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Martha Kanter, chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and nominated for under secretary of education, is congratulated by Lina Broydo in her office on Monday.

Kanter destined for big things, friends say

PRESIDENT TAPS Foothill-DE ANZA CHANCELLOR
FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

By Casey Weiss

Colleagues and longtime friends of Martha Kanter say they were not surprised as news circulated last week that she was nominated by President Barack Obama to be the next under secretary of education.

It's time, they said, that community colleges have an advocate at the federal level, and Kanter — who for the past six years has been chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District — is just the person for the job. After working with educational policy both locally and statewide, Kanter is ready for the national level, where she can pursue her

passion of making college more accessible for all.

"This may be President Obama's most significant nomination," district trustee Hal Plotkin wrote in his blog. "Dr. Kanter is the single most effective organizational

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HAL PLOTKIN

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If she is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Kanter said, she will probably head to Washington early this summer, leaving behind a 16-year legacy with the district,

first as president of De Anza College and then as chancellor. In her new position, Kanter will report to Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, focusing primarily on increasing high school graduation rates and making college more accessible.

"The decision of these talented individuals to serve their country is admirable," Obama said in a press release on the selection of Kanter and other recent nominees. "Their commitment and expertise make them valuable additions to my administration, and I look forward to working with them."

Trustees plan to appoint an

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Developer found for Shoreline hotel

CONFERENCE CENTER WOULD ADD LUSTER TO
'CHARLESTON EAST' SITE NEAR GOOGLEPLEX

By Daniel DeBolt

After Google bowed out of negotiations last year to develop a hotel next to its headquarters, several other developers stepped up to the plate, and the City Council confirmed a favorite on Tuesday.

City officials will exclusively negotiate with the Robert Green Company to lease and develop a hotel on 9.4 acres of the 18.6 acres of city-owned land adjacent to the Googleplex. The site, known as "Charleston East," would become home to a "four diamond" hotel and conference center with 285,000 square feet and up to 350 rooms.

"When you stop and think

about it, it is the one amenity the city doesn't have," said Ellis Berns, economic development director. "We have several hotels and they are all very good, but nothing that provides four diamond quality with a conference center."

The city is hoping the Robert Green Company can provide that quality. The company developed the Four Seasons in East Palo Alto and the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay. Kimpton Hotels would be the operator.

A deal will likely require some investment from the city, according to city manager Kevin Duggan. But city officials plan to use

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Cuesta tennis courts up for grabs again

PROSPECTIVE OPERATORS COMPETE FOR LUCRATIVE
CONTRACT AFTER TIM FOLEY OUSTED BY CITY

By Daniel DeBolt

Cuesta Park's tennis courts will have a new operator since the city decided to replace hometown favorite Tim Foley over a number of alleged breaches of contract.

Foley barely survived a contract-renewal fight three years ago, but since then has run afoul of city administrators, who say he failed to perform employee background checks, obtain a business license or report his finances to the city.

Dressed mostly in track suits, several prospective tennis court

operators met in the Cuesta tennis building on Tuesday afternoon with recreation supervisor Henry Perezalonso, who characterized the community as "passionate about tennis, especially at Cuesta."

Perezalonso discussed the contract requirements with the prospective operators, who are eager to win the lucrative right to schedule court times and provide tennis lessons and other services at the complex beginning in June.

Three years ago, Cuesta regu-

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A R O U N D T O W N

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Andrea Nott.

How are you conserving water now in light of the mandatory restrictions?



"I bought a water-efficient washer."
Stephen Chen, Mountain View



"I always try to conserve water, and I never just let it run."
Shannon Crouch, Los Altos



"I just take shorter showers. I don't stay in there for pleasure. And I don't leave the water running."
Scott Nadig, San Francisco

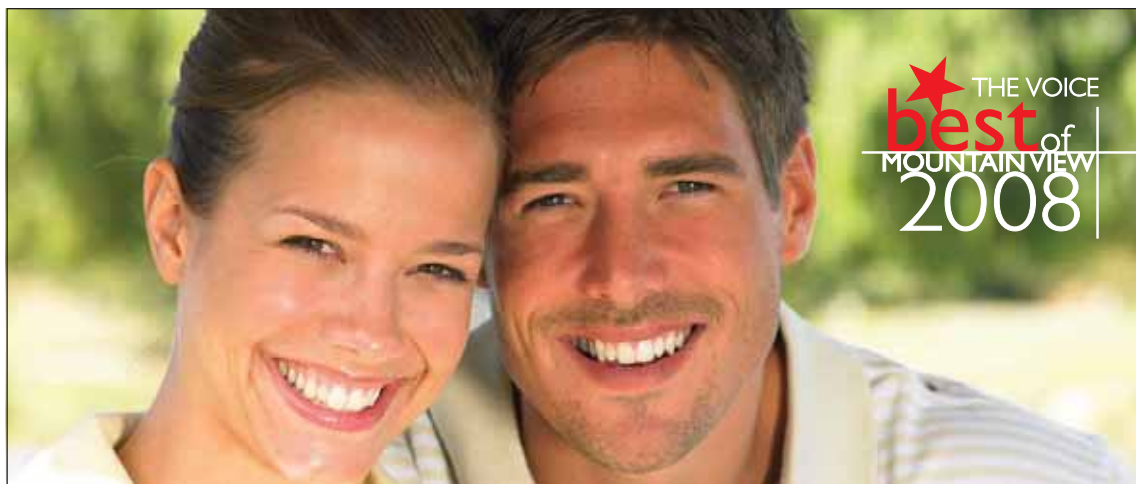


"Well, I did a report on compost toilets and I find it appalling that we flush potable water down the toilet. If it's yellow, let it mellow. If it's brown, flush it down. Some people are disgusted by it, but ..."
Nicole Sherwin, San Francisco



"I'm going to [conserve]. I'm reading a lot about saving the environment lately and getting more motivated."
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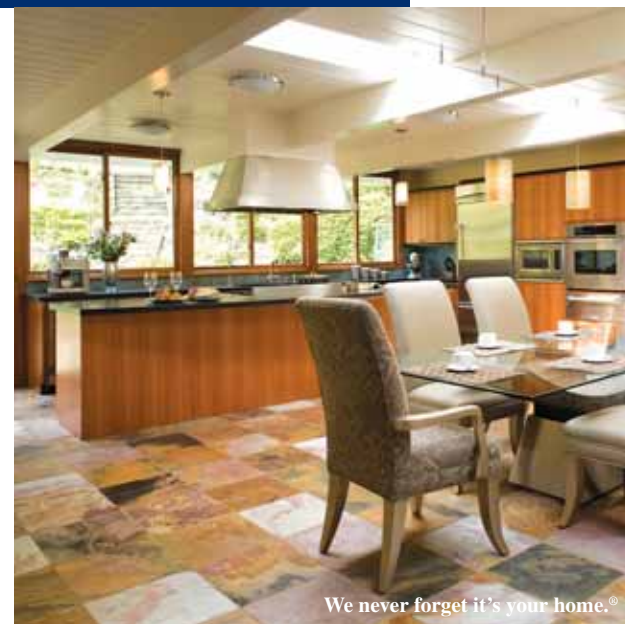
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AUTO BURGLARY

2000 block Latham St., 4/1
 100 block N. Whisman Rd., 4/1
 900 block El Monte Ave., 4/2
 Ross Store, 4/3
 100 block Alley Way, 4/4
 1800 Miramonte Ave., 4/5
 400 block Showers Dr., 4/6

VANDALISM

1600 block W. El Camino Real, 4/2
 100 block Mercy St., 4/4
 100 block N. Whisman Rd., 4/5
 900 block San Ramon Ct., 4/6

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

400 block N. Bernardo Ave., 4/1
 300 block San Antonio Rd., 4/6

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSONS

100 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 4/2
 2400 block Charleston Rd., 4/2

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

500 block Easy St., 4/5

DISTURBANCE

Old Middlefield Way/N. Rengstorff Ave., 4/2
 Monte Carlo Club, 4/4
 200 block Stierlin Rd., 4/6

SHOPLIFTING BURGLARY

1000 block N. Rengstorff Ave., 4/2

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Grant Rd./South Dr., 4/3

GRAND THEFT

300 block Fairchild Dr., 4/1
 0 block Showers Dr., 4/1
 500 block Cypress point Dr., 4/1
 3400 block Stacey Ct., 4/2
 Target, 4/2

