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Isaac Herrera turned his life around by taking a swing at a cop — in a boxing ring.

The penitent pugilist

LOCAL YOUTH TURNS HIS LIFE AROUND IN THE BOXING RING

By Nick Veronin

Isaac Herrera used to be a trouble-maker. The 18-year-old Mountain View native ran with a rough crowd, was mixed up with drugs and violence, and had flunked out

of Los Altos High School. But then he decided to turn his life around.

So, he took a swing at a cop. It may seem like an illogical first step for someone trying to get back on track, but it makes perfect sense to Ron Cooper, a

school resource officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

Cooper is the founder and leader of the Mountain View Police Activities League's box-

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Schwarzenegger vetoes rail 'accountability' stick

By Gennady Sheyner

With a stroke of his line-veto pen, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Monday killed a budget provision that would have forced the California High-Speed Rail Authority to improve its business plan and strengthen its outreach efforts by Feb. 1 or have about a quarter of its annual budget withheld.

Schwarzenegger's veto deals a blow to efforts by Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, and other state legislators to hold the rail authority accountable after a sequence of audits revealed a myriad of flaws in the agency's revenue and ridership plans.

"While the Administration supports these reporting requirements, making the (budget) appropriation contingent upon

receipt and approval of this report by the Legislature could result in project delays, jeopardize the Authority's ability to meet already tight federal deadlines and result in increased state costs," Schwarzenegger wrote in his veto message.

The "penalty" provision for missing the Feb. 1 deadline

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Google deals a no-go if Jabbari wins council seat?

By Daniel DeBolt

The election of a Google employee to the City Council could mean no new lucrative deals between the internet giant and the city for his first two years in office, thanks to a state law designed to prevent conflicts of interest.

Google employee and council candidate Aaron Jabbari told the *Voice* Thursday that he would have to consider resigning from either Google or the City Council if a contract were proposed between Google and the city for just about anything, including an office building development or city land lease. Agreements with Google bring in \$5.3 million in land

years on the council, Jabbari said.

There's a long list of caveats, however, and non-management Google employees on Google's payroll more than three years are among those mostly unaffected by the law. The law calls them "remotely interested" rather than "financially interested." A "remotely interested" council member would not block contracts with Google.

Jabbari would be "remotely interested" if he had worked at Google for more than three years, but the 21-year-old has only worked at Google for a year. The three-year law was apparently designed to keep companies from hiring politicians to do their bidding on City Councils.

"The spirit of the law is basically to prevent a company from stacking the council in their favor," Jabbari said. But Jabbari thinks that any "reasonable observer" would see that he isn't trying to represent only Google's interests.

Similar story in Palo Alto

Similar problems occurred in Palo Alto when Stanford University vice provost LaDoris Hazard Cordell was elected to the Palo Alto City Council in 2003. The Palo Alto city manager's office reported that a change in the law would be required in order to continue working with Stanford on agreements such as fire services, transportation services or even sharing the costs of a new stoplight.

"The Attorney General has

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That would leave me with the choice of resigning from the council or my job.'

AARON JABBARI, COUNCIL CANDIDATE

lease revenue for the city's general fund as Google's headquarters sits on city property. The city's finance director, Patty Kong, said another \$11.85 million is received in property taxes from Google.

The city would be blocked from approving several new office buildings that Google has proposed but put on hold in recent years, whether Jabbari abstained from the decision or not, under California state code section 1090. It prohibits the City Council from making "contracts" with the employers of council members under certain circumstances. The law is designed to make sure council members are acting in the public's benefit rather than their own.

"That would leave me with the choice of resigning from the council or my job," if a contract between Google and the city was proposed within his first two

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Asked in Downtown Mountain View. Pictures and interviews by Nick Veronin.

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"I don't think I'd vote for that. Why shouldn't they get paid if they are working toward something?"

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"Yes. I think it would bring down the time it takes for them to pass a budget."

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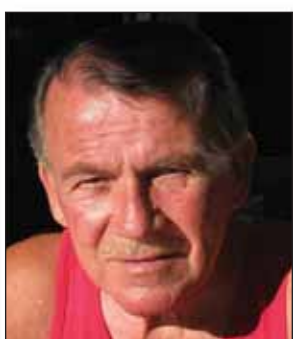
"Yes. It seems reasonable assuming they are given an appropriate period of time to pass the budget in the first place."

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"That sounds good. Why should they be getting paid when they're not doing their jobs?"

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I have served the city in various roles, including chair of the Environmental Planning Commission, and on the council, as Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. I am currently serving as Vice-Mayor. All of this has prepared me well for the important job of recognizing and balancing the needs and interests of all people in Mountain View.

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DOUSING THE FLAMES

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City Hall rally for gay teens

SPEAKERS POINT TO BULLYING, RECENT SUICIDES

By Nick Veronin

A group of more than 70 gathered outside City Hall Oct. 8 to share personal experiences about issues of gender and sexuality, and discuss the recent suicide of a gay 18-year-old Rutgers University freshman.

The Tyler Clementi case — one of several recently publicized gay teen suicides — has received a great deal of media attention and is causing many across the country to focus on the impact of bullying gay teens in schools. The rally at City Hall, which culminated in a candlelight

“I’ve been bullied.

“I’ve been beaten. I’ve been called names.

And I got over it.”

PAMELA REED

High school test scores off slightly

MVLA STUDENTS STILL OUTPERFORM STATE, NATIONAL AVERAGES FOR SAT AND ACT

By Nick Veronin

Local high school students averaged higher SAT and ACT scores than their peers throughout the state and nation this year, and more students took both tests district-wide, officials said. However, district scores fell overall from last year, as did the

number of Mountain View High School students taking the ACT.

“It doesn’t necessarily set a trend,” said Brigitte Sarraf, associate superintendent of educational services for the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District. She noted that so far this is a one-time drop in scores. “I hope that it is not a trend.”

Sarraf said it is too early to say

definitively why her district’s scores fell on the two voluntary standardized college admissions tests, but added that she and other district officials will be investigating.

Scores fell for both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools in the areas of writing and mathematics on the Scholastic Aptitude Test or SAT. Mountain View did show a one-point improvement in the

SAT section on critical reading; Los Altos’ students’ scores dropped in this category, however.

Similarly, for the ACT (American College Testing), scores fell nearly across the board for both schools. However, in the science category, Mountain View ACT scores did not

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Economists slam HSR business plan

By Gennady Sheyner

Peninsula critics of California’s proposed high-speed rail system released a new report Monday night challenging the economics behind the controversial, voter-approved project and accusing the agency charged with building the rail system of deceiving the public.

The 100-page report, titled “The

Financial Risks of California’s Proposed High-Speed Rail, was written by economist Alain Enthoven, former World Bank analyst William Grindley and financial consultant William Warren. The authors argue that the California High-Speed Rail Authority has made “implausible” claims about the costs and ridership projections of the high-speed rail line, which the authority hopes to build by 2020.

The heavily referenced report cites a slew of other recent studies criticizing various aspects of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line, including reports from the Legislative Analyst’s Office, State Auditor Elaine Howle, and the Institute for Transportation Study at University of California Berkeley. It also surveys other existing high-speed rail systems around the world and concludes that under the current plans,

California’s system would not be economically self-sustainable.

Proposition 1A, which voters approved in 2008, allots \$9 billion for the 800-mile project but prohibits public subsidies for rail system’s operation.

The authors argue that the rail authority’s plans to fund the system through a combination of fed-

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vigil, was meant to assure local gay teens that they should not feel like outcasts, event organizers said.

Pamela Reed, a transsexual woman who read her poem, “Different,” at the event, said she has first-hand experience of just how difficult it can be to be a young person who does not fit neatly into a typical heterosexual mold. Reed said that she had considered suicide as a youth, but now that she is older, she feels comfortable in her skin.

“I’ve been bullied,” Reed said. “I’ve been beaten. I’ve been called names. And I got over it. I wanted to let people know that it gets better.”

The Mountain View event, called Community Vigil and Speakout for LGBTQ Youth and Allies, was organized by the Santa Clara County chapter of Marriage Equality USA, a gay rights organization.

Ray Hixson, co-chair of the local Marriage Equality USA chapter, said that he feels the recent suicides of teens like Clementi are “extremely sad and extremely unnecessary.”

Hixson, a gay man, grew up in

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Bandit gets little in liquor store robbery

A man wearing a mask and wielding a handgun attempted to steal cash from a Mountain View liquor store Friday, but settled for a portable hard drive and empty laptop case instead, police said.

The clerk at Clyde's Liquors and Wine, at 239 W. El Camino Real, was returning a broom to the maintenance closet at around 7 p.m. when he saw the robber enter the store, according to Mountain View police spokeswoman, Liz Wylie. The clerk then locked himself in the closet until he no longer heard the gunman rustling around.

Police received a call at about 7:50 p.m.

Tapes obtained from securi-

ty cameras showed the gunman attempting to open the locked cash drawer as well as some other drawers, Wylie said. When he was unable to do so, he snatched the hard drive out of a cabinet, grabbed the empty laptop case and fled.

The hard drive and laptop case are estimated to be worth about \$140 together.

A witness who was riding by on a bicycle saw the robber jump over a fence on the south side of the liquor store, Wylie said. The suspect is about 6 feet tall and was wearing dark pants, a dark hooded sweat-shirt and some kind of mask.

Nick Veronin

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change from last year.

This year, in the SAT, students from Mountain View High School averaged 584 in critical reading, 587 in writing and 610 in math. Mountain View's 2009 average scores were 583 in critical reading, 589 in writing and 619 in math.

At Los Altos this year, students posted an average SAT score of 574 in critical reading, 591 in writing and 602 in math. Last year those averages were 587, 598 and 620, respectively.

As for the ACT, Mountain View students scored, on average, 25.7 in English, 27 in math, 25.7 in reading and social science, and 24.7 in science. That's compared with 2009's respective averages of 26.8, 28, 26.8 and 24.7.

Los Altos' ACT scores dropped to 25.3 in English, 26 in math, 24.9 in reading and social studies, and 24.5 in science from 26.3, 27, 26 and 25.1 in each respective category.

Both the SAT and the ACT are standardized college admissions tests, Sarraf said. It used to be that taking one or another was merely

a matter of geography. Students in coastal states usually took the SAT while those in the middle of the country took the ACT. However, she said, now all colleges accept both. As such, many high school students choose to take both and submit the highest of the two scores.

Since 1993, students in the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District have performed better than state and national averages on the SAT — which serves as a yardstick for colleges to evaluate student aptitude across the country when considering applicants. Prior to 2006, the district didn't report its ACT scores, because so few students took the exam. Since then, however, students in the district have scored better than national and state averages in the exam.

Sarraf was happy to see that even as the scores fell, both schools still scored higher than the state and national standards in all test categories.

"The fact that our scores are still significantly higher than state and national scores is certainly comforting," she said. "But we would prefer to see a rise in our own scores, as well." ■

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eral grants, private investment and local contributions (along with the \$9 billion voters approved for the system in November 2008) are more hopeful than realistic. They claim the authority has not yet received any private-investment proposals.

"To not have secured one private lender's commitment in a state that houses the world's largest and most successful risk capital companies speaks volumes," the report states.

The report's three authors write that they "do not oppose high-speed rail in concept," but chal-

lenge the assumptions in California's current plan.

"The 2008 Prop 1A promise that captured many voters was that the CHSR would not cost the taxpayers a penny," the report states. "After months of work on this report, we were forced to conclude that the Authority's promise seemed an impossible goal."

