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Parents seek larger slice of Shoreline taxes



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Share Shoreline members include, from left to right, Page McDonald, Maja Popovic, Jim Pollart, Mark Johnsen, Roxanne Coish and Laura Blakely, photographed at Stevenson Elementary School.

By Daniel DeBolt

In one of its most challenging discussions in recent memory, the City Council on Tuesday will talk about the possibility of relinquishing to local schools a larger share of property taxes from North Bayshore companies, including Google.

A group of parents have organized a formidable campaign, called "Share Shoreline," to retrieve the funds, which they say are unfairly withheld in a 40-year-old tax district known as the Shoreline Community. City officials say they are sympathetic to the parent's concerns and are carefully considering a solution. Nevertheless, the City Council chambers is expected to be packed on Tuesday at 5 p.m. with school parents recruited by the campaign's Facebook page, the share-shoreline.org website and pitches to local Parent Teacher Associations and school site councils.

The Mountain View Whisman School Board will also be discussing the issue on Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at Theuerkauf elementary school.

Shoreline in a nut shell

Special state legislation passed in 1969 allows the Shoreline Community, which is controlled by the City Council, to collect all of the taxes on properties north of Highway 101 in Mountain View, taxes which would otherwise be shared with local schools and the county. The Shoreline Community then pays for the ongoing maintenance

and city improvements to Shoreline Park and the surrounding business district, as well as the usual city services of firefighting and police in the neighborhood.

Last fiscal year the Shoreline Community brought in \$29.1 million in property taxes and had \$18.7 million in ongoing expenses. The arrangement has created the 500-acre Shoreline Park and a successful business district that's home to Google.

"Shoreline is in a sense the crown jewel of Silicon Valley. It is one of the most valuable assets in Mountain View. It's not fair that our schools don't benefit from that asset," said Jim Pollart, a Mountain View Whisman parent who is leading the Share Shoreline effort.

Despite the success of the special tax district, even some City Council members, including Mountain View Whisman parent Margaret Abe-Koga, find the arguments from school parents hard to counter. The Mountain View Whisman School District alone would see an additional \$5.9 million in tax revenue if the tax district were to be eliminated. Mountain View Los Altos high school district would see an additional \$3.6 million.

City officials were open to the idea of sharing the funds on Tuesday.

"We're not coming from the perspective that we will keep it all for ourselves," said Assistant City Manager Melissa Stevenson Dile, referring to the Shoreline fund.

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Los Altos preschool finds new home

LONG-STANDING CO-OP LOSING SITE AT LAHS FINDS SPACE AT COVINGTON ELEMENTARY

By Nick Veronin

The generations-old Los Altos Parent Preschool will not be shutting its doors this June, as many feared. Instead, the pre-kindergarten cooperative will be moving about one mile south, from

Los Altos High School to Covington Elementary School, an official from the preschool said.

On Jan. 28, the preschool signed a joint-lease agreement with the Los Altos School District, which is renewable every 5 years up, to 15 years. The new arrangement was

met with enthusiasm by the preschool and other local education officials.

"It's a huge relief," said Dara Tynefield, board president emeritus of the preschool. "It's super, super

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Joke not funny to council gadfly

By Daniel DeBolt

Self-described gadfly Don Letcher is known for his weekly, sometimes daily, accusations of sundry city misconduct to local newspapers and city officials. But this week's angry rant from Letcher seems to strike at the core of his 13-year tiff with the city.

It was spurred by a paraphrased state-

ment by council member Tom Means in the Nov. 16 City Council meeting minutes: Means "would like council to think about a city/community designation for 788 North Rengstorff Avenue."

That address is Letcher's property near Old Middlefield Way, which he believes the city has been trying to drive him off of since 1997. "The city of Mountain View takes people's land," Letcher said. "It's the

same thing they were trying to do for the Francia property."

But what appears to Letcher to be a proposed "taking" of his property, was actually a joke, said Means. Letcher admits he didn't hear the comment in person.

Means made the joke as he criticized the now-dead proposal to rezone the city's last

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Letcher's property on North Rengstorff.