MAKING/PASSING FICTITIOUS BILLS/CHECKS

Escuela Ave./Latham St., 4/5

PETTY THEFT

500 block Logue Ave., 4/1
 400 block San Antonio Rd., 4/1
 2600 block W. El Camino Real, 4/1
 200 block Castro St., 4/2
 1900 block Latham St., 4/2
 800 block Leong Dr., 4/2
 400 block San Antonio Rd., 4/2
 1900 block California St., 4/2
 800 block W. El Camino Real, 4/2
 400 block Ortega Ave., 4/3
 Sears Department Store, 4/3
 Walmart, 4/4
 Costco, 4/4
 400 block San Antonio Rd., 4/5
 700 block Mariposa Ave., 4/5
 2200 block Latham St., 4/5
 Costco, 4/5
 Sears Department Store, 4/5
 300 block Escuela Ave., 4/6
 Sears Department Store, 4/6

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

Old Middlefield Way/N. Rengstorff Ave., 4/1
 Burgoyne St./Drew Ave., 4/5
 Castro St./W. El Camino Real, 4/5

POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS ITEM

1900 block W. El Camino Real, 4/5

CRIMINAL THREATS

800 block Washington St., 4/1

MISSING PERSON-JUVENILE

1200 block Dale Ave., 4/4
 0 block Starlight Ct., 4/4
 0 block Palo Alto Ave., 4/6

MISSING PERSON-ADULT

1900 block Latham St., 4/6

IDENTITY THEFT

1600 block Morgan St., 4/3

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Kragen Auto Parts-California St., 4/4
 600 block Showers Dr., 4/5
 E. El Camino Real/Grant Rd., 4/5

ROBBERY

700 block Villa St., 4/3
 Sears Department Store, 4/6

THEFT BY FRAUD

100 block E. El Camino Real, 4/2

RESISTING OR INTERFERING WITH ARREST

200 block S. Rengstorff Ave., 4/5

STOLEN VEHICLE

Terminal Blvd./Dead End, 4/3
 1900 block California St., 4/4

CORPORAL INJURY TO SPOUSE/COHABITANT

500 block Del Medio Ave., 4/6

■ **CORRECTION AND CLARIFICATIONS**

Last week's story "El Camino sheds light on Los Gatos purchase" incorrectly stated that the employees of Community Hospital of Los Gatos would all be laid off by El Camino Hospital. According to hospital officials, the Los Gatos employees will be interviewed and reevaluated, and those who fit into El Camino's "culture" will be retained.

Also, the name given to the newly acquired hospital was only an ad

hoc name used during a public forum. No official new name for the Los Gatos hospital has been announced.

The story also stated that July 11 was the opening date for the newly acquired hospital. Although hospital officials did give that date during the public forum, it is only a target date; they hope to have the Los Gatos facility reopened by mid-July, but say that is only possible under ideal circumstances.



Fooled ya

By Don Frances

LAST WEEK, in honor of April Fool's Day, I thought I'd write a column claiming that "Due to extreme loss of revenue, the Voice regrets to announce that we will be shutting the paper down at the end of this week. Thank you all for your faithful readership, etc., etc."

"Nah," said my boss, the publisher. "In this economy, people might actually believe you."

That's the point of course: A good April Fool's joke is no good if nobody buys it. But he's the boss, so I didn't write it.

Last year on April Fool's Day, I called my wife from the office and said, "How's it going?"

"Fine," she said, "how's it going with you?"

"Not so good," I said. "I just got fired!"

She screamed. I got her good that time.

As most locals know, Google has a long and proud tradition of April Fool's Day hoaxes. But this year's was a strange one: something about an artificial intelligence called "CADIE" which answers your e-mail for you or something. I didn't quite get it so can't say it fooled me.

When someone tries to put an April Fool's joke over on you, and you don't even get it, who's the fool then?

The *Guardian* had a good one this year:

"Consolidating its position at the cutting edge of new media technology, the *Guardian* today announces that it will become the first newspaper in the world to be published exclusively via Twitter. ..."

I wonder if anyone bought it. ■

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COURTESY SHARON MOERNER

Debaters from Mountain View and Los Altos high schools are bringing home the gold. Left to right, top row: Daniel Moerner, Natalee Pei, Jing Wang, Daniel Khalessi and Daniel Garber. Left to right, bottom row: Nikhil Nag, Ruchita Pendse and Max McCarthy.

Lincoln-Douglas redux

LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS HOPE TO ACE PRESTIGIOUS TOURNAMENT

By Casey Weiss

For the last several months, a handful of local high school students have been consumed by one question: "Should the United States submit to the jurisdiction of an international court designed to prosecute crimes against humanity?"

Two weeks ago, Daniel Garber and Daniel Moerner, seniors in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, met once

more to discuss the issue. They were preparing for the Lincoln-Douglas Tournament of Champions Debate in Kentucky, a prestigious invitational competition held in May. This year, six local students will compete against 74 other top high school debaters in the county; only one other school has ever sent more debaters to the national tournament.

In the weeks leading up to the competition, the debaters have been perfecting their arguments

both for and against, as they will only find out which side they are to debate 30 minutes before the competition.

"It teaches you to think fast," Moerner said. "Thinking fast is important."

Garber, a Mountain View High School student and president of the team, and Moerner, a student at Los Altos High and a debate captain, have been with the team

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Local girl identified as victim of Oakland homicide

TAMARA THOMPSON, 17, REPORTEDLY SENT TEXT MESSAGES TO MOTHER IN MOUNTAIN VIEW ON NIGHT OF HER DEATH

A girl who was apparently murdered in Oakland early Tuesday of last week has been identified as 17-year-old Mountain View resident Tamara Thompson, a police spokesman announced.

At about 3 a.m. on March 31, police received a report of an unresponsive female in the 3700 block of Webster Street, said Oakland police spokesman Jeff Thomason. The victim, later identified as Tamara Thompson, was transported to a local hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Tamara, who lived with her mother in Mountain View and attended Mountain View High School several years ago, had reportedly run away from home. Her mother told reporters that Tamara sent a text message asking her mother to pick her up in Oakland earlier that evening, and hung up quickly during a phone call as if in danger.

According to Sparky Harlan, executive director and CEO of Bill Wilson Center in Santa Clara County, in a post on her blog, Tamara "had been in the Santa

Clara County Juvenile Ranch but was allowed to visit home on weekends. Unfortunately, four weeks ago she ran away, perhaps to hook up with a boyfriend in Oakland."

As of Wednesday the Oakland Police Department continued to withhold the specific cause of Thompson's death while they are investigating the case. Anyone with information on Tamara Thompson's whereabouts that night is asked to call the Oakland police homicide division at (510) 238-3821.

— Staff Reports

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Council hears city budget in 'crisis', asks for more info

By Daniel DeBolt

Council members had a visceral reaction to an array of non-specific budget cuts proposed by the city manager Tuesday night, but most appeared to accept an aggressive strategy for dealing with the city's budget deficit, projected at \$6 million for this year.

"I don't know who is affected," said council member Laura Macias. "I need to know a lot more, I need to know what the tradeoffs are."

Council members and union representatives made it clear Tuesday night that they want to fully understand the options available to them as the city figures out how to close a \$6 million budget gap this year and a gap of at least \$4 million every year for the next four years, brought on partly by the economic downturn and partly by increasingly expensive staff costs, said Kevin Duggan, city manager.

Duggan proposes \$4 million in cuts and new revenue along with the use of \$2 million in reserves to patch an \$89 million general fund budget that will be presented as a draft on May 5 and adopted in June. The use of reserves as "transition funding" is meant to buy time for the public and city employees to be involved in budget discussions for next year's budget. Those discussions could take place June through December.

Clearly, Duggan said, the goal is to fix the deficit "without layoffs to the greatest extent possible."

But he added, "While we will try to do that we just can't guarantee that. We will do our best to avoid it."

Macias, along with member Ronit Bryant and Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga, expressed frustration with the process while members Mike Kasperzak, Jac Siegel and John Inks appeared more supportive of the city manager's strategy. Member Tom Means was absent.

"The annual budget is usually a very passive experience for many council members," Bryant said, describing the deficit as a "crisis." "We need to be more involved and active in the process."

Duggan presented a three-tiered



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■ SEEN AROUND TOWN

Space Age roofline



This photo was sent in by Mountain View resident Dave Stein. "It's the roofline of the Canaan Taiwanese Christian Church on Silverwood Avenue," he wrote. "It has a 'space age' look against the clear blue sky. The shot was taken from my backyard on Farley Street."

If you have a photo taken around town which you'd like published in the Voice, please send it (as a jpg attachment) to editor@mv-voice.com.

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■ NEWS BRIEFS

JUVENILES CAUGHT WITH LOOT AFTER ROBBERY HOME

Police say they found a Sony PlayStation stuffed down the pants of a 17-year-old boy Sunday afternoon after he and a friend robbed a house on Easy Street.

Police said the victims of the robbery had seen the two 17-year-old boys hanging out in front of the house before leaving for the grocery store, only to return and find a window screen removed and several items stolen: a laptop, jewelry and the PlayStation.