The report recommends that state officials demand a "credible financial plan"; establish an independent peer review panel to review the finances; bring in a rail builder and operator "to advise the Legislature on the financial realities of building and operating a system"; and cut off funding for the system. ■



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After some prodding, Siegel discloses stocks

By Daniel DeBolt

In his bid for re-election, council member Jac Siegel recently amended his financial disclosure forms a week after they were due to include the stock investments in his retirement account, something he previously thought was not required.

"I'm going to disclose everything," whether it is required or not, Siegel said Monday.

The Fair Political Practices Commission requires that candidates report their financial interests to help the public and public officials determine where there may be conflicts of interest. Siegel was spurred by city hall gadfly Don Letcher, who called local newspapers and even filed an incident report with police over the issue.

Siegel apparently misunderstood the instructions for FPPC form 700 to say that only "common stocks" had to be reported, which he said he doesn't own. A closer look at the paragraph Siegel found confusing shows that common stocks are described as just one example of the types of investments that need to be disclosed. In a 16-page "reference pamphlet" explaining form 700 found on its website, the FPPC stipulates that a council candidate should "report investment funds in which the value of your interest is \$2,000 or more." Registered, diversified mutual funds are exempt, however.

After the complaint, Siegel said that the FPPC could not tell him right away whether his stocks needed to be disclosed because of what he called a "gray area" in the law. He said that he was disclosing everything rather than waiting for the FPPC to clarify what he needed to disclose.

It turns out that Siegel has three stocks worth between \$10,000 and \$100,000, including two kinds of stock in Wells Fargo and stock in the German financial giant Allianz. He also owns stock worth between \$2,000 and \$10,000 in SATURNS DKE, which he calls a "structured asset corporation" on the form.

Candidates face up to a \$5,000 fine for each disclosure violation from the FPPC.

Siegel also disclosed between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in rental income from a home that he owns in Mountain View, which has the address blacked out on the form. Other property he said he owns in Santa Cruz County did not have to be disclosed. ▀

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Tennessee, where he was consistently told by adults, children and religious figures that being gay was wrong.

"(Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) youth are unnecessarily shamed for who they are," Hixson said.

"We wanted to provide them a forum to recognize that and we wanted to stand up with them."

The event began when Amy Morgenstern, a minister with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, addressed the crowd standing at the corner of Castro and Mercy streets.

"We accept you," Morgenstern, a bisexual woman, told the crowd. "We love you. We celebrate you the way that you are."

Morgenstern said she felt it was important for her, as a minister, to dispel the notion that all religions reject non-heterosex-

ual relationships. She said she wanted to let the crowd know that her church openly accepts gays, lesbians, bisexuals, queers and questioning individuals to be open about their sexuality. Other churches in the area do as well, she said.

Mayor Ronit Bryant was also in attendance.

Clementi, who the *Washington Post* identified as only one recent

example "in a spate of teen suicides linked to anti-gay harassment," took his own life after a college roommate broadcast a video, over the Internet, of a romantic

encounter between him and another man.

Eugene Seman of Mountain View, who stopped by the event for about 20 minutes, said that he was concerned for the souls of the gays and lesbians at the event. "They will all go to hell unless they repent," Seman said.

Morgenstern did not share that view. "Morality has nothing to do with gender," she told the crowd. ▀

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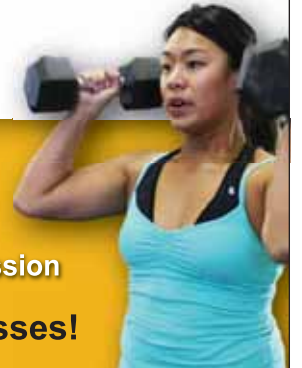
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Three sentenced in gang-related stabbing

By Nick Veronin

Three members of a Norteño gang from Mountain View have been sentenced in last year's stabbing death of Mario Aguilar, an 18-year-old San Jose man, according to officials from the district attorney's office. Three others members of the same gang are scheduled to be sentenced next month in connection with the incident.

Jose Rodriguez, Timothy Segovia and Alberto Villarreal were sentenced Friday, Oct. 8, at the Hall of Justice in San Jose for their roles in the July 12, 2009, stabbing, according to Amy Cornell, public infor-

mation officer for the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

All three plead no contest to the charge of assault with intent to cause great bodily harm with a gang enhancement that adds to the sentence. Villarreal will serve four years, Rodriguez will serve seven years and Timothy Segovia was sentenced to seven years and eight months.

The other gang members, John Macais, Luis Orozco and Charlotte Rapuet are scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 5, Cornell said.

Orozco is expected to be sentenced to 23 years and eight months for voluntary manslaughter, use

of a deadly weapon and a gang enhancement, according to Cornell. Macais is expected to receive a sentence of 18 years and eight months for voluntary manslaughter with a gang enhancement, and assault with a deadly weapon with a gang enhancement.

Rapuet is expected to be sentenced to one year of prison for accessory to a felony with a gang enhancement and a probation violation, Cornell said.

The stabbing occurred in the midst of a fight, which took place after a 16-year-old girl's birthday party in Sunnyvale on the 900 block of Bluebell Way, Cornell said. ■

Newborn is a perfect 10 at El Camino

Amit Nisenbaum and his wife Lilach, have a knack for having their babies on significant days.

Their son, Omer, was born just before Amit's birthday — "he was a gift," the father explains — and their first daughter, Adee, was born on Thanksgiving.

"Now the third one is a perfect 10!" Amit exclaimed. His second daughter, Osrri, was born at El Camino Hospital in Mountain

View on Oct. 10 at exactly 10 p.m. — 10-10-10 at 10 p.m.

The father said he is not very superstitious, but laughed as he pointed out that it will be quite difficult to forget Osrri's birthday.

"It will be a nice date to remember and it's a nice way to start your journey on earth," he said.

Nisenbaum said that he was cognizant of the special date as he

held his wife's hand in the delivery room, but was unaware of the clock. Only as Osrri took her first breaths did a nurse point out the time. Nisenbaum snapped a picture of the monitor near his wife's bed.

The couple live with their children in Los Altos.

"We're really excited," Nisenbaum said.

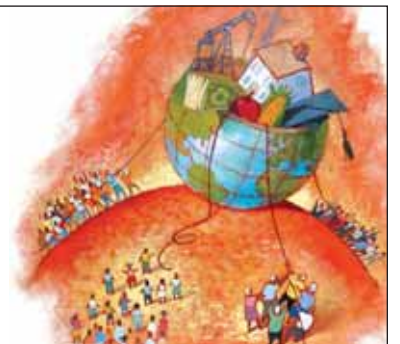
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Ron Cooper, left, helps Isaac Herrera put on his gloves. Cooper, a school resource officer, is the founder of the Mountain View Police Activities League's boxing program.

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BOXING

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ing program. For the past two-and-a-half years, Cooper has been spending three afternoons each week in the ring, teaching young men and women from Mountain View how to jab, slug, bob, weave and fight their way out of a corner.

On the ropes

"You're on the ropes! You're on the ropes! What are you supposed to do?" Cooper cries, as seven sets of eyes look on from the floor into the boxing ring. Cooper's sparring partner, a youth about Herrera's age, shuffles his feet, strafes around the officer and fires a quick under-cut jab.

Cooper wears a heavy torso protector and two concave gloves designed to absorb the young man's blows. "Yeah!" he exclaims. "That's how you do it!"

Herrera knows what it feels like to be on the ropes — literally and figuratively.

He got involved with gangs at a young age — roaming the streets of Mountain View with his friends, attracting negative attention from the police with his wanton behavior.

"As a teenager you sometimes feel like you're on your own, like there is nobody there for you," Herrera says. "I think that was the main reason I got into it — for that sense of belonging."

When Herrera was in eighth grade he landed on Cooper's watch list.

"He was always very respectful," Cooper says, recalling his first impression of Herrera. "But he was kind of dabbling in the wrong stuff."

Cooper would check in with Herrera periodically and, slowly but surely, the youth began to improve in school. But then, in the 10th grade, Herrera decided to distance himself from Cooper, after the officer picked up the youth for trespass-

ing. Herrera says he felt betrayed; at the time, he thought Cooper should have let him slide.

His grades took a nosedive and by the end of his sophomore year he had been bounced from Los Altos High School to Alta Vista, the district continuation school.

But Cooper never gave up on Herrera, and in 2009 he convinced the youth to come to the boxing program.

Around the time Cooper invited him to the gym, Herrera says he was beginning to notice that his actions were negatively impacting his life and the lives of those around him. At times, Herrera says, his mother would cry because of things he had done. "I finally realized I was wrong."

He apologized to Cooper, began attending the officer's gym regularly and put his nose to the grindstone academically.

"I basically worked my butt off my last semester at Alta Vista," says Herrera, who had the credits of a sophomore coming into his junior year. He managed to make up that lost ground, re-entered Los Altos High School as a senior and graduated with the rest of his class of 2009.

Back into the ring

According to Cooper, pugilism is a great way to get kids back on track. "It's hard work — 90 percent of boxing is cardio. A lot of kids don't realize that," he says.

The sport's physically demanding nature requires discipline, inside and outside of the ring, Cooper says.

"To be a boxer you have to have a healthy body and a healthy mind," Herrera says.

It is also safer than other more common high school sports, according to Cooper.

"No one is getting hit like you get hit in football," he says.

In his two and a half years running the program, Cooper says, he has only seen a handful of bloody noses — including his own — and no concussions or knockouts. "It's

OK to get hit as long as you roll with that punch."

For his part, Isaac seems to be rolling with the punches just fine. Since graduating from Los Altos, he has enrolled in Foothill College, where he is studying sociology, philosophy and criminal justice. He is considering a career in law enforcement.

According to Cooper, Herrera has taken boxing's most important lesson to heart:

"You get knocked down, you get back up." ▀

SECTION 1090

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expressed the opinion that development agreements are among the 'contracts' covered by section 1090," said the Palo Alto city manager's office in the report. "This means that, while negotiations on such development agreements may continue until Ms. Cordell takes office, they would need to cease at that time."

And it's not just new contracts that would halt.

"Renegotiation, extension, or modification of an existing contract qualifies as 'making' that contract anew," the report said.

City attorney mum on the issue

City Attorney Jannie Quinn did not want to weigh in on Jabbari's situation, saying it would be inappropriate for her to "insert herself in an election." Jabbari said Quinn told him to seek his own legal advice.

But in a memo to council candidates Quinn notes that "the city's ability to enter into a contract can be severely restricted" under section 1090. "Except for a few limited circumstances, the city is prohibited from entering into a contract with any such entity if a council

member is financially interested in the contract, even if that Council member does not participate in the decision to enter the contract."

Waylonis not affected

As a Google employee for over three years council candidate Dan Waylonis does not have the same problem Jabbari has and would apparently not block the city from entering into contracts with Google. He appears to pass all of the tests in section 1090 to qualify as "remotely interested," and claims that City Attorney Jannie Quinn basically told him as much. And that is despite the fact that he owns between \$100,000 and \$1 million in Google stock options, which he says do not pay him dividends. His stock earnings must be more than 5 percent of his annual income or more than 3 percent of Google's stock to make him "financially interested."

Waylonis also reports that he makes more than \$100,000 a year at Google. Jabbari makes less than \$100,000.

Council member and lawyer Mike Kasperzak said he was aware of the section 1090 issue, but said he was glad Jabbari was running anyway.

"It inspires other young people to think being 21 means I can get involved in this stuff," he said. "I'm glad he's running." ▀



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would have been \$55.32 million.