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Charles Smith, Birmingham, Michigan



"I would've preferred a public option. I would like to have health insurance, I can't afford it. I don't like the idea of being fined for not having health insurance. It's not a very good incentive."

Christopher Schalge, Mountain View



"The Health Care Administration is doing a great job. Although everyone should have a choice, there should be an incentive. The fine I don't agree with."

Stephanie Sicore, Saratoga



"I disagree with the judge's conclusion. National health care is great, it works in Canada and it works in Europe, so why can't it work here? It's one less thing to worry about when you're unemployed."

Paul Nguyen, San Jose



"I don't think it's unconstitutional. Part of the government's function is to protect its citizens, and health care falls underneath that. It seems we've tried the market approach and it hasn't worked like most people want it to."

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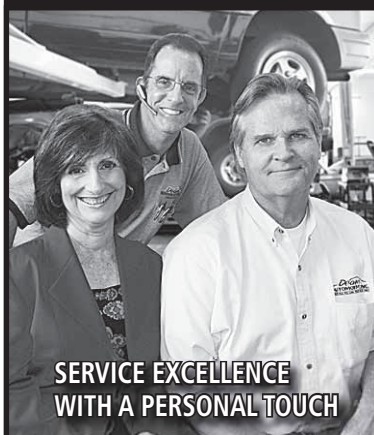
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LOCAL PULITZER-WINNER AT AIDS EVENT

A Mountain View High School alum and Pulitzer Prize winner will be the star of a fundraising event for AIDS-stricken children in Liberia at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

"An Evening with Jose Antonio Vargas," presented by the Los Altos Rotary AIDS Project at Las Alto High School, will highlight the journalism career of the former resident and his latest work, "The Other City," a documentary depicting the AIDS struggle in Washing-

ton, D.C.

Donations from the event will be used for medicine, education and counseling for Liberian women and children, said Jean Newton or the Rotary club. The AIDS Project, in union with Global Strategies for HIV Prevention and the Rotary Club of Sinkor in Liberia, will travel to three of the Eastern African country's HIV clinics February 19 to 25.

Vargas graduated from Mountain View High School in 2000 and went on to graduate from San Francisco State University in 2004,

according to his website. He was also an intern at the *Voice*. Vargas was part of a Washington Post team that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Virginia Tech shootings in 2008. He is now a senior contributing editor for the Huffington Post.

General tickets for the event are \$50, \$150 for VIP seating and reception and \$25 for students with ID. Tickets are tax-deductible and can be reserved at www.rotaryaid-project.org.

—Peter Maxwell

CRIME BRIEFS

TRIO ROBS MAN

Three men robbed a 20-year-old resident of the 1200 block of Mercy Avenue, taking his iPod at about 10:40 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, according to a police spokeswoman.

The victim was kneeling next to his car, trying to lure his cat out from beneath it, when he felt an object press up against his neck and heard a voice order him to give all of his money, said Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department.

Thinking it was friend playing a joke on him, the victim stood

up and grabbed the object, a knife with an 8-10 inch blade. He cut his hand, and had to go to the hospital for stitches.

The suspects, described by the victim as three men in their 20s, clad in black, demanded the victim's money again. The victim didn't have any money, but handed over his iPod. The men were last seen running west on Mercy Street, Wylie said.

Paramedics with the Mountain View Fire Department treated the victim's cut, and he left to get stitches in his hand.

—Peter Maxwell

their identities, Wylie said. The two men, Gerrick Waller of Menlo Park, and Allen Meacham of Palo Alto were charged with statutory rape and booked into the main jail in San Jose.

The girl was issued a citation and was released to her mother. All three were also charged with providing fake information to police.

—Peter Maxwell

ARSON SUSPECTED IN TRUCK FIRE

Police believe arson was what caused a pick-up truck to erupt into flames at the 1700 block in Villa in Mountain View Thursday, Jan. 27. Police officers arrived around 1 a.m. and failed to put out the flames with fire extinguishers, police information officer Liz Wylie said. Mountain View firefighters arrived and put out the blaze.

The truck was towed to the Mountain View police department for the fire squad to investigate, Wylie said.