Just as the victims were calling police with a description of the two boys, police got another call about two suspicious youth on the 600 block of Leong Drive. Responding officers said they found the PlayStation stuffed down one youth's pants, while the other tried to ditch the jewelry. Police could not find the laptop.

Police arrested the youth and cited them before releasing them to their parents. One suspect was from East Palo

Alto and the other was from Mountain View. The Mountain View youth returned the laptop to the couple after he was released Sunday.

— Daniel DeBolt

WOULD-BE BURGLARS CAUGHT RED-HANDED

Police say an attempt by two men to steal electronics from a Mountain View business went nowhere fast after officers caught them trying to climb out of a broken window with the goods.

Police received a call on Thursday, April 2 from an alarm company that a glass window had been broken at 305 W. Evelyn Ave. When they arrived on the scene, police found a look-out man waiting as another suspect climbed out of the broken window with electronics, according to police spokesperson Liz Wylie said.

Police arrested the two suspects, ages 33 and 34, both on charges on burglary and conspiracy. One of the men also was held for violat-

ing conditions of his parole, Wylie said.

VANDALISM UP FROM LAST YEAR, POLICE SAY

Mountain View is experiencing a 51 percent jump in vandalism so far this year compared to the same time period last year, according to police reports.

There were 74 acts of vandalism in January and February of 2009 compared to 49 during the same months in 2008. This increase comes as the city is seeing a rise in other property crimes and could be due to the poor economy, according to police spokesperson Liz Wylie.

Although vandalism is occurring all over the city, the parking structure at 850 California Street is a "particular hot bed of vandalism," Wylie said. There has been an average of four acts of vandalism in the garage each month, ranging from graffiti to destruction of the fire alarm.

— Casey Weiss

Feds say Lozano's bilked workers

CAR WASH ON EL CAMINO ORDERED TO PAY \$268,000 TO 270 WORKERS

By Daniel DeBolt

A local car wash has been cheating workers out of their pay on slow business days, the U.S. Department of Labor said last week.

Lozano's Brushless Car Wash, which operates in Mountain View and Sunnyvale, has been ordered by the federal government to cough up \$268,501 in back pay to 270 workers.

"I'm pleased that the Wage and Hour Division's enforcement efforts assisted these vulnerable workers," said Susana Rincon, district director of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division, in a press release.

Investigators found that the company was telling its workers not to clock in until the first customer arrived, which could take 15 minutes to an hour. Workers arrived at a set time but were not paid for their time waiting for the first customer, according to investigators.

Lozano's has agreed to pay the workers — 270 of them — the federal minimum wage of \$6.55 an hour for all of the unpaid work hours. Those

who worked at the car wash between Dec. 10, 2006 and Dec. 6, 2008 are eligible for back pay and should call (408) 291-7730, Ext. 12. Rincon said workers will not be asked of their legal status in the U.S.

"That is not something we look at," she said. "If they worked in the U.S. they are entitled to whatever back wages they are due."

A call to the owners of Lozano's was not returned, but a competitor called the *Voice* to gloat a little over the news.

"Lozano's has been charging less for car washes than I have and now we know why," said Aaron Zeff, CEO of Harv's Car Wash, also on El Camino in Mountain View.

Zeff said car washes throughout the state were investigated, including Harv's.

"They just walk onto your property with a representative of Cal OSHA and representatives of the DA's office," he said. "They literally go through every bit of paper you have and talk to all of your employees." ▣

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Public hearing

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Who: The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

What: Public hearings on proposed groundwater production charges fiscal year 2009-10

When: Tuesday, April 14, 2009, at 9:40 a.m.

Place: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Chambers
5700 Almaden Expressway
San Jose, CA 95118

The Santa Clara Valley Water District has prepared an annual report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies documenting financial and water supply information which provides the basis for recommended groundwater production charges for fiscal year 2009-10.

The report includes financial analyses of Valley Water's water utility system; supply and demand forecasts; future capital improvement, maintenance and operating requirements; and the method to finance such requirements.

Valley Water will hold a public hearing to obtain comments on the report which will be available at the hearing.

Based upon findings and determinations from the public hearing, Valley Water's Board of Directors will decide whether or not a groundwater production charge should be levied, and if so, at what level and in which zone or zones for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

All operators of water-producing facilities within Santa Clara County or any person interested in Valley Water's activities with regard to protection and augmentation of the water supply may appear, in person or by representative, and submit comments regarding the subject.

For more information on the public hearing, please visit Valley Water's website at www.valleywater.org, or contact **Darin Taylor, (408) 265-2607, ext. 3068.**

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend this public hearing. To request accommodations for disabilities, arrange for an interpreter, or obtain more information on attending this hearing, please contact the **Office of the Clerk of the Board** at **(408) 265-2600, ext. 2277**, at least three days prior to the hearing.



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Gary Fujimoto, M.D., *PAMF Travel Medicine*

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Classes

Preparing for Birth: A Refresher, Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
A class offering unique strategies, topics and techniques for those preparing for their second or subsequent birth.

What You Need to Know About Warfarin
Wednesday, April 22, 2 – 4 p.m.
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TENNIS

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lars packed the City Council chambers to support Foley and oppose a city recommendation that he be replaced, expressing fear that a commercially oriented operator would hurt the informal atmosphere there. Foley had originally gotten the job when a previous operator somehow transferred the contract to him. Despite objections from city staff, some council members and prospective operators, Foley's supporters were able to keep him in the job.

But in the time since, city staff report that Foley "has not complied with various items in the agreement which have included financial or reporting obligations, business license and insurance requirements and background checks for employees contractors and volunteers."

"I'm disappointed because it turned out as I expected," said council member Tom Means, who unsuccessfully fought to have the tennis operator pay bills for court maintenance. "A lot of people from the community gave him high marks,"

he said, but according to others, "Tim's a nice guy but he's not a business person."

Foley did not return a phone message left with staff at the Cuesta Tennis Center.

Community over revenue

Perezalonso told prospective operators that the city was looking for an operator who would provide tennis court access to everyone as a priority over generating revenue for the city, a policy that came from the community, not staff. Operators would provide minor upkeep of the center, manage volunteers and employees, help organize tournaments and league play while paying the city \$24,000 a year (increasing by \$1,000 a year) for the exclusive right to charge for tennis lessons and classes on city tennis courts and collect user fees.

The city's goal is to recover about half of the city's annual tennis court maintenance costs. That concerns council member Means, who says operators in Sunnyvale and Cupertino make hundreds of thousands a year on city tennis courts.

"People say the golf course

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is draining the city, but that's nonsense," Means said. "The tennis center is a bigger drain, I guarantee it."

In a March 11 city staff report, Perezalonso warned that the city may increase the operator fees in the future because of the city's "increasingly difficult financial situation."

The prospective operators got a tour of the facility Tuesday, and combed over every portion of the Cuesta tennis building as if buying a new car. Business plans from them are due April 16.

Wearing a business suit, prospective operator Dana Gill stood out from the crowd. He operates city tennis centers in Pleasanton and Cupertino, and was the favored operator of city staff three years ago. Staff said he offered expanded hours, new programs and greater revenue, but would possibly reduce availability for walk-on play.

"This is one of the most storied community facilities in Northern California, second only to Golden Gate Park," Gill said. "This used to be one of the most popular facilities around." It's a place you want to come just to "hang out," he said. "They don't make them like this anymore."

Locally, Cuesta was the center of the 1970s tennis boom. For over 40 years it has been the home of the Mountain View Open, a tournament that has seen many of its competing pros go on to the U.S. Open or Wimbledon.

But lately Cuesta hasn't been utilized as much as it could be, Gill said. The eight courts at Rengstorff Park, originally envisioned as a second tennis center, have never been well utilized.

But that all may change with a new operator, as tennis is "definitely" becoming more popular, said Todd Dissly, who came in second in the city's 2006 selection process. Dissly runs tennis centers in San Jose, Los Gatos and Saratoga.

Today the Cuesta courts are dominated by about 100 players who are as "passionate about tennis as they were when [Cuesta] first opened," Gill said. Ever since the controversy in 2006 over Foley and the future of the Cuesta Tennis Center, Gill said he has learned to respect this group of players. But he adds that "there's room for everybody" as he considers ways to educate a new crop of players on the Cuesta tennis courts. ▀

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HOTEL

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lease revenue for the northern nine acres of the site — Google pays the city \$1.7 million a year for it — to keep the project from increasing the city's projected budget deficit.

If a deal is made, it will be the end of a decade-long quest to build a hotel at the site. In 2001 the City Council rejected a plan by hotel giant Hyatt, which asked for a \$19 million subsidy

as the hotel market slumped nationwide. The hotel market faces similar problems today, but the Robert Green Company and Kimpton continue to express interest, Berns said.