The provision, which was inserted into the budget by the Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 on Resources, Environmental Protection, Energy and Transportation, gave the authority until Feb. 1 to update its business plan and provide an analysis demonstrating that the rail project would not require a public subsidy for operations.

The subcommittee, chaired by Simitian, also called for the authority to respond to a long list of management deficiencies uncovered by the Office of State Auditor. The auditor's office found that the authority's program manager, the firm Parsons Brinckerhoff, filed monthly reports filled with errors. The office reviewed 22 invoices and identified problems in 20.

In May, after hearing a presentation on the report from State Auditor Elaine Howle, members of Simitian's subcommittee said they were deeply concerned about the authority's mismanagement.

Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, said he found the litany of poor management practices identified by the auditor "astounding." The authority "doesn't have at this point a coherent program," he said.

"Anybody who has read this audit report cannot help but be disheartened by the authority's mismanagement, or at least some folks' mismanagement of scarce public resources," Lowenthal said.

The auditor's report is one of several recent studies exposing flaws in the rail project. The state Legislative Analyst's Office found major flaws in authority's business plan. One analysis said the plan "superficially addresses many of the most significant risks of the project."

The Institute for Transportation Studies at University of California, Berkeley, reviewed the authority's ridership projections and found them "unreliable."

This week, three financial experts from the Peninsula released an analysis of the authority's financial data and concluded that the authority's "financial promises can't be kept." Dozens of Silicon Valley CEOs and economists reviewed and endorsed the report and its conclusion.

Simitian, whose Midpeninsula constituency includes some of the most vocal critics of the voter-approved project, called Schwarzenegger's veto of the

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accountability measures “regrettable.”

On Saturday, Oct. 2, Simitian hosted a Town Hall meeting in Palo Alto, where he lauded the budget provisions as an important step to holding the authority accountable. He alluded to the Feb. 1 deadline, and said “the clock is ticking” on the authority to get its house in order.

Simitian has persistently said he supports the rail project, but only “if it’s done right.” The authority, he told the Palo Alto crowd Saturday, has yet to make a successful transition from a small advocacy group to the builder of a mega-project currently estimated at \$42.6 billion.

He said the agency has been doing “just barely enough” to retain legislative support and pointed to a series of critical audits as indications that the authority “has come up short in terms of its work to date.”

The state Legislature as a whole approved the subcommittee’s accountability provisions for high-speed rail before Schwarzenegger vetoed the section of the budget outlining these measures. Schwarzenegger said while he supports the reporting requirements he opposes tying them to funding because that could cause possible delays in the overall project.

Jeff Barker, deputy director for the rail authority, told the Palo Alto Weekly, the *Voice’s* sister paper, that even with the veto, the authority remains “committed to reporting to the Legislature and to the public about the progress of our state’s high-speed rail project.” He said meeting the deadlines would have been impossible given how long it took lawmakers to pass the state budget. Without a budget, the authority didn’t have the resources to comply with the legislators’ mandate, he said in an e-mail.

“We had already alerted the Legislature that because of the historically late budget and therefore our inability to hire any additional risk management, oversight, and financial staff as outlined in the budget, it would be impossible to meet the reporting deadlines that were originally outlined in the budget,” Barker said.

But Simitian said the governor’s veto will make it even more difficult for the agency to restore its credibility with the public.

“The High-Speed Rail Authority desperately needs to rebuild its credibility and public support,” Simitian said. “A failure to require accountability measures only makes that task more difficult.”

Caltrain to cut service, hike fares

In an ongoing effort to close a \$2.3 million budget gap, the Caltrain Board of Directors approved fare increases and service reductions last week.

Caltrain, which serves an estimated 38,000 people every weekday, is working to close the budget gap with the elimination of certain routes and increases in fares and pass prices effective Jan. 1, spokeswoman Christine Dunn said.

Caltrain also intends to start a trial of express weekend service program next year, she said.

All of the changes were discussed at length with community members and Caltrain riders during three community meetings in August and one public hearing in September, Ms. Dunn said. About 1,700 comments were submitted at the meetings or via e-mail, mail, or telephone input, she said.

“Most people were in favor of increasing the fare and keeping as much service as possible,” Dunn said.

Starting on Jan. 1, it will cost an additional 25 cents per zone to ride Caltrain. The price of fares for travel within the same zone will remain the same. The fare increase is expected to bring in an additional \$1.4 million in annual revenue, she said.

The last Caltrain fare increase was in January 2009, when the prices of all tickets and passes were increased by a flat 25 cents, Ms. Dunn said. This increase is larger because the fare increase goes up with each additional zone on the commute.

Caltrain officials expect to save about \$160,000 from the elimination of four trains between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on weekdays, she said. The northbound 237 and 257 trains and southbound 236 and 256 lines will not run during those midday hours beginning Jan. 1.

An additional \$600,000 in savings is expected from the elimination of ticket offices at the San Francisco and San Jose Diridon stations starting Oct. 11, she said. That change leaves just ticket vending machines to serve Caltrain riders paying their fares at those stations.

Amtrak will reassign the seven employees that were filling those ticket offices, she said.

Also beginning Jan. 1, Caltrain will launch a three-month pilot project that will test the success of express weekend service that commuters have requested, she said. The schedule, which has yet to be determined, will be designed around rider demand, she added. Currently, weekend trains stop at every station.

The pilot project will cost Caltrain about \$107,000, Ms. Dunn said. That money will come from savings generated by fuel prices being lower than what Caltrain had budgeted for, she said.

The board also voted to increase the on-board bicycle capacity of many trains. The vote would assure that all trains have two bike cars, which would add one 40-bike gallery car to the trains that currently only have one, she said.

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'Superior Donuts' a sweet treat

NEW THEATREWORKS PRODUCTION PROVES A WELCOME CONFECTION

By Chad Jones

If Tracy Letts' "Superior Donuts" were actually a superior donut, it would be a chocolate-dipped old-fashioned — sweet, hearty and satisfying.

Best known as the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "August: Osage County," an eviscerating look at the American family at its dysfunctional worst, Letts has a reputation for dragging his characters through darkness and horror in the name of drama. Look no further than the trailer-trash violence of "Killer Joe" or the psycho-terrors of "Bug" for evidence of that.

With "Superior Donuts," Letts lets in a little light.

The TheatreWorks production, now at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, gives ample proof that when Letts wants to be funny or even conventional, he can do it with gritty, grin-inspiring dialogue that cuts through most of the sloppy sentiment.

Director Leslie Martinson is also TheatreWorks' casting director, so her advantage is the ability to hire some superior Bay Area actors and let them do their respective things under her guiding hand.

Howard Swain (a Letts veteran from Marin Theatre Company's hit production of "Killer Joe") plays Arthur Przybyszewski, son of Polish immigrants and proprietor of the family's crumbling donut shop in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood (the realistic set is by Tom Langguth and beautifully lit by Steven B. Mannshardt).

Alone in the world for various reasons, Arthur is a draft-dodging hippie now pushing 60. He's as decrepit as his shop, but behind the gray scruff and greasy ponytail is an incredibly bright, compassionate man who isn't quite done with the world, even as he tries to convince himself the world is done with him.

Arthur is so disconnected it takes him a while to even notice that vandals have trashed his donut shop and that two of his donut-loving police buddies are there to investigate. If Arthur can't bother to see the vulgarity spray-painted on his wall, there's absolutely no way he'll notice that the lady cop, Randy (Julia Brothers), harbors a giant crush on him.

Letts is playing with a sitcom format here, one that has fueled many a sappy "opposites clash and then change each other for the better" script, be it on film, TV or the stage. The opposite in this case is Franco Wicks (Lance Gardner), a 21-year-old "self-starter," as he describes himself when he bursts into the donut shop to apply for a job.



TRACY MARTIN

Franco, played by Lance Gardner, and **Arthur**, played by Howard Swain, star in TheatreWorks production of "Superior Donuts" at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

Before Arthur knows what's really going on, the kid has basically hired himself, and within a very short order, Franco is planning to spruce up the shop (and Arthur himself) for poetry readings. He might even make the donut relevant again.

Franco is a spirited young African-American and Arthur is a dispirited old white guy. They dispense with the issue of race when Franco asks Arthur if he's a racist. After a rambling answer that ends with, "I hope not," Arthur adds, "I hired you, didn't I?"

"Oh, scoot over, Mr. Lincoln," Franco retorts. "Make room on the penny."

But race isn't really the issue here. It's much more about hope — or the lack of it.

Franco, who has written the Great American Novel, is full of it. Arthur is devoid of it. What Arthur sees as fantasies, Franco sees as possibilities.

And because this is a conventional play — well written, perfectly performed, immaculately produced but conventional all the same — we will get to a happy ending. Bad things will happen — the worst is an offstage act of violence that made the opening-night audience gasp. And there will be onstage violence in the form of a fight between two men — Swain and Gabriel Marin as a money-grubbing goon — who have no business fighting but give their all with an assist from fight director Jonathan Rider's believable choreography.

Letts is not commenting on the conventionally well-made play or being ironic about it. He's simply making it work at a higher level than usual. If he set out to make a play that would make people feel good without making them feel guilty, he has succeeded mightily. Swain and Gardner execute their cross-generation friendship beautifully, and we come to care tremendously for both Arthur and

Franco and cheer for them both to come through their difficulties without losing the hope they've come to share.

The supporting cast is full of Bay Area greats including Joan Mankin as the crazy, drunk homeless lady who dispenses wisdom (did we mention this was conventional?). Brothers as the crushing cop is irresistibly sweet, especially when she's razzing her partner (Michael J. Asberry) for dressing up like a Klingon and going to "Star Trek" conventions.

Soren Oliver gets many of the evening's biggest laughs as Max, the Russian owner of a neighboring DVD store. Max has a big mouth and, it turns out, a similarly sized heart.

The well-made drama that doesn't aim to change the world is in short supply. This kind of show used to be the stock in trade of American drama, but in recent years, we tend to get extremes along the lines of ultra-silly comedies and hyper-sad dramas. The middle ground is infrequently trod. Warren Leight's "Side Man" and David Auburn's "Proof" are two middle-grounders that come to mind.

Letts' "Superior Donuts" is a welcome addition to this territory. The play, in its entertaining way, makes a modest but convincing case for the existence of hope in a cynical world. And there's certainly nothing wrong with that. ▀

■ INFORMATION

What: "Superior Donuts," a Tracy Letts play presented by TheatreWorks

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Clockwise, from above: **Fire crews** hose down flames from a training plane; NASA Ames firefighters **Carlos Pineda** (front) and **Mike Brown** take off their gear; and **firefighters rescue** "passengers" on the plane.

Fiery spectacle trains firefighters

Santa Clara County fire departments and firefighters and first responders from the NASA Ames Research Center participated in dramatic training sessions at Moffett Federal Airfield last week.

Firefighters and first responders were invited by the research center to use equipment from their own departments to battle realistic fires simulating blazes caused by flammable liquid spills, wheel brakes,

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The training used a propane-fueled aircraft firefighting trainer supplied by Kellogg Community College of Battle Creek, Mich.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

Six vie for three City Council seats

By Daniel DeBolt

Three newcomers have decided to challenge three incumbents for their seats in the Nov. 2 election, hoping to change the city as a council member or to at least question the recent decisions of incumbents. The *Voice* sat down with all six candidates to ask about medical marijuana, the city's ongoing budget problems, housing affordability, high-speed rail and possibly sharing Google's property taxes with local schools, among other things. Here's a summary of the candidate's positions, in the order that they appear on the ballot.



DAN WAYLONIS

Waylonis, 44, is a 17 year resident and a newcomer to city politics who was spurred to run for council by the city's budget problems and frustration over the difficulty of accessing city budget data.

