure before a decision is reached.

This means that the Navy will decide the fate of Hangar One before the public even gets to weigh in on the decision. Given its demonstrable interest in tearing down this icon, can we trust the Navy to make a fair decision?

We say that because a leaked 2003 study by NASA that includes a detailed look at the demolition and cleanup alternatives showed each option costing close to \$30 million, compared to the Navy's \$12 million demolition estimate. Navy spokesman Rick Weissenborn said the lower estimate was not the result of a detailed study, and that he expected the current bidding process to reveal better information.

We'll have to take his word for it, whatever information is produced in the new bids will not be made public.

The Navy's plan to keep the bids secret reminds us of Joseph Heller's famous book, "Catch 22," which describes a process that allowed the World War II military to win every encounter with its soldiers and officers.

In the Hangar One case, the Navy is offering to cooperate with the foes of demolition, but in the same breath explains that once a decision is made to take down (or repair) the structure, the public will be facing a fait accompli.

By keeping the decision secret, the Navy could block a chance for the dedicated group of Hangar One supporters to raise enough money to make up the difference if the cost of tearing down the hangar is less than restoring it for future generations.

The hangar's historic significance alone should be enough to save it from the wrecking ball. It was built in the 1930s specifically to house the U.S.S. Macon, a dirigible that crashed just a few months after it arrived at Moffett Field. Since then, it has housed thousands of aircraft in its colossal enclosure, which covers an area the size of four football fields.

We urge the Navy to reconsider its decision to keep the Hangar One bids secret. The Navy has said it cannot reveal details of its bids until a winner is selected. But there is no need to reveal such details. All Hangar One supporters need is bid totals, so they can determine the difference between them.

The Navy should do everything it can to give supporters a shot at saving the fabled structure. It makes no sense to adhere to such a "Catch 22" policy in this situation, which could result in the loss of a landmark that has stood on Moffett Field for nearly 80 years.

Can we trust the Navy to make a fair decision?

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

OPEN SPACE PLAN CALLS FOR SAVING FARM

Editor:

I was very interested to see Robin Iwai's opinion on preserving some part of the Grant Road farm in last week's *Mountain View Voice* ("Pumpkin Patch preservation possible," June 16). I think the main issue gets lost in the noise.

The City of Mountain View Open Space Plan (available online at the city's Web site) states that "With limited vacant land left, the City needs to work with others (governmental agencies, private owners, businesses) to enable shared use of park and open space resources. Whatever remains of our agricultural past is especially important in this context" (page 25).

Also, it states that "Where possible, the City should support efforts by other agencies, private organizations or nonprofits to preserve agricultural lands if they become available. Some possible methods of preservation are long-term conservation easements, donations by property owners, partnerships with private or

public agencies, formation of a nonprofit organization and partial acquisitions" (page 23).

Now is the time to put considerable thought into what this land will become — the owners are ready to sell and the city council has its mandate from the Open Space Plan to preserve and protect the traces of our heritage and open land.

Land passes from generation to generation, whether it is sold or not. I hope that we pass on a Mountain View full of rich community participation and thoughtfully designed land use to our children.

Peggy Aoki
St. Giles Lane

IS ANYONE LOOKING OUT FOR OPEN SPACE?

Editor:

I recently attended a city council meeting because I was curious about development plans for the Grant Road Farm/Pumpkin Patch property.

The issue up for discussion was whether or not to consider rezoning that property so that

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the lots could be slightly smaller and some of the land could potentially be preserved as open space. Many council members seemed to be against this idea for various reasons, and spoke proudly of defending property owners' rights.

This is all well and good. My family and I are 15-year property owners here and we definitely appreciate the regulations that protect our rights. But who on the council is standing up for the preservation of open space? Who is thinking about the quality of life and beauty of our city? That night at the council meeting, I heard many references to encouraging the "growth" of Mountain View, bringing in more business revenue, and welcoming development.