The owner of the truck is a 36-year-old male resident of the block. Witnesses are encouraged to call 650-903-6344. The calls can be anonymous.

—Peter Maxwell

TARGET THREESOME THWARTED

Two 18-year-old men were arrested for consensual but illegal sexual intercourse with a 16-year-old girl in a car outside the Mountain View Target on Thursday, Jan. 17, police said.

A witness called the Mountain View police after seeing the three in the parking lot at 3 p.m., said police spokeswoman Liz Wylie.

After the police had stopped and questioned the group, all three gave the officer fake names and information in an attempt to conceal

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 200 block Easy St., 1/26
 100 block Del Mendio Av., 1/27
 400 block Easy St., 1/30
 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 2/1

ARSON
 1700 block Villa St., 1/27

BATTERY
 700 block Vaquero Dr., 1/29
 2000 block California St., 1/31
 View Side Academy, 2/1

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE
 1900 block Colony St., 1/30
 200 block E. Dana St., 1/31
 300 block Escuela Av., 2/1

GRAND THEFT
 900 block Camille Ln., 1/26

600 block National Av., 1/26

RESISTING OFFICER
 N. Shoreline Bl. and Wright Av., 1/28

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 2100 block Garden Tr., 1/30

ROBBERY
 1200 block Mercy St., 1/27

SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE
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Alta Vista High School student Monecia Kongaika, 18, works on solving basic math equations with teacher Dan Carter, Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011.

Students learn to love Alta Vista

CONTINUATION SCHOOL'S BIGGEST FANS ARE THOSE IT HELPS THE MOST

By Nick Veronin

Built on less than two acres of land and tucked snugly into a corner abutting a Highway 85 sound wall, Alta Vista High School used to make Monica Koongaika feel claustrophobic.

"I felt stuck," she said of the first several weeks after she was transferred from the neighboring Mountain View High School to the district's continuation school last year. Her parents' disappointment didn't help assuage her apprehension.

"I thought it was just a school for dummies, drug-gies and thugs."

Her preconception of the school was mostly

wrong, she said. While there is a contingent of gang members and drug users at Alta Vista, it is easy enough to steer clear of all that. Now, a year after she left Mountain View High, the senior said she is happy at Alta Vista. "Actually, I really like it."

For Koongaika, a senior, there are many things to like about her school. To begin with, the school day at Alta Vista ends earlier than both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools—between 12:45 p.m. and 1:05 p.m. Also, most assignments are finished in class, which means there isn't much homework; and smaller class sizes (the school

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Parents wait for hours to get children registered for MV Whisman schools

By Nick Veronin

A woman attempting to enroll her child in the Mountain View Whisman School District said she waited in line at the district office for more than three hours Tuesday, Feb. 1, before being approved to get a code that would allow her to register.

Melinda Athey said she had no idea why it took so long for her to demonstrate residency within the district and be on her way.

"It just surprises me that I live in Mountain View, in the heart of Silicon Valley, and I'm sitting in this stuffy room, waiting," Athey told the *Voice*. "It just seems like there has got to be something wrong with the way it's going."

Other parents attempting to register their children expressed similar thoughts to Athey, she said.

"It's definitely taking longer than expected," said Craig Goldman, superintendent of the district. "It's a new set of procedures for our

staff. They're working at full speed, but it's taking a long time. That has been exacerbated by it being the first day of registration."

Goldman said that he thinks the parents who waited so long on Tuesday will find that the online process itself is better than the previous method, where parents had to fill out individual forms by hand, which were then entered manually into the schools computer database

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Moffett a serious contender for World Expo

By Daniel DeBolt

It appears more and more likely that the World Expo will come to Moffett Field in 2020, along with a new local landmark, tens of millions of visitors and hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to backers of the event at the Bay Area Council.

In what will be a worldwide competition to host the six-month event, spokesman John Grubb said the Bay Area Council (BAC) is confident about Moffett's chances. Grubb said the United States' "most stalwart competitors" so far are Turkey and Thailand, with the possibility that Russia may join the fray as well. Within the U.S. there are efforts to bring it to Minneapolis and Houston, but talks are underway to get World Expo backers in those cities to unite behind Silicon Valley.