The hotel would probably be built in 2011 or 2012, Berns said, at which point the "market and economy would be moving in a more positive direction."

If built, Berns said, a new conference center would help attract businesses to the area.

"We're starting to find companies don't have conference

space because they are having to minimize the space they lease," due to the economy, he said. "Certainly we hope it will help business."

The hotel could add \$45 million to \$55 million in property taxes alone for the Shoreline tax district over 55 years — taxes which can only be spent on city projects within the neighborhood north of Highway 101 and west of Stevens Creek. The city's general fund would also get substantial revenue from the land lease, which has yet to be

negotiated.

For its part, Google's plans for a 310,000-square-foot building on the site's northern 9.2 acres are on hold for now, even though the company is paying the \$1.7 million a year to lease the land. Google would have paid the city another \$4 million a year for the southern side zoned for the hotel, according to a 2006 city report. ▀

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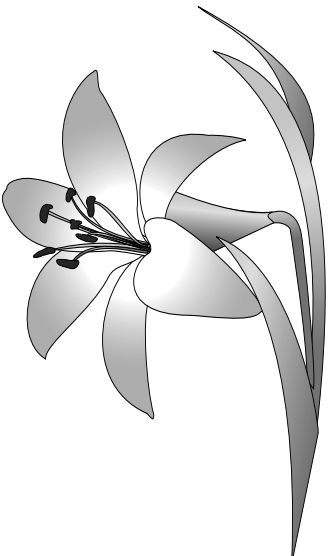
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11:00am Worship with Choir & Instrumental Music

COUNCIL

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list of dozens of possible budgets cuts and new revenue sources which yet to have dollar amounts attached. Nearly every city department faces cuts.

The first tier of Duggan's preliminary list of cuts includes staff and service cuts to the library as well as City Planning, Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Mountain View Police departments. (In the latter, only non-officer positions are being considered.)

If those cuts aren't enough for the 2009-10 budget, second tier staff cuts would include three police officer positions, along with a deputy fire marshal. The library may be closed one day a week or have hours of operation reduced. The city's high-tech bookmobile — donated by Google — would get parked.

And if those cuts aren't enough in future years, Duggan proposes complete elimination of some services in tier three, as well as consolidating city departments and placing some kind of tax measure on the ballot, something Mountain View has not done in many years.

Nitty gritty

Despite Duggan's presentation, many council members wanted to

know more, and several admitted to not adequately understanding the city budget despite years on the council.

The SIEU brought several dozen members to the meeting. Code enforcement officer and union leader Chris Costanza spoke for the group, saying the union probably had members in every department.

"We are willing and want to understand the extent of any and all problems and work to find solutions," Costanza said.

The city's budget deficit could grow to \$15 million by 2012 without intervention, Duggan says. He said the city will be lucky to even have revenues in 2012 to support existing services.

Abe-Koga has proposed using the city's above-average reserves to stay afloat instead of cutting staff, but seemed supportive of the "hybrid approach of using reserves."

No fat to trim

Because the city budget has already been cut several times since the 1990s, there are "very limited options to address this current challenge without significant impacts on service to the public and city staff," Duggan wrote in a staff report.

During the meeting, Duggan said that "staff costs are a major source of the [budget] increase."

Mike Kasperzak, who ran for election without the support of the city's unions last year, said that city government employees should share the pain felt by private employees everywhere through salary cuts.

"There are a lot of people looking at government saying, 'Gee, I sure picked the wrong career path,'" Kasperzak said.

For other members the solution appeared more elusive.

"I would like to put all of the city in one room for a weekend and talk about it," Bryant said. "Maybe we need a really long workshop."

Duggan cautioned against using too much city reserves and taking a "wait and see approach," to the deficit. He cited the growing deficits of several neighboring cities, and the city's potential \$15 million deficit in 2012, as examples.

"Our job as staff, my job as city manager and your job as the City Council is to make sure that potential reality doesn't happen," he said. ▣

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District finds new space for evicted preschoolers

By Casey Weiss

Administrators from the Mountain View Whisman school district say they have made two rooms at Castro Elementary School available for local kids from the Mountain View Child Development Center, a free preschool being evicted by the district from its current home.

With enrollment growing faster than expected, Mountain View Whisman trustees decided to take back the Stevenson Campus, where the preschool has been leasing space for more than two decades. Trustees said they needed the space for PACT, the district's parent participation program which has become too large for its current home at Castro. The preschool must be out of the space by June 30.

Last week, chief financial officer Craig Goldman announced the district had opened up two classrooms and some office space for the preschool, and will not charge rent for the first year. Only those preschoolers whose families live within the Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District may transfer to the new location.

"The district is highly committed to preschool programming, particularly for students from low income and Spanish-speaking families," a district press release stated.

Of the 108 students currently attending the preschool, 62 will graduate this summer, and the Castro location has space for 48 students. Preschool director Lucia Medina said she hopes the new center will be open by June 30, when the district takes over the Stevenson campus.

Preschool staffers are still learning all the details, Medina said, and she plans to hold a meeting with the families this week. She expects they will be relieved.

"They don't have to worry," she said.

The YMCA is also opening another Child Development Center in Hayward this summer, which will serve a similar population in the East Bay. ▀

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KANTER

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interim chancellor this May while a search committee looks nationally for a permanent chancellor to govern the 44,000-student district. The new chancellor should start early next year, according to administrators.

The light of learning

Speaking in her office the day after the nomination, Kanter, a 60-year-old Cupertino resident, said education has been her lifelong commitment since she first truly understood the importance of learning. At the time of that realization, Kanter was a high school student tutoring low-income students in a Boston community resource center.

She said many of the third-grade students she worked with could not read and were also behind in math, but most of them just needed a little extra help.

"Every time they had a success, I saw a light in their eyes," Kanter said. "When I think about that I almost cry."

Kanter said that at the same time she was also inspired by her English teacher at an all-girls' private school, who encouraged each student to learn by making it both challenging and interesting.

Every day the teacher would tell her students, "You are going to fight to be in the first row of this class. If you are not fighting, I am a terrible teacher," Kanter said.

Both of these experiences left lasting impressions, and Kanter said she wanted all students to have the educational opportunities that she had.

Higher degrees

She went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Brandeis University, a master's in education from Harvard University and later a doctorate in organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco. Kanter wrote her thesis on access to community colleges for unrepresented students, and was recognized statewide for her research, according to thesis advisor Susan Evans.

"Martha was certainly the best student, and I have taught thousands of students," Evans said. "She was smart, quick and hardworking."

In the beginning of her educational career, she worked with disabled students at a community college in Monterey, according to De Anza vice president Robert Griffin, who also started working with Kanter in Monterey.

Kanter served as director, dean and vice chancellor for policy and

research of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office in Sacramento, and then as vice president of instruction and student services at San Jose City College, before coming to De Anza.

She took over the job of president of De Anza from Robert De Hart, who had been at the college since its inception. Griffin said Kanter was "innovative" and immediately able to create her own style through a commitment to multiculturalism and collaboration.

Influence grows

"I don't think I have ever seen her tell anyone what to do," Plotkin said. "Instead, she often leads by asking questions."

It was as chancellor that Kanter was able "to do what she does best" and influence statewide policies, Griffin said.

Colleagues at De Anza and Foothill say Kanter was also influential in providing extra funding from private donors and corporations. This became more essential as the state cut education, according to Marie Fox Ellison, executive director of the district's Foundation.

"Martha is a visionary. We all follow her lead and gladly so," said Ellison. "I think people in D.C. will do the same."

But, she added, "We love her and will miss her." ▀

Foothill-De Anza board seeks interim chancellor

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO BEGIN SEARCH FOR PERMANENT REPLACEMENT

A quick search for an interim chancellor was approved Monday night by Foothill-De Anza Community College District trustees — even though no U.S. Senate confirmation schedule has been set for current Chancellor Martha Kanter's nomination as U.S. undersecretary of education.

April 22 was set as the application deadline for the interim position.

The board of trustees put Jane Enright, the district's former vice chancellor of human resources and equal opportunity, in charge of coordinating the search.

The board tentatively set April 27 or 28 as a deadline for deciding which candidates to interview, and

designated May 4 as the day for interviews.

Trustees said they hope to approve a contract with an interim chancellor by May 18 or sooner, to be effective June 1 of this year.

The search for a permanent replacement should also get under way relatively soon, according to Becky Bartindale, the district's coordinator of communications and public affairs.

The last time the district searched for a chancellor was in 2002-03, when Kanter was selected. An interim chancellor served for six months prior to Kanter being named, Jon O'Bergh, assistant to the chancellor, recalled.