We are so very fortunate that our forefathers in the Bay Area had the insight long ago to protect large expanses of land from development. This is what makes the Bay Area unique. Is Mountain View espousing that vision? Am I the only one who doesn't want Mountain View to get more urban?

Christine Crimaldi
Carmelita Drive

Church, United Church of Christ, in Los Altos. In this way I joined, in spirit at least, our clergy and fellow members who walked in the Gay-Straight Alliance Parade in downtown Los Altos that day.

What better way to demonstrate our church's invitation, not just to gays, that says: "Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

My concern for understanding how gays themselves look at their sexuality, their families and communities comes from a family situation. I have a nephew in England who grew up in a conservative suburb, attended a conservative church and had controlling parents. As the years and events in his life passed, it became obvious that he must have been unsure about his sexuality — and had no one he could talk to. Now, at age 50 — after a failed marriage, two attempts at suicide and some rejected psychiatric treatment — he still has major emotional and relationship problems.

I thank God for the Gay-Straight Alliance, for PFLAG, (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian and Gays), for enlightened supporters of gays in our communities, and for progressive churches and their members who try to take to heart the Biblical instruction (Lev.19:18) "... but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Ruth Polata
Sylvan Avenue

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Editor:

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By Dale F. Bentson

Paulette and Laszlo Fono got into the restaurant business by chance. Fleeing their native Hungary during the ill-fated 1956 political revolution, the couple hopscotched across the globe, eventually landing in Vail, Colo., teaching skiing and cooking. "Nobody knew how to cook back then," said Paulette.

A few years later they settled in San Francisco and opened the Magic Pan, a restaurant specializing in crepes. Paulette authored the "Crepe Cookbook" in 1969; it's now out of print. After selling the Magic Pan to Quaker Oats a few years later, the couple opened the

highly regarded Paprikas Fono at Ghirardelli Square. (It has since closed.)

Still well-known in the industry, Paulette was quoted last week in the *New York Times*' Fitness and Nutritional Health section in an article about chicken soups around the world.

In 1982, the Fonos turned their attention to Palo Alto and opened the still-operating Bravo Fono in the Stanford Shopping Center. In 1989 they opened Babbo's (Italian for daddy or father) nearby in the center, in the street market area next to Oakville Grocery. Starting as a pizzeria, the venture segued into

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The tuna grilled nicoise at Babbo's at Stanford Shopping Center.

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broader Mediterranean fare over time.

Between Babbo's and Bravo Fono, almost everything is made in-house and shuttled between the two eateries.

The Fonos maintain a large garden on their one-acre property nearby and grow all of the herbs, many of the vegetables and some of the fruit used in their restaurants.

"We use Hungarian seeds for our onions, tomatoes, peppers, arugula and herbs," Paulette said. "And we have the most wonderful lemon trees that we make fresh lemonade with. It's very tart and everyone loves it."

Laszlo stockpiles almond wood and twice weekly transports large bundles to Babbo's for use in the wood-burning oven that was built in Italy.

On my recent visits, the food was uniformly good with ample portions. The service alternated between adequate and so-so, and the prices, while not overly high, did reflect the high cost of rent in a major shopping center.

There is seating both indoors and outside. Umbrella-covered tables out front soften sun-drenched days and allow for maximum people-watching.

Inside, the mood is subdued, with contemporary lighting, bare wood tables, rattan bistro chairs and a rose-and-green upholstered banquette that runs along one side and the back wall. Mirrors and prints abound that reminded me of Joan Miró, the Spanish surrealist painter and sculptor.

On one occasion, I was served delicious fresh focaccia while scanning the menu. On two other occasions, I was served nothing, not even a glass of water, until after I had ordered.

Overall, service was generally prompt, although I had lengthy waits for desserts to arrive. On one visit, when the restaurant was nearly empty, the main course arrived when I was scarcely halfway through my first course. The waiter, instead of taking it back to the kitchen, wedged another large dish onto my small table and left. It was a feat that I didn't accidentally knock half the dishes to the floor.