As a software engineer for Google, the world's most popular Internet search engine, one of his goals is to make sure that city documents

are "easily searched and indexed," he said in an e-mail at the start of his campaign. "I was shocked to discover that the 2011 budget was formatted in a manner that inhibited searching."

The incumbents are "very proud they didn't have to do anything dramatic" when they balanced the 2010 budget," Waylonis said. But with shrinking revenues and rising employee costs, "this is exactly the time to do something dramatic before it gets worse."

Noteworthy to Waylonis is that the city's public safety worker salaries have increased by 60 percent over 10 years while the consumer price index went up only 27 percent, he said.

Waylonis said he did not vote for the \$9 billion state bond measure for high-speed trains to run from San Diego to San Francisco, and he says it is "hard to see a big win" for the city from its construction, especially if it means a large station building downtown.

As a libertarian (backed with a \$500 donation from the California Libertarian Party), Waylonis believes in the free market and few-

er regulations, and he said medical marijuana dispensaries "should absolutely be allowed." Creating blanket regulations on where they should be located instead of examining each case is "wrong headed" and "arbitrary."

Despite his free market beliefs, Waylonis does not appear to be a proponent of major housing growth. He believes Google's younger employees probably don't want to live in



Dan Waylonis

Mountain View. And when asked where infill development should go, he envisions three- or four-story buildings scattered along El Camino Real. He said he was glad that the Mayfield housing development was reduced from 450 units to about 250 units.

Waylonis is a strong believer, however, that the city should stop subsidizing affordable housing through fees that inflate the price of new market rate homes, he said. Another strong belief he has is that the city has too many rental units in the city, which keeps the city's

property tax revenues low under Proposition 13.

RONIT BRYANT

Mayor Bryant is a longtime Mountain View resident who became involved in the community on school Parent-Teacher Association boards and on the city's parks and recreation commission. She is married to a Hewlett Packard executive and



Ronit Bryant

stopped working as a technical writer four years ago to focus on being a City Council member. She is proud to have fulfilled her campaign promises four years ago of updating the city's general plan and including more voices in the city's decisions.

Expressing pride in how the city cut its budget in a "collaborative fashion" this year, Bryant believes that the city is on track to financial recovery if the economy improves. If not, she believes that the city's unions "can do the math" and see that they need to make some con-

cessions. Outsourcing services such as the library or fire department would "impoverish us" through the loss of strong community ties to those services.

Bryant said she voted for the \$9 billion High Speed Rail bond, but with knowledge of the potential design details she is now highly concerned that it could "damage" the city. She opposes putting a station downtown.



Aaron Jabbari

As a cancer survivor who considered medical marijuana for herself, Bryant believes it should be available in pharmacies. As for allowing dispensaries in Mountain View, she is concerned with a potential increased "risk of violence" from having large sums of cash around. She also doesn't want to be the only city in the area that doesn't have a ban on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Bryant said she's ready to have a conversation about efforts to chan-

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Parcel tax to aid local community college district

By Nick Veronin

Officials of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District say Measure E, a parcel tax on the November ballot, will provide them with much needed revenues to provide educational services to local students seeking affordable higher education.

The parcel tax, if approved, would cost property owners in the college district up to \$69 per parcel annually for six years and raise about \$42 million total, according to Becky Bartindale, a spokeswoman for the district.

In order to pass, Measure E must receive two-thirds of the vote.

Both Foothill and De Anza colleges have seen more than \$20 million in cuts over the past

two years, Bartindale said, and courses, faculty and staff have all be cut as a result.

Bruce Swenson, president of the college district's board of trustees, is hopeful that the measure will get the votes as it will help the cash-strapped district serve more students at a time and in an economy when he says higher education is especially important.

"It will be of significant help to the district," Swenson said. "It will help maintain core academic classes in science, math and writing, and also continue job training for health care professionals, such as nurses and paramedics, and prepare students for transfer."

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District covers the cities of Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Cupertino and Sunnyvale. ■

Measure T broadens the city's phone tax

By Daniel DeBolt

On Nov. 2, the city's voters will decide whether to extend the city's phone tax to broadband phone calls as well as to international and interstate phone calls.

Mountain View's 40-year-old "telephone users tax," as it's called, currently brings in \$1.9 million a year to help fund core city services, such as fire, police and the library. But city officials say it has declined by \$50,000 over the last year as broadband phone service becomes more popular.

City officials say phone tax revenue is in jeopardy of further decreases if the tax is not updated to include broadband. It could also bring in several hundred thousand dollars in new revenue, a consultant told the council in May.

City officials say that Measure T will not raise the city's phone

tax rate of 3 percent. While the ballot statement only mentions including new phone technology, the tax would also be extended to interstate and international calls. That may have an almost undetectable effect on the average resident, who may be taxed an additional 2 cents for a typical 15-minute international phone call, the city reports. Cell phones users may see no increase on their bills because of the way their bills are taxed, city officials said.

Only businesses that heavily use broadband phone services may see a significant increase in their utility bill, which was shown to be hundreds of dollars a month in one case. But those who have their own broadband networks, such as Google, would not.

The city stresses that the tax "excludes Internet access, e-mail services and digital downloads."

A group of current and former council members and residents have been campaigning for Measure T, which needs approval from a simple majority of Mountain View residents to pass. The group reports \$5,000 in campaign contributions split by Regis Homes and Minton's Lumber, both business that have plans to build large housing projects in Mountain View.

A survey of local voters found 68 percent in favor of the measure and that most would rather have new revenue go to youth and teen programs than police and fire services. ■



Becker, Schmidt seek new water board seat

LONGTIME LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER VIE TO REPRESENT AREA

By Nick Veronin

This November, Mountain View residents, along with voters from five other Peninsula cities, will be asked to choose between two men running for the newly created District 7 seat of the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The two candidates are Lou Becker, a Los Altos City Council member, and Brian Schmidt, an environmental attorney. Bern Beecham, the former Palo Alto mayor, told the *Voice* in July that he planned to run but changed his mind before the filing deadline.

The new district, which comprises Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Monte Serrano and Los Gatos, was created after

the Valley Water board of directors approved a redistricting plan on May 14. This is the first time county residents will vote on the District 7 seat.

Previously, Mountain View was a part of District 5, which was represented by Patrick Kwok of Cupertino.

Mountain View receives 10 percent of its water from Valley Water, 87 percent from the Hetch Hetchy



Lou Becker
Age: 76
City: Los Altos

reservoir via the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and 3 percent from eight city-owned and operated ground-water wells.

The district is responsible for oversight, construction and maintenance of various water-related structures, facilities, trails and other projects in the county. In Mountain View, its board recently approved the Cuesta Annex and McKelvey Park flood basin projects, which



Brian Schmidt
Age: 43
City: Mountain View

will collect storm water in the event of a 100-year flood.

Board members are paid \$260 for attending district-related meetings, up to 10 meetings per month. These can be advisory meetings, public meetings with district constituents, briefings with the district's CEO and board of directors meetings, to name a few. Directors also may be reimbursed for any expenses they incur in the execution of their duties.

LOU BECKER

Lou Becker has lived on the Peninsula since 1962. He has a master's degree in civil engineering, and has worked his whole life as an engineer in one form or another, he said. He

founded the company TIW Systems, which went through many name changes and is now a part of General Dynamics.

Becker, whose council term ends in November, said that his private sector experience, along with his 12 years on the Los Altos City Council and his 10 years on the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission, which advises the water district, makes him the ideal candidate for the director of District 7.

"I've always been somewhat interested in water," said Becker. He said that he decided to run because he is "concerned about the board. I feel that it's not functioning the way it should."

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nel more of Google's property taxes to schools and has met with a group of parents on the issue.

Bryant is known for being a stickler for urban design detail and has made the terms "walkability" and "connectivity" common in council meetings. She supported the controversial Minton's apartment development, a few blocks from her home, and is also "excited" about the possibility of building homes in North Bayshore for Google employees. She has expressed unique disappointment with the San Antonio Center redevelopment proposal by Merlone Geier, saying the retail and housing look "plonked" into place without creating a neighborhood feel.

AARON JABBARI

Jabbari is the youngest candidate at 21 years old, but his resume shows that ambitions undertakings are not new to him. He worked as a network engineer and took community college courses during high school in order to get a jump start on college at UC Berkeley, where he earned his degree in political science by the time he was 19. He has worked at Google for the past year as a sales representative and recently moved to the Plymouth Avenue neighborhood. He grew up in Laguna Beach.

"I have a different perspective, as a renter, a working person in Mountain View and as a relatively young individual who wants to build a future in Mountain View," he said.

Jabbari criticized the current council for touting its passage of a "structurally balanced budget." That might be better than other cities but does not fix the problem of employee compensation costs

outpacing projected tax revenue growth.

He said the city needs to take a look at what its "core services" should be and outsource the rest to outside entities, including the city's golf course.

As to the issue of running high-speed trains up the Caltrain corridor, Jabbari says the system should be underground in order to keep the trains quiet and safe, and to keep neighboring property values up. He was hesitant to take a stand on whether Mountain View should have a high-speed train station, saying there could be an "innovation" that could make it work downtown.

Jabbari is the only candidate who strictly opposes allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View because of the "cultural" effect on the city. He believes medical marijuana should be treated like any other drug and be sold in a pharmacy, although pharmacies have not done so because marijuana is an illegal drug under federal law.

As the youngest Mountain View employee to run for council in recent years, Jabbari believes substantive measures are needed to make the city an affordable place to live for young tech workers, and it doesn't involve city subsidies, which he opposes.

"The city should grow until it becomes an affordable place for the people who work here," Jabbari said.

To meet the demand for housing and reduce its cost, high-rise condo or apartment buildings would be in order and there are numerous places to put them in Mountain View, he said, such as El Camino Real, Shoreline Boulevard, California Avenue and Castro Street.

But he also said that if a neighborhood were to strongly oppose any housing development he would

have to oppose it as well, even if the project made perfect sense to him.

JAC SIEGEL

Council member Siegel, 66, is a retired aerospace executive and city resident of over 50 years who has experience on numerous city commissions and community groups. He's worked as a mediator and proposed the creation of the city's



Jac Siegel

Senior Advisory Committee. His primary concern is "quality" in the city's projects and he's known for siding with

neighbors on development controversies.

"If we can't do it well, let's don't do it," he says.

In balancing the city's budget, Siegel believes ballooning employee retirement pension costs could soon swallow the city budget. He claims that "in 10 years with no changes, 80 to 85 percent of city revenues would go to retired people who don't work here."

But when it comes to city salaries, he believes that the city "needs to lead by example" in paying decent wages, and he opposes outsourcing the city's golf course if workers would be paid less than minimum wage.

Siegel has said he would consider allowing medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View and taxing the sale of marijuana. But he believes that only 2-3 percent of medical marijuana is actually used for medical reasons and feels conflicted about violating the federal law against marijuana use that

he swore to uphold when he took office.

Siegel said he was open to giving "a little bit, but not all of" the city's Shoreline property taxes from companies like Google to schools, which do not see dime under the special tax district. He did not have a dollar figure, but said that "there's room" in the budget for the city to give more.

Siegel said he could imagine



Margaret Abe-Koga

seeing the city grow to 90,000 people by 2030. He voted against the controversial Minton's and Mayfield housing project,

siding with neighbors each time. But he does support the proposal to redevelop San Antonio Shopping center, which he says is "badly needed." He's also the council's biggest proponent of the redevelopment of Moffett Field into offices, homes and parks — even a ferry terminal on the bay. "That would thrill me to no end," he said.