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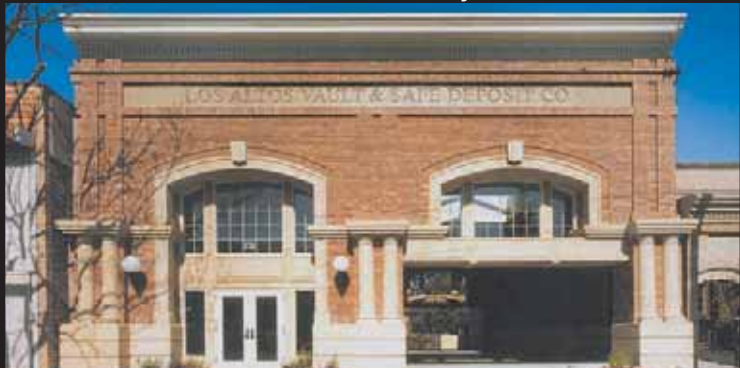
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A screen shot for a Mountain View home listing on realtor.com.

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WEB SITE'S SCORES CAN DRIVE UP — OR DRIVE DOWN —
 HOME PRICES IN MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS

By Casey Weiss

When she began her search for a home in the Bay Area two years ago, Julie Fry said she wanted to focus on neighborhoods with strong schools.

Since she lived in San Diego at the time, Fry did her initial research using GreatSchools.net, a nonprofit Web site that allows families to look at school and district ratings, based on state test scores, and talk with other parents and students about specifics such as atmosphere, size and demographics.

She wanted a small high school, and was impressed with Mountain View High's ratings, size and parent comments on GreatSchools.net — so much so that she was encouraged to visit the school. Eventually, Fry ended up buying a house so her son could start at Mountain View High and her daughter could attend Blach Intermediate School in Los Altos.

"We had a short turnover," Fry said, explaining that due to circumstance the family had to act quickly in buying a house. "It was important for me to find a neighborhood we could live in."

Real estate agents say Fry's methods are common among parents looking to buy a home. And even if buyers don't visit the site, most home listings automatically provide GreatSchools' rankings.

Whether the information

comes from the home listings or from GreatSchools.net directly, many prospective home buyers are well versed in the rankings of local schools. They know, for example, that Mountain View High ranks slightly above Los Altos High, or that Los Altos' elementary and middle schools score better than most of Mountain View's. And buyers are willing to pay more for a home in a neighborhood with highly rated schools.

"The quality of schools has a great impact on price," said GreatSchools.net spokesperson Dave Steers.

The user experience

GreatSchools.net rates schools based on a 10-point score, which in turn mirrors rankings in state test scores. If a district or school receives an 8, its students scored in the 80th percentile, Steers said. The Mountain View Whisman district and Mountain View-Los Altos High School District both are ranked at 7, and the Los Altos elementary school district has a ranking of 10.

Parents use the Web site to compare schools by score, and often leave comments on the schools, which allows for more nuance. Castro Elementary School, for example, scores a 6, while Los Altos schools all receive a highest-possible-rating of 10. Huff is the only Mountain View school with this score.

"Huff is a solid school," one

parent wrote, "better than most, a bit in the shadow of the better financed Los Altos schools (at least perception-wise) but with very motivated parents, which makes a big difference."

Steer said the 10-year-old site was started in an effort to get parents more involved in their children's education. "Finding the right school is much more complicated than looking at test scores," he said.

Using the online dialogues, parents can critique teacher quality and extracurricular activities, ask other users specific questions about the schools, and even supply a separate five-star ranking which many real estate sites run alongside the 10-point score.

These posts are popular among the site's 35 million users since many have very specific questions about the schools.

"People can look up the school district and will communicate and get more insight than just numbers," said Coldwell Banker real estate agent Dave Blockhus. "As a buyer, you want to get as much information as possible."

Theuerkauf Elementary School has a ranking of 5, apparently based on its lower test scores. But parents gave principal leadership, teacher quality, extracurricular activities and safety and discipline four of five stars, and mostly left positive comments about the school.

"This is the best elementary school in Mountain View, CA. My child loves to go to school and he learns quite a bit," parent Suzy Gorme wrote on the site about Theuerkauf. "He comes home and tells us all about his day."

A premium for Los Altos

Bryan Robertson, another Coldwell agent, said most families come to him already knowing the GreatSchools ratings. Often parents will buy more expensive houses in Mountain View, he says, if it means they're in neighborhoods served by Los Altos schools.

"They will pay a Los Altos price if they will get a Los Altos school," he said.

Clients pay up to 10 percent more to live in Los Altos, and an additional 10 percent to live in Palo Alto, where the schools often have the best reputation of all, said Susan Sweeley, a real estate agent with Alain Pinel and a trustee of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District.

Sweeley noted one townhouse complex, bordering both Mountain View and Palo Alto, where the townhouses on the Palo Alto side sell for 20 more percent than the same units in the Mountain View side.

"People are willing to pay 10 percent more to be in Los Altos schools and 20 percent more to be in Palo Alto schools," she said. "There is a clear 20 percent difference."

Sweeley often tries to tell people about the perks of the Mountain View schools, but many buyers come to her with their minds already made up, she said. ■

■ **WHERE THEY STAND**

Following are the scores, on a scale of 1 to 10, of local schools according to GreatSchools.net:

Mountain View Whisman Elementary School District

- Huff: 10
- Graham: 8
- Bubb: 8
- Landels: 7
- Monta Loma: 6
- Crittenden: 6
- Castro: 6
- Theuerkauf: 5
- District total: 7

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District

- Mountain View High: 8
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DEBATE

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for four years, participating in the weekly meetings, fundraising, competing in at least two matches a year and working on expanding the team.

“When I was a freshman we had a couple of very good debaters,” Garber said. “They were a good example for us.”

Other MVLA students on the team have done well too: Three others qualified for another type of competition at the Tournament

of Champions called “Congress,” two qualified for a national tournament, and two more are headed to the state competition.

At the beginning of the year, the seniors hit English classes on their campuses, encouraging students to come out for the team, said debate coach Sharon Moerner. Due in part to their efforts, the team reached 107 members this year, the largest in its 20-year history.

There are no tryouts. Anyone can participate, and the team has students from both Los Altos and Mountain View high schools as well as several from Middle College, an

alternative school on the Foothill College campus. Sharon Moerner and other parents help coach the team, and families also pay for three college debaters to fly to the tournaments and prep the team.

One of these coaches, Stephen Hess, is a former MVLA captain. He debated with Moerner and Garber and won the Tournament of Champions in 2006 as a senior. Hess is now at Stanford, and comes back to help his former teammates.

“The best part of coaching them is seeing them doing better than I did. I fully expect them to win this,” Hess said.

Debaters can chose between seven different competitions, such as “policy debate,” whereby they oppose or support a plan to change government policy. Sushmita Sridhar, a Mountain View High School junior and another leader on the team, participates in “extemporaneous debate.” She is given a topic regarding current affairs minutes before her competition — for example, recently she was asked about groups seeking to block reform in Iran, and the foreign policy impact of the economic crisis on China.

“You do have to be aware of what is

going on in the world,” Garber said.

Each type of debate is slightly different. In the Lincoln-Douglas debate, students have up to eight or nine rounds in each competition, and have to be prepared to switch sides from round to round.

This is the last high school competition for Moerner and Garber, who will both start college in the fall. Neither are sure they want to debate at the college level. Garber said college teams have the reputation of either being too time-consuming or too easy.

“It might seem like a joke,” he said. ▀

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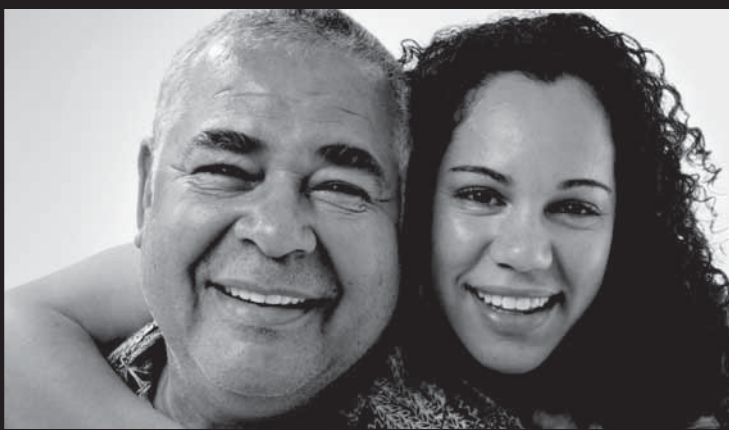
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EDITORIAL
THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

The bottom line on Los Gatos

The decision by El Camino Hospital to spend tens of millions of dollars to purchase Community Hospital of Los Gatos has raised plenty of eyebrows locally, especially among a handful of critics who signed a petition opposing the move.