For starters, the mussels (\$9.95) had been roasted in the wood-fired oven and were plump and delicious. The fresh herbs, chopped tomato, garlic and white wine added zest to the tasty bivalves.

I liked the Tuscan soup (\$7.25) that was loaded with fresh vegetables. The deep mini tureen was topped with a squiggle of pesto and came with a thick slice of focaccia.

Smoked salmon (\$12.95) proved to be nothing special, even though the fish was smoked by a small vendor in Emeryville. The creme fraiche that accompanied was tangy. The satisfying prawns brochette (\$11.95) were skewered and served atop fresh greens with a hunk of toast smeared with tapenade (olive paste).

Pizza Positano (\$15.95) was laden with fresh imported mozzarella slices, roasted eggplant, tomato and black olives. The crust was thin and crisp and the balance of ingredients to crust was well proportioned. It was an enticing pizza. Babbo's offers more than a dozen versions of pizza, all prepared in the wood-burning oven.

I loved the Moroccan lamb tagine (\$17.95). Tagine is both the name of the cooking vessel and of the recipes themselves. A conical lid provides the enclosure that makes vessel act like an oven. Traditionally, tagines are used by nomads as portable ovens heated over charcoal braziers. The low, indirect heat produces a rich, fragrant flavor as the food slowly cooks.

At Babbo's, the tagine was rich with lamb cubes that had been braised and simmered with cumin, paprika, honey, olives and prunes. Served with couscous, the stew was scented, opulent and satisfying.

Also enjoyable was the lamb ragout pasta (\$17.95). Here, the cubes of lamb were braised with garlic, rosemary and thyme and served atop broad pappardelle noodles.

The house-made spinach tortellini verdi (\$15.50) was stuffed with minced veal and chicken and dressed in a light cream sauce. The plump filled pasta were just chewy enough without being tough.

Chicken al limon (\$17.95) were flattened breasts of chicken sautéed with lemon, white wine,

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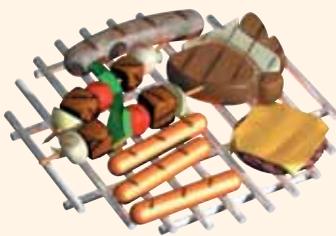
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Bread pudding (\$6.50) was the best of the desserts. It was made from brioche and baked with raisins and orange rind. The thick vanilla sauce that coated the pudding was so luscious I nearly licked the dish to get every drop.

The wine list is adequate, with more than 50 selections, primarily from California and Italy. Prices are reasonable but, surprisingly, there are only eight wines available by the glass, although a dozen are offered in half bottles. There are aperitifs, Champagnes and beers to choose from in addition to the tart fresh lemonade.

Babbo's has all the ingredients for a fine dining experience. The food is very good, the ambiance is inviting and the prices and portions are reasonable. The pacing of meals and a more exacting eye to service details would greatly enhance the experience. **■**

herbs, black olives and capers. The generous portion was served with a broiled tomato and zucchini skewer and potatoes lyonnaise.

Grilled tuna nicoise (\$18.95) featured ahi tuna blanketed in a luscious beurre blanc and black olive tapenade sauce. The pungent sauce worked nicely with the meaty rich tuna. I hankered for a hunk of baguette to scoop up the residual sauce. Alas, there was none.

The desserts are made in-house and include gelatos and sorbets. The baked lemon tart (\$4.95) was tasty and not overly filling. Pear-almond tart (\$5.95) had almond cream baked with fresh poached pear and was topped with a dollop of whipped cream. It was light enough not to slow

down your afternoon.

The tiramisu (\$6.50) was different than I expected. It was not made with ladyfingers, but with a more traditional cake soaked in espresso and layered with mascarpone cheese with splashes of Kahlua and Marsala wine. Instead of whipped cream, it was topped with cocoa powder. It was



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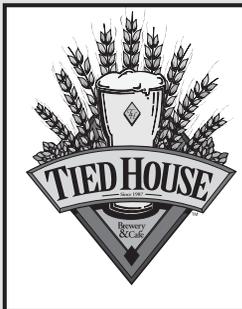
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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG) ★★★★★1/2

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THE BREAK-UP (PG-13) ★★

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Century 12: 11:55 a.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:25 p.m.