MARGARET ABE-KOGA

Former Mayor Abe-Koga — a 40-year-old stay-at-home-mom of two elementary school aged children — is running for her second term on the council. She has a degree in political science from Harvard and her political experience stretches back to her early 20s, taking one of her first jobs in congresswoman Anna Eshoo's office. She has served on the city's human relations commission and planning

commission, and was a county board of education trustee before winning a council seat in 2006 by a landslide after losing in 2004.

Abe-Koga is the only candidate to be endorsed by the city's police and fire unions, as she said she believes it is important to listen to their concerns. She believes city salaries are "average" and believes the city has been "financially very prudent" in having employees share the costs of



Greg David

their benefits more than is the practice in other local cities.

Abe-Koga said it was not the time for inexperienced candidates to join the council as the city faces difficult budget problems.

"It's taken a long time for me to understand (the city budget) and I think I've got a handle on it now."

As vice chair of the Valley Transportation Authority, she is an advocate for public transportation systems, including a possible city-run shuttle system and the planned high-speed rail line on the peninsula, though she now opposes having a station in Mountain View.

She also supports having a limited number of regulated medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View, but is concerned about having them near schools.

She supports the idea of working with local schools to give back larger share of the city's Shoreline property taxes, collected from companies like Google and funneled away from schools in order to maintain Shoreline Park, the landfill and the surrounding area. "I do think we

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should be working with our school district to come up with a formula ... to give back some of the funding," she said.

Abe-Koga voted for both Prometheus and Mayfield housing developments and said she is concerned with providing adequate housing for employees for local companies. Nevertheless, she said she was uncertain about allowing housing in North Bayshore.

"I don't think Mountain View can support 100,000 people," by 2030. "I don't want to see a wall of five-story buildings when I drive down El Camino Real."

She wants the city to subsidize affordable housing more efficiently than in the past, including the 50 units recently approved on Evelyn Avenue which cost \$7 million in city funds. "I'd like to help 500 or 5,000 for that amount," Abe-Koga said.

GREG DAVID

David, 40, is new to the city's political scene but not to the city. He was born and raised in downtown Mountain View, and says he's had an interest in city politics ever since he saw his father get frustrated with city hall as the family owned and operated Eddie's Sport shop on Castro Street. David helped run the family business before taking a job as logistics manager with Hewlett Packard, though he's currently unemployed. More recently he was politically energized by the council's approval of 200 apartments to replace Minton's lumber.

He admits he's not the best qualified candidate, but he says he aims to "put a little pressure on them (the

incumbents) to defend the decisions they've made."

Chief among those decisions are the salaries city employees get paid. David believes that city employee compensation is "cush" and should be compared to private jobs, not what other cities pay.

While he knows many voters may not approve, David said he "wholeheartedly" supports running high-speed rail up the Peninsula and would support a station downtown only if it would be beneficial to the city. He thinks the station could redevelop the area where the city's police station now stands.

David would support medical marijuana dispensaries in Mountain View with "reasonable restrictions" and would want them located in commercial areas, not downtown. "Nobody wants to see a city full of dispensaries," he said

His brother Brian aims to open a marijuana dispensary in Mountain View or Sunnyvale. While he may be allowed to vote on the dispensary or the city's medical marijuana ordinance, he says he would abstain anyway.

David opposed the 205 apartments at Minton's Lumber because of inadequate parking. He says he is a "big fan of parking" because "you can't mandate people out of cars." While he's a libertarian, he's not the biggest proponent of growth, saying the city could only handle another 5,000 to 10,000 people by 2030. He doesn't think city services could support housing for Google employees in North Bayshore.

David also opposes city-subsidized affordable housing, partly because he believes it encourages tenants to be "underachievers." ▣

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Becker said he feels that in the past individual members of the board have given preferential treatment to "pet projects" instead of focusing in their core mandates — to protect the district's watersheds and deliver quality water in appropriate quantity to serve district constituents while keeping an eye on the bottom line. He is concerned with high employee salaries and benefits, as well as escalating water rates.

If elected, Becker said, he would work to bring those core mandates back into focus.

BRIAN SCHMIDT

Brian Schmidt has lived in the area for nearly 15 years. He studied environmental law at Stanford University.

Schmidt has served on the Water District's environmental advisory committee and the

performance audit committee. If elected, he said he would work to cut costs, make changes to the board of director's operational structure and place a priority on mercury reduction in local waterways.

To reduce expenses, Schmidt pointed to superfluous dredging of waterways and taking advantage of the poor economy to obtain lower bids from contractors as ways the district might save money.

He also feels water district directors are currently paid too much. While he would like to keep the per diem system — "if you're not doing a lot of work there is no reason you should be paid the whole amount" — Schmidt said he would be in favor of cutting the rate of compensation by half.

Schmidt said he would work to have public board meetings moved to the evening so citizens with day jobs can more easily attend. Currently, meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. ▣

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL

With three top-performing City Council incumbents all seeking a second term, Mountain View voters have no reason to change the line-up at City Hall in this election. Incumbents Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant and Jac Siegel have worked hard and deserve to continue on the council. Challengers Dan Waylonis, Aaron Jabbari and Greg David are good sports for making it a race, but none of the three are ready to become productive council members.

The three veterans have helped the council slice more than \$4 million from a budget that is balanced for now but will continue to need work if the economy does not improve. On other fronts, this group takes pride in helping the city rewrite its General Plan, a huge job that only comes around every 20 to 30 years. Other advances made during the last four years include substantial work on sustainability and the effort to support the needs of the city's youth.

Here is why each incumbent has our support:

Ronit Bryant currently serves as mayor. She puts much of her energy into planning and new development and delivered on her campaign promises to update the General Plan and promote a greener, more sustainable city in her first term. Another promise, to offer more youth services, has been accomplished.

Bryant helped balance this year's budget (without dipping into reserves) and kept her vow to protect the city's good credit rating. She is also very knowledgeable about employee costs and pensions, and said she will not approve any salary or pension increases without a corresponding jump in revenue. She is committed to preserving the city's high level of services, including those provided at the library and parks.

Like some of her colleagues, she has not made up her mind on whether to permit medical marijuana dispensaries in town, and would prefer that the drug be sold in pharmacies. She said the city needs to have controls, but it is not clear which controls to adopt.

We like that she will work with the high-speed rail commission and would agree to share some revenue from the Shoreline special tax district with schools, as long as needs are met at Shoreline.

Margaret Abe-Koga is an energetic stay-at-home mom who brings the perspective of young families to the council. She worked to balance the budget by consolidating some departments — without resorting to layoffs. She also helped negotiate salary and benefit "give-backs" from the city's unions, and notes that employees already pay nine percent of their salary into the retirement system, more than most cities.

We like that she favors adding more housing to help young families find homes here. She voted for the Prometheus and Mayfield projects, and we agree with her belief that building housing on Bayshore may not be such a good idea.

"What happens when Google is no longer there?" she asks, noting the demise of SGI, the city's last premier high tech firm, a few years ago. She believes the city should help provide more affordable housing in addition to the already-approved complex on Franklin and Evelyn streets.

We agree with her position that the city should approve "only a handful of medical marijuana dispensaries, a subject that staff members continue to study. She supports high-speed rail, but opposes adding a station at the downtown transit center, which would have required 3,000 parking places in the downtown area.

Jac Siegel is a retired management executive who has been an eager player in local government for nearly 10 years, including five years on the Planning Commission and the past four years as a council member. He likes to say that financial, environmental and human needs are the key to local government, which must be carefully balanced. "You can't care about just one," he said. He calls himself a "pragmatic environmentalist," meaning you can't force environmental solutions.

We agree that he and his colleagues did a good job in balancing the budget this year, but share his concern about a projection that shows that in 10 years, up to 85 percent of the city's income will be paid out in pension benefits. "We have a big issue to work on," he said.

He has clear ideas about what is acceptable development, voting against the 200-unit Prometheus apartment building on the Minton's lumberyard property, due to its size and lack of parking. However, the downsized 250-unit Mayfield complex at San Antonio Road is a "perfect project," with its parks, tunnel under Central Expressway and proximity to Caltrain.

It is not clear whether he will get his preference to run the high-speed trains in open or covered trenches through the city, but it is a good goal. And we are happy to see that he is willing to share some — but not all — of the revenue from the Shoreline tax district with local schools, pointing out that there are significant costs to maintaining the landfill and Shoreline Park.

In this race, incumbents Ronit Bryant, Margaret Abe-Koga and Jac Siegel deserve your vote.

PHONE TAX UPGRADE JUSTIFIED

In Mountain View, home of Google and numerous high-tech firms, voters should easily understand the city's effort to broaden its phone tax to cover VOIP and other modern technology.

Measure T would make sure that residents using the latest technology would not escape the tax paid by residents using traditional phones. Last year, revenue from the phone tax dropped \$50,000, which city officials believe is revenue lost to users of new technology.

At the same time, the measure will extend the city's phone tax to interstate and international phone calls, a worthwhile broadening of the tax which will be a virtually undetectable for the average resident.

Unless a heavy user of VOIP, this upgrade is expected to have a negligible impact on individual or business tax bills. It is the city's job to make sure that such taxes continue to be relevant and cover residents equally.

We recommend a yes vote on Measure T.

SCHMIDT FOR WATER BOARD SEAT

Two good candidates, Brian Schmidt and Lou Becker, are seeking the newly created District 7 seat on the Santa Clara Valley Water District board.

Our choice in this race is Schmidt, a Mountain View resident who promises to cut costs and step up mercury reduction in local waterways. Schmidt's cost-cutting focus centers on the \$260 per meeting stipend now paid to board members, and he also promises to look at other areas, like superfluous dredging of local waterways. Schmidt has lived in the area for nearly 15 years and has served on the district's performance audit and environmental advisory committees.

Becker, who is not seeking reelection after serving 12 years on the Los Altos City Council, also spent 10 years on the Santa Clara Valley Water Commission.

Either candidate would be a good choice, but we prefer Schmidt's promise to cut the board members' stipend and his knowledge of environmental issues facing the district.

Vote for Brian Schmidt for the District 7 seat.

FOOTHILL DE ANZA PARCEL TAX

To make up for the loss of \$20 million in revenues over the last two years, trustees of the Foothill De Anza community college district have placed a \$69 annual parcel tax on the ballot.

The new tax would produce nearly \$7 million a year over the next six years, if district residents approve the tax, which must win a two-thirds vote.

Board President Bruce Swenson said the tax is needed to help the cash-strapped district, which has cut course offerings and laid off hundreds of faculty and staff positions.

Community colleges are the best and only option for many students who either did not get into four-year colleges or could not afford to attend them. In these economic times, property owners are not eager to add new taxes, but we hope they will do the right thing and approve Measure E, the parcel tax for the Foothill De Anza district.

COUNTY MEASURE A

As much as we support children's health, we cannot support Measure A, which would authorize the county to collect a \$39 parcel tax for 10 years to help pay for the Healthy Kids Program.

This program was started in 2001 to buy health insurance for the 12 percent of the county's children who were not covered and was mostly funded by private foundations and other sources. Now that funding is running out, this effort is being made to keep it alive.

In our view, the Healthy Kids Program is an ongoing expense that should be paid for out of general fund revenues. We urge a no vote on county Measure A.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

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Nami Nami chef Shige Karino prepares Hokkai Zen, an assorted sashimi lunch special.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Japanese with an edge

BREADTH OF CUISINE REALLY SHOWS IN NAMI
NAMI'S SMALL PLATES, PRESENTATION

By Ruth Schechter

Tempting as it is to focus on sushi when choosing a Japanese restaurant on Mountain View's bustling Castro Street, there's decidedly a lot more to Japanese cuisine than fish.