Hospital officials, including CEO Ken Graham and the board of directors, say the purchase is necessary to keep El Camino competitive. But the petition signers, who total about 120 in number, say the hospital should invest in its own community and raise the quality of health care here, rather than risk capital on a declining institution that will need a costly earthquake retrofit in the near future.

They ask — and fairly — what exactly is the mission of a hospital that ultimately is owned by the residents in its district?

The question brings into focus the sometimes conflicting goals of a public institution like El Camino. Nearby hospitals like Stanford can be very competitive, even in El Camino's service area of Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and parts of Sunnyvale and Cupertino.

Competition and delivery of better, more lucrative services are the key reasons that Graham and David Reeder, chair of the El Camino board, say the purchase of Los Gatos make sense. Under their plan, Los Gatos would essentially become a branch of El Camino, and doctors at both hospitals would be able to refer patients to specialists at the other. It is this synergy and extended reach that makes the Los Gatos deal so appealing, they say.

With some \$400 million in cash reserves, El Camino can easily absorb the initial costs and, if needed, continue to subsidize the 143-bed Los Gatos facility (El Camino plans to reopen only 113 of those beds) until it becomes profitable. And certainly El Camino's management has been very successful in recent years, resulting in strong cash flow and the ability to absorb the added costs of its new \$480 million hospital facility on Grant Road.

As for local residents' property taxes, the \$8.5 million received by El Camino each year is always invested back into the community, according to Graham and Reeder. The Los Gatos deal will not need to use any taxpayer dollars, they told the *Voice*. And as far as reinvesting in its own community, a good case can be made that El Camino is doing so, through such moves as creating the cutting-edge genomic center, providing research space for famed inventor Dr. Thomas Fogarty, and other victories.

Clearly El Camino is risking significant capital in the Los Gatos hospital. But the publicly elected board of directors has wholeheartedly endorsed the acquisition, believing that the hospital's management team is more than capable of bringing in a successful outcome.

Even in today's lackluster economy, spending on health care by aging baby boomers is expected to boost revenues and profits of leading health care institutions. At least at this stage, the purchase in Los Gatos looks like a good investment.

LETTERS
VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

IN DEFENSE OF PATTY POLIFRONE

Editor:

My son had Pat Polifrone 12 years ago when she was teaching the second grade class in the PACT program at Slater School. He was the youngest in the class by a whole year because of his birthday. She was tough and she expected her students to strive to be the best that they could be. Did she baby them? No. Did she baby the parents? No. She did what a teacher was supposed to do and that was to try and teach the children.

Being a parent in the PACT program allowed me to spend as much "volunteer" time in the classroom as I wanted to. I saw Pat on her "good" days, and I saw Pat on her "bad" days. Was she abusive? Absolutely not. Did she expect her students to sit in their seats and behave like a second grader should? Absolutely. Did she have her students' best interest at heart? Absolutely. Did she wrap her arms around her students when they needed

a hug? Absolutely. Did she scold them when they needed to be scolded? Absolutely. Did she raise her voice? Absolutely. Did she support the parents in the best way she knew how? Absolutely. Was Pat Polifrone infallible? Absolutely not. Was Pat Polifrone human? Absolutely.

How did Pat manage to teach as long as she did in this district? Do you mean to tell me that if she were "abusive" towards our children that we parents from a different generation wouldn't have done something? Don't be ridiculous.

I do not know the circumstances of the most recent events that involved Pat Polifrone but I hope she pursues a grievance against the district and I hope she continues to be the person and teacher that she is.

Pat, please know that there are many, many, many of us that support you and I want you to know that I am here for you if you need anything.

Muriel Sivyer-Lee,
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■ RESTAURANT PREVIEW

Local flavor

MADERA, THE NEW RESTAURANT AT ROSEWOOD SAND HILL HOTEL IN MENLO PARK, CAPTURES THE PENINSULA FEEL

By Jane Knoerle

Peter Rudolph, executive chef for Madera, the new restaurant at Rosewood Sand Hill hotel which opened April 2, grew up in the East Bay and lives in San Francisco, but says: "My heart is in the Peninsula. I feel so at ease and comfortable here."

Rudolph, a graduate of the California Culinary Academy, brings top credentials to his new position. He most recently cooked at Campton Place in San Francisco, and became familiar with the South Bay through working at Navio at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay.

His last job was running his own catering company, Per-

sonal Taste, where he got to know many Peninsula residents. "I'm done with that now," says the personable young chef. "This is my full-time job."

Madera, which means wood in Spanish, features an open kitchen with a wood-burning grill.

Madera offers upscale, casual dining. Its menu is described as rustic American cuisine and

includes a variety of California offerings from a "grand platter of shellfish" to rotisserie chicken with creamy polenta and Swiss chard. Grilled rib-eye steak with gnocchi ragout, sand dabs with artichokes and parsley potatoes, and smoked Arctic char with sweetbreads are other selections.

Ingredients are top notch, but the presentation isn't fussy. Rudolph says he likes working with small, independent farmers, and visits local farmers markets for the food.

A colleague ate there Sunday morning, and the prices ranged from \$65 for the grand platter (shellfish) to \$18 for a hamburger. A grilled Sand Hill burger comes with cheddar cheese and bacon,

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The interior of Madera located at the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel.

fries and pickled vegetables. Light eaters will find a Caesar salad or Nicoise salad on the lunch menu. The bill for three was \$73 with taxes and tip.

Eggs Benedict was \$17. The corned beef hash was \$17, and very good. The Ribollita stew was called a starter dish, but was really a light meal for \$10. Coffee for three was \$12.

The dessert menu features such homey favorites as rhubarb cobbler and butterscotch panna cotta.

Madera, which means wood in Spanish, features an open kitchen with a wood-burning grill. Rotis-

serie chicken is a signature dish. However, Rudolph intends to add other entrees prepared in the imported French rotisserie oven.

The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Along with the usual breakfast items is an intriguing lobster, ricotta and asparagus frittata. Those in a hurry can order a continental breakfast prepared in French, Italian or San Francisco style.

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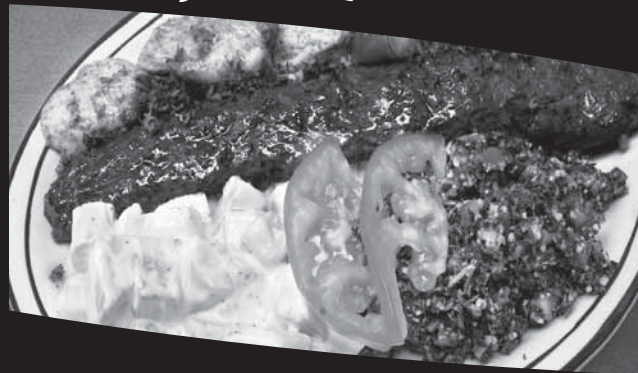
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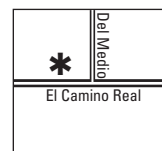
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with braised lamb, chickpeas, and broccolini; or smoked salmon with creme fraiche and caviar.

The lounge also features whimsical desserts, such as s'mores, made with Scharffen Berger chocolate, and a creamsicle float.

Chef Rudolph devised the menu himself, assisted by his chef de cuisine, Anna de Batista. He also had advice on the kids' menu from his 3-year-old son.

Opening a new restaurant keeps him busy these days, but as a cyclist, he hopes to find time in the future "to make the loop" around Portola and Alpine roads. He also would like to join a spin class in the hotel spa.

Most chefs dream of someday opening their own little restaurant. How about Peter Rudolph? "I'm already here. This is my little restaurant," he says with a smile.

A room with a view

As for Madera's interior, the appointments are luxurious. The artwork is impressive. And you can't beat the view.

Madera takes the California concept of indoor-outdoor living to heart. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame the vista of the Santa Cruz Mountains. There are tables on the terrace for outdoor dining. And two private dining rooms have their own terraces and outdoor fireplaces.

The open kitchen, with a copper hood and green tile walls, is the center of activity with a rotisserie and wood-burning stove.

The restaurant's interior, designed by Bamo Inc. of San Francisco, features an enormous black wrought iron chandelier glittering with five-inch glass sun catchers.

Light walls are hung with striking contemporary art by California artists. A gray-green limestone fireplace rises to the paneled cedar ceiling. Brown and white carpeting accents the walnut flooring.

Tables are spaced widely apart with comfortable gold-color upholstered chairs or banquettes. For daytime dining, tables are laid with white linen placemats edged with yellow.

The overall effect is upscale yet casual.

"This is a place to be comfortable, to be yourself," Rudolph says. ▣

Jane Knoerle writes for the Menlo Park Almanac, the Voice's sister paper.