There's a long list of other cities and countries where efforts are underway, but most appear don't appear to have heavy backing, Grubb said. "If ever there was a situation where someone could launch a webpage and be taken serious, this is one of them."

Within days, the BAC expects to release an economic impact report which will estimate the event's financial impacts, including those to Mountain View businesses. A feasibility study will follow later this year, Grubb said.

A bid by the U.S. would have the support of the head of the Bureau of International Expositions (BIE), Vicente Loscertales. "I would very much like to have" a World Expo in the U.S. "before I retire," he said in a recent podcast by the World Expo museum.

If the U.S. is selected by international representatives in the BIE, Moffett Field could host large exhibits from countries around the globe and Silicon Valley companies could also compete for attention with displays.

According to World Expo tradition, a landmark building is typically left behind, Grubb said. Examples include Seattle's Space Needle, the Eiffel tower and the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

Applications are due from countries by November, and an Expo

will be awarded in January 2013.

"No one's really got a site like Moffett Field," Grubb said of the U.S. cities in the race. Moffett provides over 500 acres in the center of Silicon Valley, access to Highway 101, a light rail station and it's not far from the train station in Mountain View's downtown, which will probably become a major hub of traffic during the event, Grubb said.

Loscertales says it's important that the World Expo fit into the area it's held in and that it leaves behind useful buildings. In Moffett's case, a group of universities, including the University of California and Foothill-DeAnza Community College District, say its a perfect opportunity to spur the development of a major college campus slated to go in next to the Moffett airfield at NASA Ames Research Park. The campus would be built before the Expo, and would be leased for use as an Expo Village, Grubb said.

World-class Silicon Valley exhibition

"We hope this will be the most sustainable World Expo ever held," Grubb said. Emerging themes for the event have repeatedly pointed to three words, "sustainability, innovation and space," Grubb said. NASA Ames, which controls Moffett Federal Airfield, and Google have expressed a major interest and have been very involved in World Expo discussions, Grubb said.

One idea is to make Moffett into "a model of how you deal with sea level rise," as Moffett sits at the edge of the bay and could be inundated if the sea rises, Grubb said.

Several hurdles

The event would take place on Moffett's airfield, which would be temporarily covered over. Government agencies such as the Air National Guard and government contractors, including Lockheed, will have to go without an airfield for at least eight months, Grubb said. It's possible the Air National Guard will be able to launch its rescue missions from San Jose Air-

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exciting.”

A little over six months ago, things did not look good for Tynfield and her colleagues at the cooperative preschool, where parents volunteer one day each week in exchange for tuition rates that are much lower than private preschools. The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District had decided to terminate the preschool's lease to make way for an anticipated 25-percent growth in high school students over the next 10 years.

Despite numerous pleas made by Tynfield and other supporters of the preschool, the district's board of trustees said there was no other option but to discontinue its joint-lease agreement.

Joe White, superintendent of business services for the high school district, said that Los Altos High

School can expect about 450 additional students by 2020, and that the district would like to use the 15,000 square feet now occupied by the preschool to accommodate that growth.

Tynfield reminded the high school district's board of trustees on multiple occasions that Parent Preschool, established in 1954, not only provides affordable education for tots, but is also an asset to the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult Education program. Parents who volunteer learn about child development and may earn adult school credit for their efforts.

Barry Groves, superintendent of Mountain View-Los Altos, said he was happy to see that the preschool found a home within his district's boundaries. Groves said he anticipates that the district will continue to support the program as a part of the adult school.

“It's a quality program,” Groves said of the preschool. “We're thrilled

that they've been able to find a new home.”

Randy Kenyon, assistant superintendent of business services for the Los Altos School District, said that signing the joint-lease agreement with the preschool is a “win-win.”

Although his district, like Mountain View-Los Altos, is pressed for space, Kenyon said he is happy to be able to both support the Parent Preschool and continue to generate a revenue stream for the Los Altos School District by leasing the space, which was recently vacated by another preschool.

Parent Preschool will pay \$25,000 per year for the space, \$10,000 more than it paid for its quarters on the Los Altos High School campus.