Nami Nami is a remedy to this mindset. Though small in size, the 3-year-old restaurant has an extensive menu that specializes in unusual dishes and traditional Kyoto style tapas — small samplings presenting a wide range of flavors and cooking styles — including some that may make you wonder if Japan is the real inspiration behind the creation.

The setting is simple, with deeply


textured ochre walls, twisty paper lanterns hanging from a high ceiling and unadorned tables, putting the spotlight right on the food. Presentations are uniformly beautiful: It's worth it to simply take a minute and admire the arrangements. Instead of a bento box, lunch specials come on a lacquered platter with a collection of mismatched ceramic plates and bowls. Sashimi is fanned out with meticulous care in a deeply textured arc on cobalt blue glass. A shrimp roll is positioned so the tails all point the same direction.

The menu is ambitious, with the tapas-like starters, salads, stews, porridges, rice balls, noodles, soups, fried foods, sashimi, grilled items




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and a separate list of the specials of the day. The section called chinmi (Japanese for "delicacy") lists dishes you do not normally see on Western menus — pickled sea urchin roe, salted sea cucumbers, monkfish liver, fermented squid and fish stomach.

Try to pick and choose so that you can sample a range of flavors. While much on the menu is suburb, there are some selections that simply do not work.

Definitely sample the fresh fish. We had the sashimi three kind (\$20) — beautiful, glistening, generous slabs of pristine yellowtail, tuna and salmon dusted with roe. A starter of octopus and seaweed suno-mono (\$6) became exceptional with a sprinkle of dashi vinegar sauce and cucumbers sliced like tiny works of art. Black cod saikyo yaki (\$11) consisted of two generous chunks of buttery, perfectly prepared fish shimmering with a glaze of sweet white miso.

Less successful were some of the fried selections suggested by various waitresses. The Nagoya Zen (\$12), one of the regular lunch specials, was a lighted breaded pork cutlet with a side of too-sweet, too-thick sauce. Bland in appearance and in flavor, the parts did not add up to much of a whole. A luncheon appetizer of organic chicken karaage with yuzu lime pepper (\$7),



The Nami Nami Special Bento includes a platter of grilled black cod, sashimi, tempura, roast duck, and daily specials.

breaded and deep-fried nuggets of too-dry poultry, made me yearn for a spot at the sushi bar. A dinner appetizer suggestion, a special of three red crab croquettes (\$15), was creamy and crunchy, but with exactly zero flavor.

Another lunch suggestion, the

Setouchi Zen (\$12) was more like it: an enormous portion of stewed mackerel with a delicate ginger miso sauce that blended well with the strongly flavored fish. And the beef tongue stew in miso sauce (\$14), a dinner dish that pushed the boundaries of East-meets-West cuisine, was like sampling the essence

of earthy flavor — an amazing, velvety, melt-in-your-mouth experience.

The restaurant features a thorough wine list, with a nice range of varietals, including pinot gri-

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Nami Nami's simple interior puts the focus on the food.



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gio, Syrah and Chateau Le Pape (\$35-\$60), and several sections by the glass. Premium sakis and Japanese vodkas are offered by the glass or bottle.

Desserts (\$6-\$7), not usually a strong point in Japanese restaurants, are complex and tantalizing, from the white coffee panna cotta to the yuzu pudding and the strawberry and red bean mochi.

Nami Nami prepares its food in

the kappo style, which traditionally involves seating diners across a counter from the chef. In this case, however, the only chef visible is working the miniscule sushi bar, but the unusual ingredients and personal touches are evident as each dish is brought out from the kitchen. Try to sample a little from throughout the menu, starting with tapas and sashimi, and then share some of the heavier dishes. That way you're sure to have at least some selections that will amaze your palate, even if you do go wrong on some others. ■

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A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor LIVE (PG-13)
Century 16: Thu. at 8 p.m. **Century 20:** Thu. at 8 p.m.

Alpha and Omega (PG)
Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:35, 3:50, 6, 8:15 & 10:30 p.m.

Case 39 (R) Century 20: 11:50 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 10:25 p.m.

Easy A (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m. & 4:25 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:25, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30 & 10 p.m.

Enter the Void (Not Rated)
Aquarius Theatre: 3 & 8:45 p.m.

Hereafter (PG-13) Century 20: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:25, 4:55, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:25 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

Jackass 3 (R) Century 16: In 3D at 11 a.m.; noon, 1:20, 2:20, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9:40 & 10:40 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:55 a.m.; 12:55, 2:15, 3:20, 4:40, 5:45, 7:10, 8:10, 9:30 & 10:35 p.m.

Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) Century 16: In 3D at 11:05 a.m.; 1:30, 4:05, 6:40 & 9:05 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:30 a.m.; 1:55, 4:20, 6:50 & 9:15 p.m.

Life As We Know It (PG-13) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:40, 4:20, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m.; 12:55, 2:15, 3:45, 4:55, 6:30, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:15 p.m.

Mao's Last Dancer (PG) ★★ Aquarius Theatre: 12:15 & 6 p.m.

My Soul To Take (R) Century 16: Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. at 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m.; Tue. at 11:25 a.m.; 2 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:20, 2:55 & 10:40 p.m.; Fri.-Mon., Wed. & Thu. also at 5:30 & 8:05 p.m.

Never Let Me Go (R) ★★★
Aquarius Theatre: 2, 4:30, 7 & 9:30 p.m.

Nowhere Boy (R) Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

Paranormal Activity 2 (R) Century 20: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.

Red (PG-13) Century 16: 11:10 & 11:50 a.m.; 1:50, 2:30, 4:30, 5:10, 7:25, 8:05, 10:20 & 10:50 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 1, 2:20, 3:40, 5, 6:20, 7:50, 9 & 10:35 p.m.

Secretariat (PG) ★★ 1/2 Century 16: 11:15 a.m.; 12:10, 2:05, 3:20, 5:05, 7, 8:10 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 12:40, 2, 3:35, 4:50, 6:25, 7:40, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

The Social Network (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 1, 2:15, 3:50, 5:15, 7:05, 8:20 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 12:45, 2:10, 3:40, 5, 6:35, 7:55, 9:25 & 10:40 p.m.

The Sound of Music Sing-Along Event (Not Rated)
Century 16: Tue. at 6:30 p.m. **Century 20:** Tue. at 6:30 p.m.

Stone (R) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.

The Town (R) ★★★ 1/2 Century 16: 12:30, 3:40, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 1:25, 4:15, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.

Waiting for Superman (PG) Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. **CineArts at Palo Alto Square:** 1:45, 3, 4:30, 5:45 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 8:30 & 10 p.m.

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) Century 16: 1:25 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 7:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:50, 4, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m.

You Again (PG) Century 20: 2:35 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. at 7:55 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) The kind-of-a-funny story starts when a sensitive teen (Keir Gilchrist) admits himself into a psychiatric hospital. A five-day-stay requirement gives the narrative enough time to develop a dual track of insights about growing up and getting medical treatment. Craig makes friends with the affable Bobby (Zach Galifianakis) and develops a crush on Noelle (Emma Roberts) — both of whom bring humor and humanity to the screen. But the film offers simplistic solutions in suggesting that problems can be cured in less than a week, and that a well-intentioned teenage boy with some cash, courtesy of his parents, can accomplish what medical professionals (including Viola Davis) cannot. *Rated: PG-13 for mature thematic issues, sexual content, drug material, and language. 1 hour. 41 minutes.* — S.T.

NEVER LET ME GO ★★★

(Aquarius) Kazuo Ishiguro's dystopian, alternate-universe science-fiction melodrama gets a rendering from director Mark Romanek that's austere to a fault. The approach bonds the viewer to the leading characters, who grow up confused and frustrated in the vaguely sinister Hailsham House boarding school. Three youngsters compose a love triangle: shyly emotive Kathy (Izzy Meikle-Small), brashly confident Ruth (Ella Purnell) and sensitive loner Tommy (Charlie Rowe), the boy in whom both girls develop an interest. When the students move out of the school and into their adult roles, Kathy (Carey Mulligan), Ruth (Keira Knightley) and Tommy (Andrew Garfield) have developed physically but made little emotional progress. Unfair laws, a sheltered upbringing and, yet more disturbing, the sense of self-limitation inculcated from a young age socially cripples the trio, but they work to justify their lives as meaningful, if only on their own terms. *Rated R for some sexuality and nudity. One hour, 44 minutes.* — P.C.

THE SOCIAL NETWORK ★★★ 1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) The riveting film about Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg defines a generation. Director David Fincher helms with a deft touch; the screenplay by Aaron Sorkin is beautifully crafted; and the acting is exceptional. In fact, the only thing missing from "The Social Network" is a likable protagonist. Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) wasn't always the world's youngest billionaire. In 2003, the computer whiz was an undergrad at Harvard University, more interested in campus life and dating than status updates or profile pics. Harvard students (and twin brothers) Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss (Armie Hammer and Josh Pence) and a colleague approach Zuckerberg to enlist his help with the development of Harvard Connection, a MySpace-esque site specifically for Harvard students. Zuckerberg quickly enlists the financial and moral support of his best friend, Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield), to create his own social-networking site. In less time than it takes to fix a transmission, Zuckerberg designs and builds TheFacebook.com. *Rated PG-13 for language, drug and alcohol use and sexual content. 2 hours, 1 minute.* — T.H.

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The VA has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Action. The EA evaluates the impact of the Proposed Action on both the natural and the human environment. The Draft FONSI includes a brief description of the Proposed Action and a short discussion of environmental effects likely to result from the action, and a summary of facts leading to the Draft FONSI.

The EA and Draft FONSI are now available for public review and comment. The EA and Draft FONSI are available for review at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Palo Alto Health Care Systems offices at 3801 Miranda Avenue in Palo Alto, California 94304. Telephone requests should be directed to Mr. Steve Morita at (650) 493-5000 ext 63666, during regular business hours (8AM – 5PM). The EA and Draft FONSI are available for public review at the following library location:

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Comments for consideration by VA on the EA and Draft FONSI should be provided in writing to: Mr. Steve Morita, Major Construction Program Manager, at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Office of the Director, 3801 Miranda Avenue in Palo Alto, California 94304. The document will have a 30-day comment period. The end of the comment period will be November 14, 2010. Written substantive comments received at the above address within the review period will be addressed.

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Blossoming and Illuminating City Bay Area artists Miyoko Mizuno and Shigemi Sanders. The exhibit features San Francisco landmarks painted by Mizuno and illuminated ceramic works of buildings by Sanders. Exhibit runs through Oct. 24, Gallery Hours: Tue. Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun., noon-4. Gallery 9, Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

Buildings on Paper "Buildings on Paper: Architectural Drawings." This exhibition features architectural drawings by Frank Lloyd Wright and others. Through Oct. 17, Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/

Jewish Witness to a Polish Century An exhibit of more than 100 6-foot-tall banners that feature family photographs and deeply personal stories that tell the story of how Jews in Poland lived during the Holocaust. Through Nov. 29, Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. www.paloaltojcc.org/arts

Mixed Media Prints by Pantea Karimi Exhibition of prints by CSMA faculty member Pantea Karimi. Gallery Hours: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. Exhibit runs through Nov. 21, Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

AUDITIONS

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CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Drought Tolerant Once Established Creating a low water-use landscape means choosing drought-tolerant plants and the right site and being sure they get off to a great start. Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-noon. \$30 member; \$40 non-member. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Call 650-329-1356 ext. 201. http://www.gamblegarden.org

Fall Financial Seminar Series Focus topic: Estate Transition Planning and the Family Dynamic: How to preserve family wealth, legacy, and harmony. Oct. 21, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Union Bank - The Private Bank, 400 University Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-859-1213.