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MOVIE TIMES

12 ROUNDS (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 20: 7:10 & 10:05 p.m.

ADVENTURELAND (R) ★★★

Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 1:45, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m. Century 20: Noon, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:20 p.m.

ALIEN TRESPASS (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Aquarius: 4:45 & 9:30 p.m.

BEER WARS LIVE (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: Thu. at 8 p.m. Century 20: Thu. at 8 p.m.

DRAGONBALL: EVOLUTION (PG) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:30, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20 & 9:35 p.m.

DUPLICITY (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 20: 12:15, 3:05, 5:55 & 8:50 p.m.

EVERLASTING MOMENTS (NOT RATED) ★★1/2

Guild: 2, 5 & 8 p.m.

FAST AND FURIOUS (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 11:05 a.m.; 12:15, 1:10, 1:50, 3, 4, 4:40, 5:35, 6:35, 7:15, 8:10, 9:10 & 9:55 p.m. Fri.-Sat. also at 10:40 p.m. Century 20: 12:20, 1:05, 1:55, 2:25, 2:55, 3:40, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6:20, 7:05, 7:35, 8:05, 9, 9:40, 10:10 & 10:40 p.m.

THE GREAT BUCK HOWARD (PG) ★★1/2

Aquarius: 4, 6:30 & 9 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 1:45 p.m.

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 1, 2:20, 3:30, 4:50, 6, 7:20, 8:35 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 12:30, 1:45, 3, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8, 9:15 & 10:30 p.m.

THE HAUNTING IN CONNECTICUT (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:35, 2:55, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:50, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10 & 10:35 p.m.

I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:30, 5:10, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 12:05, 2:40, 5:15, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.

KNOWING (PG-13) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 12:55 p.m. Fri.-Wed. also at 4:10, 7:05 & 10 p.m. Century 20: 1:35, 4:20, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) ★★1/2

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:20, 1:40, 3:05, 4:20, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 12:25, 1:10, 2, 2:45, 3:35, 4:30, 5:20, 7, 7:50, 9:30 & 10:15 p.m.

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: 11 a.m.; 12:10, 1:15, 2:25, 3:25, 4:35, 5:40, 6:50, 7:55, 9:05 & 10:15 p.m. Century 20: 12:15, 1:30, 2:30, 3:45, 4:45, 6, 7, 8:15, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

PARIS 36 (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)

Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:20 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10:10 p.m.

RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN (PG) ★★

Century 20: 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

SIN NOMBRE (R) (NOT REVIEWED)

Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:35 p.m.

SUNSHINE CLEANING (R) ★★1/2

Century 20: 12:10, 1:20, 2:35, 3:45, 5, 6:30, 7:25, 8:55 & 9:50 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 2:15, 4:45 & 7:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat. also at 10 p.m.

TOKYO! (NOT RATED) (NOT REVIEWED)

Aquarius: 7 p.m. Fri.-Sun. also at 2:15 p.m.

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GUILD: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (266-9260)

SPANGENBERG THEATRE: 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto (354-8263)

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

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

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



MOVIE REVIEWS

ADVENTURELAND ★★★

After he graduates college, James Brennan's (Jesse Eisenberg) nest egg unexpectedly cracks, threatening his rent bills and enrollment at Columbia's journalism school. So his Pennsylvanian summer of '87 will be spent toiling in a last-resort job at the place called Adventureland. There's a bright spot amidst the arcade games and the giant plush pandas he's forbidden to award: lovely, laconic Em (Kristen Stewart). Em's sexual experience proves intimidating, and the dramatic irony makes us only more anxious for James, as we learn she has a secret boyfriend in older Rides worker Mike (Ryan Reynolds). Mike treats James as a friend while undermining his attempts to win over Em. This love triangle forms the film's principal plot, a surprisingly tender young-adult romance. *Rated R for language, drug use and sexual references. One hour, 47 minutes.* — P.C.

EVERLASTING MOMENTS ★★1/2

(Guild) The predictable course begins in 1907, with suffering spouse Maria Larsson (Maria Heiskanen) chafing against the intermittent alcoholism, domestic violence and infidelity of her loutish husband Sigfrid (Mikael Persbrandt). Maria stumbles upon an outlet when she tries to unload a camera — a no-longer relevant symbol of her marital love — to local photographer Sebastian Pedersen (Jesper Christensen). Pedersen insists that she hold onto the camera and spots her for supplies; before you can say "Piff Puff Puff!" (the "Everlasting Moments" version of "Say cheese!"), Maria is escaping working-class doldrums by viewing them through her lens and framing them with her artist's eye. It's a pleasing concept, but somehow Troell's version of the true story comes across as remote and logy. *Not MPAARated. 2 hours, 11 minutes.* — P.C.

FAST & FURIOUS ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Let's face it: No one goes to an entry in the "Fast and the Furious" franchise expecting Ibsen. Action junkies — primarily males — know the deal. In place of thoughtful dialogue, they get hot rods in hot colors, curvy women busting out all over them, and a handful of high-octane car chase sequences in thunderous surround sound. And the women get Vin Diesel, he of the bulging biceps. For some, this empty-calorie junk-food cinema will be just the comfort food to hit the spot: "Furious" entertainment for a moment of "populist rage." But it's hard to escape the feeling that "Fast & Furious" is more than a little...mechanical. *Rated PG-13 for drug references, language, violence, intense sequences of action and some sexual content. 1 hour, 39 minutes.* — P.C.

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) In the case of Monsters v. Aliens — henceforth to

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MINI REVIEWS

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be referred to as "Monsters Vs. Aliens" — we find in favor of monsters. Said monsters are the heroes of the latest Dreamworks Animation release, rendered in CGI and presented in 3D. The parties involved in this sci-fi-themed action comedy include Susan Murphy (voiced by Reese Witherspoon), whose transformation into a 50-foot-tall woman (alias Ginormica) we witness. Murphy stipulates the existence of four other government-sequestered monsters: lagoon creature The Missing Link (Will Arnett), insectoid mad scientist Dr. Cockroach (Hugh Laurie), blob B.O.B. (Seth Rogen) and the Godzilla-meets-a-hamster creature Insectosaurus (who roars anonymously). This court ultimately finds in favor of those darn monsters. Especially that B.O.B., who has no brain, but affirms, "Turns out, you don't need one." Delightful! Rated PG for sci-fi action, some crude humor and mild language. 1 hour, 34 minutes. P.C.

SUNSHINE CLEANING

★★★★1/2

(Cinearts) Rose Norkowski (Amy Adams) is between a rock and hard spot: shacking up with ex-high school squeeze and married cop Mac (Steve Zahn), raising a kid on her own and wasting her shiny potential by cleaning houses for a living. A chance suggestion by Mac (after a particularly unsavory day on the job) turns to gold when Rose partners with sister Norah (Emily Blunt) to start her own crime-scene clean-up company, aptly named Sunshine Cleaning. Adams has the chops, bringing a fresh spin to deep hurts and a spark to her determination to get things right. Blunt plays off her with ease — two hot actresses on their inevitable paths to greatness. But the narrative has trouble balancing its dark tones and its peculiar humor, never finding a comfortable niche. Rated: R for language, gore and sexuality. 1 hour, 42 minutes. — J.A.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

"DISTRACTED"

Lisa Loomer's new play that explores the world of Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and the unconventional path one mother takes to help her anxious son. April 4-26, Tue.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m., Thu.-Sat. at 8 p.m., Sun. at 2 and 7 p.m.. Contains mature language. \$21-64. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

ART GALLERIES

"The disappeared in the dead of winter" Exhibition of drawings, paintings and sculpture by artist Inga Dorosz. Through May 31, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/view

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Business Booster Series Join us in the Business Booster Series, workshops that will help improve some of the most crucial aspects of becoming a successful business professional. The workshops will focus on strategies to survive in tough economic times," the Chamber says. Thu., April 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 member/\$30 non-member Business Booster Series, 580 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-8378. www.chambermv.org

Family Car Care Seminar Be informed about keeping vehicles reliable and performing more efficiently. Learn basic self-help procedures and how to keep car repair costs at a minimum. Wed., April 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Dean's Automotive, 2037 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-961-0302.

Red Cross First Aid Class Course trains individuals to prevent, prepare for, and respond to any type of emergency. Participants will learn and practice adult CPR, rescue breathing, choking rescue and other first aid skills. Students receive CPR and Standard First Aid certificates. Classes offered on April 3, 7, 25, 29. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$60. Palo Alto Red Cross

Chapter, 400 Mitchell Lane, Palo Alto.