Still, Tynfield said, the preschool will be able to offer tuition far lower than its commercial competitors.

And that makes her happy. “To finally land someplace where we are being supported in that way is great,” she said. ▀

LETCHER

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orchard, owned by the Francia family, for a long-desired park in the Whisman neighborhood. Means recalled saying, “If we're going to do that, why don't we do it” to Don Letcher's property?

Basically, Means was using humor to express opposition to just the sort of “taking” Letcher is afraid of. It's not unusual for the libertarian to take such a position.

But Letcher insists it wasn't a joke, “I take real offense” to insinuations “that Means is playing a joke,” he said. Letcher claims that Means called his home and left a voicemail in which “he made it very clear... he wants me to shut up and stay away. It's no joke, he's told me he's coming after my property.”

“Some people can't take a joke,” said Means, one of several city officials who say they've grown tired of correcting Letcher's false accusations over the years, accusations which Letcher apparently circulates in senior citizen social circles.

Fueling Letcher's rage is the belief that he has been kept from renting out six housing units on the property he's owned since 1962 because of an effort by city officials to make sure the homes were code compliant in 1997. It's not clear why, but

he responded to the code inspections by kicking his tenants off his property. He admits to having lost a lawsuit from his tenants for wrongfully evicting them, and having to pay the tenants several hundred thousand dollars in an out of court settlement.

Because his homes were vacant more than six months, Letcher has lost the property's grandfather status that allowed residential use on the property, said City Attorney Jannie Quinn. She added that the property has been zoned for commercial use since the city annexed it in 1963.

Letcher, a retired Sunnyvale police officer, may get a break soon. In next year's general plan update his property is proposed for a more flexible commercial and residential designation.

But Letcher says “I want them to leave me the hell alone” and doesn't trust that city officials will do that, rezoning or not. He's suspicious that Quinn will add a long list of conditions to the one-time conditional use permit the city will require for him to rent the homes under the potential zoning change. Quinn denies it, saying the homes only need to be habitable and meet the city's safety and fire codes. ▀

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port instead. It may also be asked to provide security at the event, maybe getting some new facilities at Moffett in the process. The BAC has yet to talk to each airfield user, but so far Grubb said the talks have

been promising. There are several private users of the Moffett airfield, but none have leases through 2020.

The U.S. has not had a World Expo since 1984 in New Orleans, and the State Department is being prodded to resume paying its dues, 24,000 Euros, to the BIE.

If Moffett wins the bid, the State Department would create a governing body to run the event, which would include local city officials, Grubb said. ▀

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Patty has been a licensed nurse since 1988. As the Director of Nurses, she has a long list of responsibilities not the least of which is clinical oversight of resident's care. She ensures every resident receives the best in quality care, whether she/he is only at Los Altos Sub-Acute for short-term rehabilitation or nursing care or she/he is a permanent resident.

Thanks to Patty and her staff, Los Altos Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center is able to care for medically complex residents and achieve positive outcomes. In 2010 Los Altos Sub-Acute was able to discharge 60% of its admissions to home or a lower level of care—over 500 residents.

Patty has also been awarded the Clinical Excellence Award for her outstanding service by the facility's parent company, Covenant Care. Kudos to Patty!



SHORELINE

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"It's not a question of whether Shoreline funds will be shared with local schools, but when and how much," said finance director Patty Kong.

Shoreline's revenues are predicted to decline to \$26.8 million this year and continue to decline over the next few years. Further detail about its current and forecasted revenues and expenses was expected to be available in a city staff report released on the evening of Feb. 3.

Pollart's group has been quietly approaching city officials about the issue over much of the last year. Pollart spends his workday negotiating real estate development projects with city councils and acquiring land for O'Brien Homes, and he and others in his group have extensive experience fundraising for the school district.

"All our fundraising efforts, however, only generate about \$800,000 per year ... not nearly enough to cover the \$2.4 million in cuts in this past year alone" to the district's \$32 million operating budget, Pollart writes in a letter to the City Council.