Free Landscape Irrigation Class This seminar teaches water-conserving irrigation strategies and how to evaluate a irrigation system for upgrades. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-349-3000. bawscsa.org

Hearing Health Dr. David Tang discusses the physiology and pathology of hearing. Oct. 28, 2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Introduction to Microsoft Word Monica Lipscomb will help beginners learn the basics of Microsoft Word and give a refresher to those who are a bit rusty. Prerequisite: basic computer skills. Oct. 21, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Mushroom morsels and forays This class introduces some local mushroom events and offers a taste test. Then, learn some mushroom recipes. Oct. 18, 6:30-9 p.m. \$50. Palo Alto Adult School, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-3752. www.paadultschool.org/classes/cooking.html

CLUBS/MEETINGS

SPAUG General Meeting SPAUG General Meeting Stanford-Palo Alto User Group meets monthly to discuss problems, solutions, software and hardware. Learn more about computing, meet fellow computer users. Get help and advice from experienced users. Second Wednesday of the month, ongoing, 7-9:30 p.m. First meeting free, \$35/year. American Legion Post, 347 First St., Los Altos. Call 650-493-9307. www.svuga.org/

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California Native Plant Society. Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa Ranch, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos. www.cnps-scv.org

Halloween Monster Bash Halloween-themed crafts for the kids, followed by a costume parade at 5:45 p.m. Outdoor movie at 6 p.m. Oct. 30, 5-8 p.m. Free. A Monster Bash, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.

ci.mtnview.ca.us

Palo Alto/Stanford Citizen Corps Council "The handwriting on the wall: What the 2010 Haiti and Chile Quakes have Taught us about Preparedness" Dr Stein is a senior scientist at USGS. Oct. 21, 7-9:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto City Hall - Council Chambers, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Call 650-321-8933.

Teen Health & Engagement with Learning Parents, youth, educators, and community members are invited to register for a free plenary discussion on strategies for improving teen health and engagement with learning. The talk will feature a keynote by NY Times best-selling author Wendy Mogel, Challenge Success Co-founders, and local students. Oct. 15, 7-9 p.m. Free. RSVP at www.challengesuccess.org. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-9250. www.challengesuccess.org

The College Admission Scene Today Jon Reider, Ph.D. and co-author of "Admission Matters," discusses how to navigate the media hype, rankings, statistics, and advertising during the last two years of high school. Oct. 21, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-906-3771. www.mvlna.net/mvhs/Parents/PTSA/Pages/PTSAParentEd.aspx

Wednesday Farmers Market Wednesday Palo Alto Farmshop at Lytton Plaza (University and Emerson) in downtown Palo Alto. 3:30-6:30 p.m. Free. Lytton Plaza, University and Emerson, Palo Alto. Call 650-641-8947. www.paloalto-farmshop.org

CONCERTS

Finding Home: A Kaleidoscope of Musical Journeys Pianist Patricia Cheng (joined by violinist Po-Wei Lai, cellist Amy Hsieh and moderator Hector Armienta) will explore the music of artists in search of national identity, including works by Taiwanese composer Tzyen Hsiao, Edvard Grieg, Bedrich Smetana, Frederic Chopin and Antonin Dvorak. Oct. 17, 2-4 p.m. Suggested donation \$10. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800, ext. 305. www.arts4all.org

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra: Bach's Wedding Cantata The orchestra welcomes harpsichordist/conductor Lars Ulrik Mortensen and soprano Maria Keohane for a performance of "The Wedding Cantata" by Bach. Oct. 19, 8-10 p.m. \$25-80. The Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Call 415-252-1288. http://philharmonia.org/oct10.html

Renaissance Gems with The Whole Noyse Schola Cantorum (Gregory Wait, Music Director) starts its 47th season of choral music with a concert of Renaissance pieces with guest artists The Whole Noyse. On the program are works by Praetorius, Schutz and other composers. Oct. 17, 4-5:30 p.m. \$24/\$20 seniors/\$12 students. First Congregational Church, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-254-1700. www.scholacantorum.org

The Tuttlers with AJ Lee Bluegrass Concert The Tuttlers with AJ Lee is a young band, mostly aged 12-17, that plays bluegrass music. Molly, Sullivan, Michael Tuttle and their father Jack are joined by their friend AJ Lee. Oct. 23, 8 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door; ages 13-18 are 1/2 price; under 13 years free with a paying adult. First Presbyterian Church, 1667 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-691-9982. www.rba.org

Trio Jubilee Trio Jubilee performs at the Palo Alto JCC Sunday Oct. 17. Works by Haydn, Bloch and Dvorak will be featured. 3 p.m. Tickets \$23 in advance or \$28 at the door. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-327-2019.

DANCE

"Remember our Homecoming" Dance A formal "homecoming" dance with live entertainment from Jerry Jay's Quartet, free refreshments. Oct. 20, 8-10 p.m. \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

30th Annual Halloween Costume Contra Dance Ball Caller: Special Ghost Callers Mary Hill, Jim Saxe, Robin Steen, Michael Tank, Alan Winston, Summer Young. Band: Star Thistle (Chetani Cheryl McKinney, Dave Kistler,



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EXHIBITS

"Celebrating Mexico" Exhibition commemorates the bicentennial of Mexico's independence from Spain and the centennial of the Mexican Revolution. Books, manuscripts, movie posters, photographs, and other materials from the collections of the Stanford University Libraries illustrate key events in Mexico's history. Through Jan. 16, Free. Peterson Gallery, Green Library Bing Wing, Stanford University. Call 650-725-1020. <http://library.stanford.edu/depts/hasrg/latinam/celebmex/>

By Hand: American Women with Needle and Thread The exhibit features a sampling of quilt styles representing key quilting periods over the last 150 years. Samplers, crochet, cross-stitch, and needlepoint will also be displayed. Through Oct. 31, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 So. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-391-8519. www.losaltoshistory.org

Stanford Art Spaces Stanford University Photographic impressionism (images taken at the de Young Museum) by Ken Holden, mixed-media paintings by Gianna Marino, and paintings by Neal Boor and Pat Sherwood (husband and wife). Through Oct. 28, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Stanford Art Spaces, Paul G. Allen (C.I.S.) 420 Via Palou, Stanford. Call 650-725-3622. cis.stanford.edu/~marigros

FAMILY AND KIDS

LAH Annual Pumpkin Patch Pumpkin patch to support Los Altos High School athletics. Through Oct. 31, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-0261.

Zoo Night "Dress up in your Halloween costume and bring the kids and family to the annual

Zoo Night. The JMZ will have food and drinks, Halloween treats, and close-up animal encounters. Bat-naming winners will be announced," the Junior Museum and Zoo says. Oct. 29, 6-8 p.m. Become a member of the Friends to attend Zoo Night. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. <http://www.friendsjmz.org/support.html>

FILM

Silicon Valley African Film Festival 2010 First-ever showcase of 30 films from 16 countries, presenting a mix of feature films, shorts and animations from Africa's seasoned and emerging first-voice filmmakers. Presented by Oriki Theater in partnership with Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA). Oct. 23-24, 11 a.m. \$5 to \$30. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.svaff.org

HEALTH

Gluten Sensitivity and Celiac Event The event includes lectures by four international experts in the field of gluten sensitivity. Lunch is included. Also, there will be vendors sampling gluten-free food. Oct. 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40. Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 408-733-0400. healthknowmedical.com/gluten_forum/index.html

OCD Awareness Week in Palo Alto The OCD Foundation is hosting a local educational event, "OCD Stories: An evening of reflection, humor and education," on Oct. 16, 3-6:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 415-273-7273. www.ocd-bayarea.com

ON STAGE

"Sleeping Beauty" Los Altos Youth Theatre presents a modern, sassy version of the fairy tale. Audiences are encouraged to wear their princess dress, dragon costume or other royal wear. Oct. 22-Nov. 6, tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 student/senior/child. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave.,

Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551.

"The Witches" Find out all about real witches and how to spot them in Peninsula Youth Theatre's production of David Wood's stage adaptation of the Roald Dahl classic, directed by Hilary Ann Stevens. Oct. 15-16, Times vary. \$8. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. www.pyt.net

Shubha Mudgal, Hindustani Classical Music Vocalist Shubha Mudgal offers musical excerpts and conversation in this educational collaboration with Stanford University. Oct. 19, 6-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Holy Yoga This new class offers a form of experiential worship; no prior experience with yoga needed. Class meets twice weekly on Sundays, 2-3 p.m., and Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, Children's Center, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-383-9322. www.laumc.org

RESEARCH SUBJECTS

Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley invites the public to learn more about its degree programs Oct. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Bldg 23, Moffett Field. Call

650-335-2852. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/prospective-students/info-sessions.html

TALKS/AUTHORS

Gemma Whelan Gemma Whelan discusses "Fiona: Stolen Child," in which an Irish writer living in New York unearths deep secrets, relives childhood trauma and connects with an estranged family. Oct. 20, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

John Willoughby John Willoughby presents "America's Test Kitchen," an all-purpose cookbook that delivers 800 recipes for healthier everyday fare. Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Lois Bujold Nebula and Hugo Award-winning author Lois Bujold talks about "Cryoburn, a Miles Vorkosigan novel." Oct. 19, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Strategic IP: Building a Portfolio & Managing Exposure Learn about building the IP portfolio of a cleantech start-up and protecting it from the claims of others. Oct. 26, 8:30-10:30 a.m. \$25. Fenwick & West LLP, 801 California St., Mountain View. Call 408-309-8736. http://www.environmentalcluster.org/events/ev_2010Q1-4-LegalSeries.htm#session3

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Middle School Dodgeball Tournament Dodgeball tournament open to all Mountain View

Middle School Students. Pre-register in teams of 4-6 players. Prizes for top teams. Oct. 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Sports Pavilion, 1185 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/teen_services.asp

Teen Open Gym Teen Open Gyms are open every Saturday night for various sports. Middle School and High School students only; bring student ID. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Whisman Sports Center, 1500 Middlefield Road, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6410.

VOLUNTEERS

Children's Disaster Services Volunteer Workshop This workshop will train attendees to understand and respond to children who have experienced a disaster. Participants will experience a simulated shelter, sleeping on cots and eating simple meals. Oct. 29-30, 5 p.m. \$45 early reg./\$55 after Oct. 8. Los Altos United Methodist Church, Creekside Center, 655 Magdalena Ave. (@Foothill Exp.), Los Altos. Call 650-383-9322. www.laumc.org

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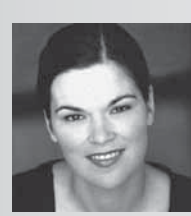
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Fall Real Estate 2010

Story by Carol Blitzer

2010: Getting back into the game

**HOMEBUYERS MOVE
OFF THE SIDELINES
AND RE-ENTER THE
REAL ESTATE MARKET**



COURTESY BROOKE TURNER

Brooke Turner, with daughter Kayla, left, and Jamie Turner with son Bryce stand outside their newly purchased home in Sylvan Park.

People are starting to buy houses again. Despite continuing gloom over “the economy,” people are getting married, having babies, getting divorced, dying, downsizing — basically doing what they usually do. And those life passages send people looking for property, whether they’re new parents or empty nesters.