CARS (G) ★★1/2

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GARFIELD: A TAIL OF TWO KITTIES (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:55, 2:55, 4:55 & 6:55 p.m.

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MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III (PG-13) ★★

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NACHO LIBRE (PG) ★★1/2

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MOVIE REVIEWS

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

★★★★1/2

(CineArts) Director David Guggenheim strikes a nerve in this searing documentary about the frightening state of global warming and Earth's questionable future. Former Vice President Al Gore didn't just sit on his thumbs after losing the 2000 presidential election. His controversial defeat and a family emergency were the wake-up calls Gore needed to pour his turbulent emotions into a fiery traveling roadshow focused on a planetary emergency. The facts, as presented in the film, are startling. In less than a decade there will be no more snows of Kilimanjaro to soothe the soul, and our frosty glaciers will have dwindled to mere puddles. Tornadoes and torrential flooding will continue to peak at a devastating rate — Katrina was just a warm-up. The truth hurts when it comes to global warming, but Guggenheim has an equally important and inconvenient truth up his sleeve: Al Gore has charisma, truckloads of it. Passionate and world-weary, Gore works a room with multi-media splendor. We missed the boat and neither director nor star is going to let us forget it. Illuminating and distressing, "Truth" is a grave message indeed. *Rated: PG for mature themes. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — J.A.

THE BREAK-UP ★★

(Century 16, Century 12) Although Vince Vaughn, Jennifer Aniston and the rest of a stellar cast somehow escape unscathed, "The Break-Up" itself falls apart. Gary (Vaughn) and Brooke (Aniston) seem like a happy couple. The pair enjoys scintillating chemistry and a plush Chicago condo. But that all changes when Gary brings home three lemons — not the 12 Brooke needs for a dinner party — and all heck breaks loose. Brooke emotionally and prematurely ends the relationship, and what should have been a resolvable argument turns into a downward spiral of miscommunication and bickering. A clean break-up is impossible as both Gary and Brooke refuse to leave their plush living space. Soon both are immaturely trying to one-up each other through jealousy or sheer malice. When Brooke takes over the bedroom, Gary buys the pool table he's always wanted. When Brooke brings a date home, Gary stages a strip-poker night. The unfortunate thing is that they still genuinely love one another and would welcome the opportunity to work things out — if they could stop acting like 4-year-olds long enough. This bad "Break-Up" is better left for DVD and the hours after a disappointing blind date. *Rated: PG-13 for sexual content, some nudity and language. 1 hour, 46 minutes.* — T.H.

CARS ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) The star of this animated road-running adventure is Lightning McQueen (voice of Owen Wilson), a sporty red racer whose lifelong ambition is to win the coveted Piston Cup. A big race-off between Lightning

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GEORGE LARSE



George Larsen, July 20, 1926-June 14, 2006. A fifty year resident of Los Altos, California leaves behind his loving family, wife Alice, son Peter, son David and his daughters Emily, Amanda, and Jessica, son John, his wife Pat and their son Joseph, daughter Taia, and her husband Jim Smith and their sons Lars and Andrew, granddaughters Sarah, Catherine, Helaina, and Melody, and great-grandson Jayden.

After graduating from MIT, George enjoyed a distinguished twenty-one year career working on many high level programs at Lockheed Missiles and Space Division. In 1970 he founded his own high tech company, Larsen Corporation, retiring after eighteen years as president.

George was an avid snow skier, last putting on his boards

at age 75. Skiing was a big part of the joy in the Larsen family with everyone down to the grandchildren becoming skiers or snowboarders. Upon retirement, George took up sailing with as much enthusiasm as he had for skiing, studying diligently the coast guard classes for high seas sailing.