Separation Anxiety Conversation Discussion on separation anxiety. April 7 and 23; May 5. 9:30-10 a.m. Free. Cubes & Crayons, 152 E. Dana St., Mountain View. Call 650-209-4846. www.cubesandcrayons.com

Success with Succulents - Watercolor Painting Two-day class with Mendocino-based painter Nancy Collins, focusing on techniques for creating paintings of succulents. Email amuonio@arts4all.org for supply list. Register online: course #51428. April 18-19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$185/2 days. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Leads Club Meeting "Lead's Club is a proactive, structured and facilitated networking system to help you grow your business. We are a group of entrepreneurial professionals building formal relationships with each other in order to exchange qualified referrals," the club says. Meets Wednesdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. \$5. St Timothy's Guild Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-428-0950.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Health Career Training Programs Preview Night Foothill College offers comprehensive training for health care careers. Health Career Training Programs Preview Night presents a variety of programs, including biotechnology, dental assisting, EMT, pharmacy technology and more. Wed., April 22, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Foothill College Room 5212, 12345

El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7538. http://www.foothill.edu

Mountain View City-wide Garage Sale Register by April 17 for home garage sales May 2. Free advertising for sellers and online registration. Buyers may search online for items or get printed maps in the Voice newspaper or at City Hall on May 1. 8-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View. Call 650-903-6311. www.mvrecycle.org

CONCERTS

Wendy Waller, Vocal Blues & Jazz CSMA Faculty Member Wendy Waller sings jazz, blues, classical, country folk, funk, soul. Thu., April 16, 7-8 p.m. No charge; donations accepted. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/calendar.htm

DANCE

English Country Dance Peninsula English Country Dance welcomes all, from beginners to experienced dancers. No partner needed, all dances taught. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Dance meets 1st, 3rd, 5th Wednesdays through June 2009. 8-10 p.m. \$9/\$7 members/\$5 students Flex-It Studio, 425 Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-493-6012.

ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Docent-Led Walks of Shoreline Learn about Shoreline at Mountain View's: maritime history; landfill legacy; environmental processes; ecosystems; birds, wildlife;

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EXHIBITS

Moffett Field Historical Society Museum Displays of memorabilia, artifacts, photos and aircraft models; tours of museum and view of the exterior of Hangar One. Open Wednesdays through Fridays. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Moffett Federal Airfield, Building 126, off Highway 101, Mountain View. Call 650-961-8860.

FAMILY AND KIDS

Deer Hollow Farm Tours Docents lead small groups through working homestead farm March 21, April 18 and May 16. Visit animals in pens, meet farm babies, lambs and goats, a cow, chickens, sheep, rabbits, pigs, ducks.

View large vegetable garden and a short Farm film. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 kids (under 2free). Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, Cristo Rey Drive, Los Altos. Call 650-965-3276. www.fodhf.org


HEALTH

Bones for Life This 12-week program uses natural weight-bearing movements to teach safe transmission of force through the bones without stressing the joints. Instructor is Aviva Bernstein. Tuesdays, April 7 through June 23, 1-2 p.m. \$55 members/\$65 non-members. Avenidas, 450 Bryant St., Palo Alto. Call 650-289-5436. avenidas.org

LIVE MUSIC

Agapi Mou at Flex-it Dance Studios Agapi Mou will be playing two sets of Greek, Armenian, Albanian, Turkish and Roma music. Band Members are Aya and Alan Davidson,

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The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be meeting with residents in the Central Neighborhoods area on April 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below).

Residents are encouraged to participate in a forum to discuss:

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CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOODS AREA

CALENDAR

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Greg Jenkins, Daniel Eshoo and Michael Garibaldi. Sun., April 10, 8-11 p.m. \$8 (tips for the band are welcome, too). Stanford International Dancers, 425 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-965-3374.

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ON STAGE

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**RELIGION/
SPIRITUALITY**

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings every Tuesday, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Wordplay Mystery Writing Workshop Featuring **Cara Black** Author of nine books in the Aimee Leduc series (including Murder in the Latin Quarter) Cara Black will lead a mystery-writing workshop for this month's session of Wordplay at Books Inc. in Mountain View. April 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$60 / \$70. Books Inc. in Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. http://www.booksinc.net

TALKS/AUTHORS

Intel: Integrating Social Media into Existing Marketing Campaigns Building community with social media: Michael will give examples of how Intel leverages social media to build community and create brand advocacy. Tue., April 14, 7-9 p.m. \$20 online, \$30 at the door. Samovar Conference Hall, 1077 Independence Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-941-8464. http://www.meetup.com/CIO-IT-Executives/calendar/10080547/

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Bruce Karney, green energy community activist and solar photovoltaic marketing and finance expert, discusses his experience as chair of Mountain View's Environmental Sustainability Task Force. The talk, titled "Saving the Planet One City at a Time," will be held on Tue., April 14th, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$11, \$12 for

non-members. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEENS

Open Mic Night Open mic night for teens. Bring student id. Sat., April 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410.

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Selection Criteria and Procedures

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Committee Composition and Representation
The Board shall have sole discretion to select and appoint Committee members. The Board will seek to appoint at least seven members and not more than nine. The Committee members should be representative of the voters of the District and should reflect the diversity of the Mountain View Whisman School District community. Relevant financial management experience and/or school district experience should be considered in evaluating prospective committee members.

Application and Appointment

- Community members may seek appointment to the Measure C Parcel Tax Committee by submitting an application to the District's Chief Financial Officer.
- The Chief Financial Officer shall review the applications and make recommendations to the Board based upon the criteria set forth in this document.
- The Board shall be responsible for a final review of the applications and shall make the selection and appointment of Committee members.


Eligibility

- Committee members must be eligible to vote in the Mountain View Whisman School District.
- No employee, official, vendor, contractor, or consultant of the District shall be appointed to the Committee.

Term of Service

- Committee members serve without compensation for a term of two (2) years. Terms shall begin on January 1, 2009, and at two-year intervals thereafter.
- Committee members and former Committee members who wish to be reappointed for each additional term shall reapply to the Board for consideration.
- Committee members shall be seated by appointment.

If you are interested in filling one of the vacancies, an application is available on the Mountain View Whisman School District website at www.mvwsd.org (Follow the links for "District Info" and "Parcel Tax.") or you may request an application from Craig A. Goldman, Chief Financial Officer, Mountain View Whisman School District, 650-526-3548. Applications are due to the District Office by Wednesday, April 22, 2009.



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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 11, 2009.
(Voice March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2009)

RISING CRAFT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 521055
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Rising Craft, 785 Reseda Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
DEEPAK RATNA SHAKYA
785 Reseda Dr.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 9, 2009.
(Voice March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2009)

SILICON VALLEY BALLERZ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 521371
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Silicon Valley Ballerz, 707 Continental Circle, # 1131, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:
ARTHUR WASHINGTON
707 Continental Circle, # 1131
Mountain View, CA 94040
STACY WASHINGTON
707 Continental Circle, # 1131
Mountain View, CA 94040

This business is owned by an unincorporated association other than a partnership.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 01/08/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 16, 2009.
(Voice March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2009)

TRUCK DOG GLASS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 521262
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Truck Dog Glass, 315 View St. # A, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
DEAN BENSEN
315 View St. #A
Mountain View, CA 94041
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on January 15, 2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 12, 2009.
(Voice April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009)

MSKITTY'S BOX
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 520877
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Mskitty's Box, 1308 Oxbow Court, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County:
MARIE KATHERINE VELEZ THROWER
1308 Oxbow Ct.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 2-20-09.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 4, 2009.
(Voice April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2009)

GOOD TO GO WARE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 522060
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Good To Go Ware, 645 Sylvan Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County:
KENNETH JACOBUS
645 Sylvan Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94041
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 30, 2009.
(Voice April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2009)

THE MARIANOS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 522204
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, The Marianos, 1788 Hackett Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County:
RUSSELL-LEE ABAD MARIANO
1788 Hackett Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043
MARIE GWENDOLYN ABAD MARIANO
1788 Hackett Avenue
Mountain View, CA 94043
This business is owned by a General Partnership.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 1, 2009.
(Voice April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2009)

PROLOGUE VISION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 522264
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as, Prologue Vision, 3386 Brower Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County:

ALEXANDRA T.C. PENG CHARTON
3386 Brower Ave.
Mtn. View, CA 94040
This business is owned by an individual.
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 2, 2009.
(Voice April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2009)

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(Voice March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2009)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
TOSHIKO K. HURLEY
Case No. 1-09-PR-164704
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TOSHIKO K. HURLEY. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by: ALAN HIROSHI HURLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ALAN HIROSHI HURLEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on APRIL 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 15 of the Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in section 9100 of the California Probate Code. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Linda M. Gonsalves,
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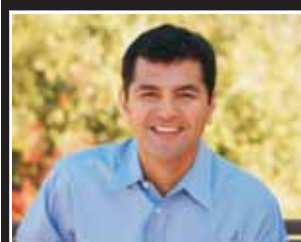
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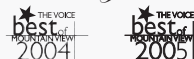
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