Last year, district superintendent Craig Goldman said his district would have an additional \$1,000 per student annually if the Shoreline Community was dismantled, which would buy the city's elementary and middle schools smaller class sizes, more competitive salaries for teachers and more funds for programs that serve the district's poorer students.

Pollart said he and his group were shocked to read about the Shoreline Community in an article detailing the issue in the *Voice* in March 2010. The group has been researching the topic ever since, filing requests for documents with the city attorney.

"We've tried to be very respectful and responsible," Pollart said. "We don't want to go off half-cocked. We wanted to do our homework so that when we come forward we're credible."

Spurred by historical events

The Shoreline Community was never designed to have such an impact on local schools. Before the passage of Proposition 13 in 1979, schools "would have been able to raise the property tax rate," said finance director Patty Kong. The issue remained dormant until 2009, when the Mountain View Whisman district became classified as a "basic aid" district. As a basic aid district, it doesn't get per-pupil state funding and instead would benefit from increases in local property tax revenue. School officials then took an interest in Shoreline.

Pollart and his group say the Shoreline Community needs some

serious study by "an independent third-party consultant ... to determine what level of revenues Shoreline would require to finance on-going operations, long-term maintenance and debt service."

Such a study may vindicate the group's position, which is "that Shoreline should be wound down over a short period of time" and completely eliminated once all debts are paid.

Kong and Dile also said that could be a bad move because the Shoreline Community could face numerous potentially expensive projects in the future, including flood protection if the bay level rises, as well as mitigation for traffic congestion from anticipated Google developments.

The city's landfill under Shoreline Park is also a major cost concern for city officials. The clay cap covering the landfill requires constant maintenance in order to prevent methane gas from escaping and causing fires, and maintenance to prevent the ground above from settling unevenly.

Last year, the Shoreline Community's \$18.7 million in expenses included \$3.7 million in "direct operation costs," \$6.9 million in debt payments; \$5.2 million in "reimbursements" for ongoing police, fire and administrative services; and nearly \$2 million in compensatory payments to the county, which also forgoes taxes to the Shoreline Community.

Kong said that Shoreline Community revenues are predicted to decline over the next few years as businesses there are seeking to have their property values reassessed because of the recession. A significant decline in property taxes could make what Pollart proposes more difficult.

Despite those assertions from city officials, Pollart believes the situation needs to be independently studied, much the way the city requires a developer to pay for an environmental impact report.

"We have a high level of trust in Mr. Duggan and his staff," Pollart said. "Having said that, the fact remains the city is in a position to benefit significantly from the continuation of the current" agreement with schools. The city's "joint powers agreement" gives each district \$450,000 from the Shoreline Community for technology-related programs.

City officials say that underneath the controversy over the Shoreline Community is a story of successful collaboration. The city provides after-school programs, field maintenance, sports facilities at Graham and Crittenden middle schools, crossing guards and two police school resource officers, while the school districts allow public access to playgrounds, fields and gymnasiums at several schools that the city would otherwise be obligated to provide. The cost of

Los Altos district to vote on new parcel tax

\$193 ANNUALLY FOR SIX YEARS TO 'GET OVER THE HUMP' OF RECESSION

By Nick Veronin

In an effort to make up for falling revenues from state and federal sources, Los Altos' elementary and middle schools are asking voters to approve a new \$193 parcel tax this May.

Officials from the Los Altos School District said that an additional \$16 per month is a reasonable price to pay to ensure that the schools continue to provide high quality educational programming.

"We're trying to safeguard our programs," said Randy Kenyon, assistant superintendent of business services for the district.

Kenyon said that in the past two years, the district has lost more than \$4 million in funding — 10 percent of its budget. The new parcel tax would generate up to \$2.3 million, and help the district "get over the hump of the recession."

Jay Gill, the parent of an eighth-grader in the school district and a member of the Los Altos Educational Foundation, supports the

parcel tax, and echoed Kenyon's assessment of the current state of the district's finances.

"We've got to protect what we've got," Gill said. "There is no fluff to cut."

Both Kenyon and Gill said that residents living within the district should support local schools, regardless of whether they have children in the school system.

"I think there is a strong nexus between strong local schools and property values," Kenyon said, noting that homes within the district yield high appraisals in large part because of the quality of the area's schools.