With his loving family, he leaves behind many good memories of family times together. Friends were high on his list as well, including special memories of yearly ski weeks with high school friends. George had a great curiosity about many things and earned the nickname 'Curious George' with his family. He and Alice were adventuresome travelers throughout their years together.

The family is thankful for their full life together and appreciates all the friends who have so enriched their life also. A small family service was held on June 17, 2006 at Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos. Remembrances to Christ Church Outreach will be appreciated.

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and two tough challengers is set to take place in California, but a late-night mis-cue sees Lightning speeding along Route 66, lost and very frustrated. Salvation arrives in the forgotten little town of Radiator Springs, where Lightning meets a handful of oddball vehicles who value history and family over fame and fortune. Doc (Paul Newman) is a gruff old Hudson Hornet, Sally (Bonnie Hunt) is a smooth-talking Porsche 911, and Mater (voiced perfectly by Larry the Cable Guy) is a sincere and goofy tow truck. While the media is in a frenzy about Lightning's disappearance, he finds himself bonding with Sally and Mater — and finally starting to appreciate life in the slow lane. Make no mistake — "Cars" is the best animated film this year. But with Disney/Pixar behind the wheel, the film should have cruised to must-see status. Instead, it stalls. *Rated: G. 1 hour, 56 minutes.* — T.H.

THE DA VINCI CODE ★★★

(Century 16, Century 12) "The Da Vinci Code" has already been cracked. Even if you haven't bought or borrowed one of the 50 million sold copies of Dan Brown's theological thriller, chances are you know all about this controversial take on the legend of the Holy Grail. The film opens on the run with a Louvre curator (Jean-Pierre Marielle) gunned down in the Grand Gallery by a murderous monk (Paul Bettany), and the action never stops. A French police captain (Jean Reno) escorts renowned Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) from his book signing to the museum crime scene, asking for help interpreting the dead man's bloody trail of mysterious symbols and clues. When police cryptologist Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tautou) arrives and secretly informs Langdon that he is the prime suspect and the deceased was her grandfather, the pair go on the lam. So Dan Brown isn't Umberto Eco, and "The Da Vinci Code" can't hold a rosebud to "Citizen Kane." Howard still plays by the book closely enough to entertain fans and the uninitiated alike. *Rated: PG-13 for disturbing images, violence, some nudity, thematic material, brief drug references and sexual content. In English and in snippets of French, Italian and Latin with English subtitles. 2 hours, 33 minutes.* — S.T.

THE LAKE HOUSE ★

(Century 16, Century 12) Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves reunite but can't get the romantic sparks up to "Speed" in this lifeless love story. Dr. Kate Forester (Sandra Bullock) moves from her rented lake house in rural Illinois to work in a Chicago hospital. She leaves the next tenant a note requesting that her mail be forwarded. Architect Alex Wyler (Keanu Reeves) moves into the striking architectural structure, which was designed by his famous but distant father (Christopher Plummer). He's baffled by certain statements in Kate's letter and sends her one in return. Soon they confirm the date: April 14. But Kate insists the year is 2006, while Alex lives in 2004. It's strange but seemingly true. By the time they try to arrange a real-time meeting (cue pretentious dialogue about Jane Austen's "Persuasion"),

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Weekend

you'll wish that Keanu Reeves would bump into Bill, start acting like goofy Ted and take off on another excellent adventure through time and space. *Rated: PG for some language and a disturbing images.* 1 hour, 48 minutes. — S.T.