With mortgage interest rates remaining low, more listings are coming onto the market, offering a broader range of choices. In Mountain View, for example, one could choose from 83 houses, ranging from \$549,000 to \$1.86 million (or 137 condos, from \$198,000 to \$965,000). Palo Alto’s market was even broader: 122 houses were listed from \$749,000 to \$10.89 million.

Home sales in the first half of 2010 rose in every local community except East Palo Alto, according to the Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS. The greatest rebounding in both number of sales and price during the past two years happened in Mountain View and Palo Alto.

In 2008, Jamie and Brooke Turner were ready to buy a home. With a 1-year-old and two incomes, they were poised to give up their rented townhouse and find their dream home in Palo Alto.

But, like most people, they had a budget. They started looking in the \$600,000 to \$700,000 range, further spurred by low interest rates.

“We quickly realized that Palo Alto seemed to be fairly immune to price drops,” Jamie Turner said.

Worried that the market would continue

to slide — and they might overpay — the Turners put their home hunt on hold for a couple of years.

By now, they had a second child.

“We knew Palo Alto was ideal,” said Brooke, who works as a partner relations representative for CK-12 Foundation, which creates free online textbooks for K-12.

“And we knew we’d get a lot less house,” added Jamie, a software developer.

So they started working seriously with Nancy Goldcamp, a Coldwell Banker, Palo Alto, agent who’d been sending them e-mail market updates over the past two years.

Soon they noticed what they called “the Palo Alto phenomenon” — A house would come on the market at \$850,000 to \$1 million, and an open house would be held over the weekend. Offers would be accepted mid-week, “and they’d be gone. Usually the price would be boosted by a hundred grand,” Jamie said, “and the house would also need 50 grand of work.”

After a couple of months, the Turners realized that even the low-end houses were either bid up over their price range or needed so much work that the end price was still too high.

“By that time, we knew we wanted a house, not a condo or a townhouse. We had our two kids; we were looking for this to be a long-term place where we would get settled, a little bit of a yard where our kids could run around,” Brooke said.

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by Georgia Wells

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Date built: 2008

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MICHELLE LE

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Address: 1561 Glen Una Court

List price: \$1,569,000

Bedrooms: 5 **Bathrooms:** 3

Interior: 2,530 sq. ft. **Lot size:** 8,160 sq. ft.

Date built: 2008

The open floor plan and large patios of this five-bedroom home make it ideal for entertaining, inside and out. Serious chefs will appreciate the gourmet kitchen with custom cherry cabinets, granite slab countertops and stainless-steel appliances. One block from Cuesta Park, this home is also close to schools (Bubb Elementary and Graham Middle schools). Other amenities include an attached two-car garage, a tub with jets, central air-cooling and a living room fireplace. ▣



VERONICA WEBER

GETTING BACK

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Looking to Mountain View

So the Turners widened the net, looking in Menlo Park, Los Altos and Mountain View.

"Mountain View was always going to be one of the more realistic options, a couple of hundred thousand less than Palo Alto, right across the border," Jamie said.

They soon spotted a house in the Sylvan Park neighborhood. Although they both liked it right away, they were hesitant about the elementary school assignment. They'd done their research and knew that Bubb and Huff elementary schools were preferred. Their kids would be assigned to Landels.

Jamie acknowledged that his real concern was this was the first house they'd seen that they really liked in Mountain View. "We didn't want to be too hasty," he said.

But they kept going back to look at it. "It always stayed in our minds. By the time we decided to go back and make a bid on it, it had already dropped in price," Brooke added.

The house was first listed at \$1.049 million, then it dropped to \$1.029 million, then \$999,000.

"That was the sign to us that it had been on the market for awhile, and we didn't feel like we had a lot of competition," Brooke said. So they bid \$925,000, negotiated back and forth, and eventually they agreed on \$960,000.

Now that they've settled in, the Turners have no regrets about choosing Mountain View, although they know they didn't get every last thing they wanted. Their home is on a busy corner, and the school isn't their first choice, but "it seems to be a good school. The parent community sounds good," Brooke said.

"We let go of Palo Alto, which in the end wasn't that big of a deal," Jamie said, pointing to their 2,100-square-foot house that was built in 1986. "It has a brand-new kitchen. It's in great shape."

Finding a mortgage

The Turners were pre-approved "for a lot more house than we could afford. They were too easy on us because they factored in our \$2,900 rent, but we pay more for childcare. We look really good on paper," Jamie said.

Ultimately, they went to the bank of Mom and Dad, and are paying their mortgage directly to them.

The Turners have no second thoughts about their decision to buy a house in Mountain View.

"We have all these projects, but that's OK. Every weekend we chip away at it, but we'll be there for a long time. It's a very different feeling, knowing it's ours," Jamie said. ▣

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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AXCIS TRACKMASTER
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 542568

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: (1)Trasckmaster (2) Axcis Trackmaster at 2584 Wyandotte St., Mountain View, CA 94043 Santa Clara County: This business is owned by: A Corporation. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
AXCIS INFORMATION NETWORK, INC.

2584 Wyandotte St.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 4/15/1993.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 16, 2010. (Voice Sep 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 2010)

CHRISTINA'S SALON
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 542146

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Christina's Salon at 108B Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara

County.
This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MICHAEL WU
17815 Condit Rd.
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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 September 7, 2010.

(Voice Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010)

PURO PERU RESTAURANT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 542259

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Puro Peru Restaurant at 1161 N. Lawrence Expressway, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Corporation. The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

PURO PERU
1161 N. Lawrence Exp.
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 8/1/10.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 9, 2010.
(Voice Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010)

997 All Other Legals

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Case No.: 110CV183142

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner TERRENCE MICHAEL NICHOLSON JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

TERRENCE MICHAEL NICHOLSON JR. to JENNIFER MURPHY.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING: December 7, 2010, 8:45 a.m., Room: 107. Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113. A copy of this ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

Date: September 22, 2010
/s/ Thomas Wm. Cain
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
(Voice Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application:

October 1, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name(s) of Applicant(s) is/are:

LEVEL 10 EVENTS INC.

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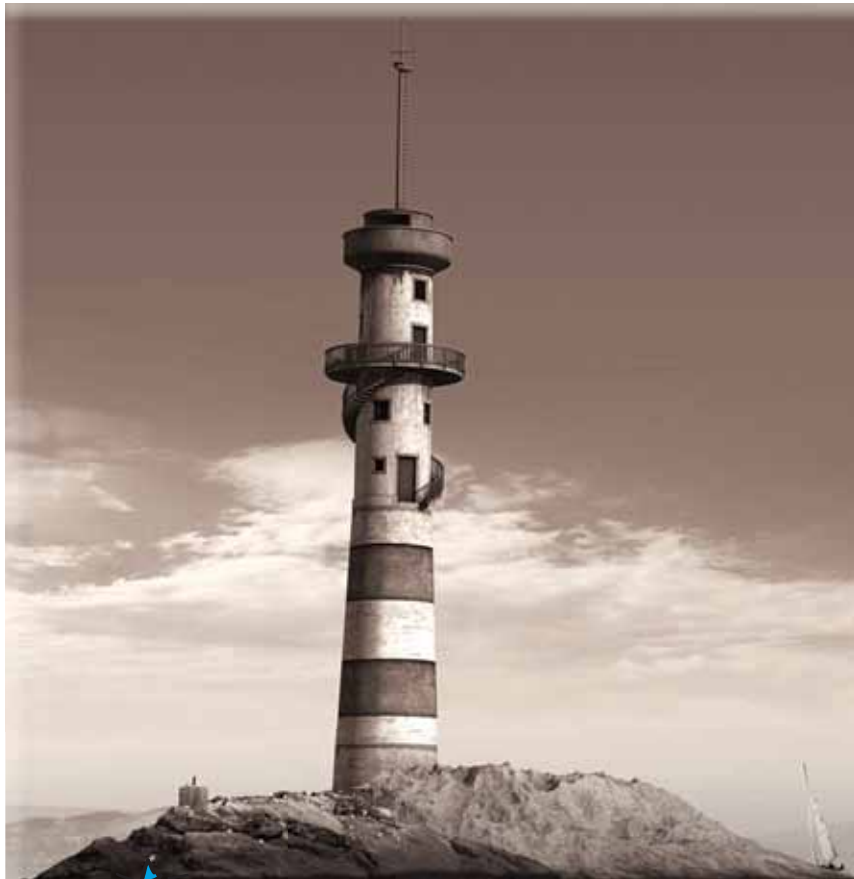
1401 N Shoreline Blvd.

Mountain View, CA 94043-1311

Type of license(s) applied for:

41 - ON-SALE BEER AND WINE - EATING PLACE

(Voice Oct. 8, 15, 22, 2010)



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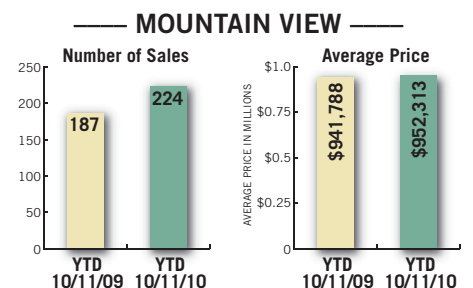
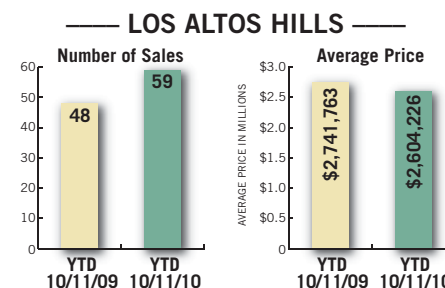
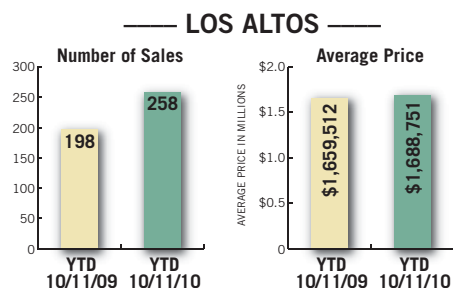
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REDWOOD CITY
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4000 FARM HILL BL #305
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$399,000
3 BR 2 BA Fantastic Farm Hill Vista Condo. Skylights, remod kit w/granite, great flr plan & FP.
Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE
5564 YALE DR
SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$555,000
3 BR 2 BA W/dual pane wndws, newer roof & dishwasher. New carpet & wood grain laminate flrs. Lrg yard.
Marcie Soderquist 650.941.7040

SANTA CLARA
3846 BALDWIN DRIVE
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$820,000
3 BR 2 BA Fantastic location in highly desirable Westwood Oaks neighborhood. www.3846Baldwin.com
Ric Parker 650.948.0456

2052 KIMBERLIN PL
SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$679,000
3 BR 3 BA 1 bedroom downstairs. 2 master suite upstairs. Remodeled bathrooms with granite. 1935 sq.ft.
Mimi Baker 650.941.7040

SUNNYVALE
625 W REMINGTON DR
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$868,000
4 BR 2 BA Atrium model w/skylight, updated kitch w/tile counters & wood-trimmed cabinets, Fam Rm.
Melanie Johnson 650.948.0456

541 N BAYVIEW AV
SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$528,000
3 BR 2 BA Cheerful & bright Eichler! Exquisitely remodeled *Oak hrdwd flrs thru out! Updtd Kitchen
Afsie & Sia 650.948.0456

412 CRESCENT AV #42
SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$468,000
2 BR 2 BA W/Cupertino schools. Beautiful granite counters & new carpet & garage make this a winner.
Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

125 N MARY AV #110
SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$165,000
2 BR 2 BA Updated manufactured home in terrific neighborhood. A great condo alternative! Over 1400sf
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161