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE III ★★★ (Century 16) Tom Cruise returns to form with this pulse-pounding actioner — the best of the "Mission: Impossible" film franchise. The riveting intro sees IMF agent Ethan Hunt (Cruise) bound and bloody while a sadistic criminal (Philip Seymour Hoffman as Owen Davian) points a gun at Hunt's gagged wife, Julia, demanding to know the location of the "rabbit's foot." Hunt pleads, threatens and despairs while Davian methodically counts to 10 — 10 seconds before Julia will be killed. Flash back several days. Hunt has settled down with Julia (Michelle Monaghan of "North Country"), a beautiful doctor who believes her husband works in transportation. But when Hunt discovers his protegee (Keri Russell) has been captured, he leaps out of retirement and reunites with Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) to rescue her. Director J.J. Abrams (of "Lost" and "Alias" fame) makes his big-screen debut with aplomb, utilizing fantastic sets, capturing tension and pulling tremendous performances from his A-list cast. *Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of frenetic violence and menace, disturbing images and some sensuality.*

2 hours, 6 minutes. — T.H.

NACHO LIBRE ★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 12) Absurdist humor hits the squared circle in this whimsical ode to lucha libre (Mexican wrestling). Funnyman Jack Black hams it up to perfection as Nacho, the humble chef at a dilapidated Mexican monastery. Nacho cares immensely for the orphans in his stead but the expired ingredients he's forced to cook with make the meals so disgusting even he can't swallow a bite without gagging. If only he could pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a famous luchadore and use the earnings to provide the children food they can actually stomach. Enter Esqueleto (Hector Jimenez), a wiry and agile vagabond who Nacho convinces to become his lucha libre tag-team partner. But the beautiful Sister Encarnacion (Ana de la Reguera) is forced to remind Nacho the monastery forbids wrestling, sending him into a spiral of internal doubt. Does he do what he loves, or what the monks demand? For audiences able to set their brains to "low-brow" for 100 minutes, the ridiculous moves of "Nacho Libre" will leave stomach muscles and swollen cheeks sore from laughter. *Rated: PG for rough action, and some crude humor including dialogue.* 1 hour, 40 minutes. — T.H.

THE OMEN ★★★

(Century 16) Showtime at the Vatican: a dour clergyman delivers a doom-and-

gloom prediction with a flashy slideshow of contemporary disasters including the falling towers of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Satan's child is on his way, so everyone duck and cover. Nearby in Rome, rising diplomatic star Robert Thorn (Liev Schreiber) suffers the painful news that his son has died in childbirth. Salvation arrives in the form of an obsequious priest who insists that another child has been born that night and has lost his mother. Why not replace one infant with the other and keep the little woman happy? Anxious to spare wife Kate (Julia Stiles) the gory details, Robert agrees to the deception and the child is christened Damien. All is well until the troubled nanny of Damien (Seamus Davey-Fitzpatrick) throws herself off a balcony in the name of her tiny charge. Which sets off a chain of unsettling events and an impending sense of doom as both Kate and Robert reluctantly acknowledge that their child is the Antichrist and a stout course of Ritalin isn't going to help. Director John Moore has re-fashioned the 1976 horror classic for a new generation, creating a near shot-for-shot remake that retains spine-chilling impact while utilizing the benefits of modern technology. *Rated: R for extreme violence and bloodshed.* 1 hour, 50 minutes. — J.A.

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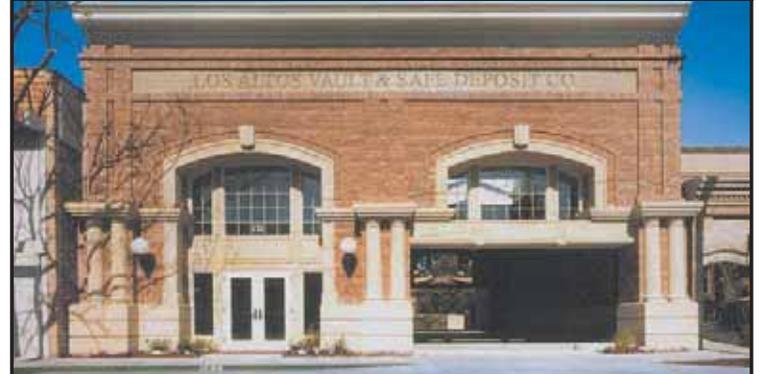
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