There is a broader reason to support local schools, however, according to Kenyon: "Those children are our future leaders in business, government, industry."

Ron Haley, along with a group of like-minded locals, does not like the way the parcel tax is being presented.

A former CEO at several high tech companies throughout Silicon

Valley, Haley said he isn't convinced that the district needs the money, and is even more skeptical about whether the district will spend the money wisely if the tax is approved.

"If they pass another parcel tax, all that's going to happen is what happened before," he said. There is currently a permanent \$597 annual parcel tax in the district.

He said teacher salaries are unreasonably high, tenure is awarded too readily and that the district's unions continually make unreasonable demands and the district's "board rolls over and gives it to them."

Haley is organizing an opposition campaign that he said should be up and running in the coming weeks.

The Los Altos School District extends into parts of Mountain View. Kenyon said that about 25 percent of his district's student body — 1,092 students — live in Mountain View. The district's boundaries cover 2,766 parcels in Mountain View ■

ALTA VISTA

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only accepts up to 170 students each school year) mean she gets more attention from her teachers.

The experience is a far cry from the one she had at Mountain View High School, where she said the enormity of the student body and multitude of cliques made her feel like an outsider.

Bill Pierce, principal of Alta Vista, said many of his students come to the school hesitant, like Koongaika. However, he said, kids "bloom" at Alta Vista for the exact reasons Koongaika said she ultimately came around.

"We have an amazingly dedicated group of people," Pierce said, referring to Alta Vista's teaching staff. "They could work anywhere but this is where they have chosen to work."

Doreen Bracamontes, who teaches English at Alta Vista, began her career teaching at-risk teens in a rough Oakland neighborhood. Bracamontes deliberately chose to work at that school, and to come to Alta Vista, because each campus

those services has yet to be quantified by the city or school district.

The city's many successes aside, Pollart's bottom line is this: "I would like to see the city come up with a way to maintain Shoreline without continuing to take money from our schools." ■

gave her an opportunity to help "students who lack support."

It might be surprising to some living in more affluent neighborhoods of Los Altos and Mountain View, Bracamontes said, but there are areas within the local school district that are just as "dire" as what she saw teaching in Oakland.

"Anywhere you have a pocket of socioeconomic need, you have those students that require a teacher who really cares about serving the whole student," she said.

By "teaching the whole student," Bracamontes means going beyond the textbook and incorporating life skills into her lesson plans — skills that some students are not fortunate enough to learn at home.

Bracamontes also leads an advisory program, where she goes over the basics of household management, writing a college admission essay, and templates for cover letters and resumes.

The kids Bracamontes teaches come from a wide variety of circumstances. Some are from poor families, some didn't fit in at the larger schools, and others may have been derailed by an unfortunate personal event.

"For whatever reason, school got put on hold," she said of the students at Alta Vista.

Students at Alta Vista do not earn the necessary requirements to be accepted into a state-run university. Alta Vista graduates must go through a community college before transferring into the University of California or California State University systems.

Pierce, the school's principal, said he doesn't believe he has put off any students or parents by not offering classes that satisfy what are known as "A-G requirements." He said that students come to Alta Vista because they are deficient in credits and likely wouldn't qualify for a four-year college.

He reasoned that students often get behind at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools because the "college prep setting didn't work for them. I don't want to duplicate what wasn't working for the students."

Viridiana Arenas transferred to Alta Vista as a sophomore. She had fallen behind because her family needed her to help care for her two younger brothers, both of whom have learning disabilities. She is happy to have been able to get into Alta Vista. "They are very helpful and supportive, and they won't let you fall further behind," she said.

Arenas doesn't mind not being able to go straight to a UC or CSU. "It doesn't bother me at all," she said. "I like to take my time."

According to Bracamontes, most students at Alta Vista share Arenas' sentiment. "Often it is a relief when they find out that they can still go to college."

She said that showing the students that they do have such options is empowering. She has seen many kids that were on the verge of giving up on school altogether and are now in community college and even in four-year schools. ■

Arts & Events

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

By Emma Trotter

MV MUSICIAN
MAKES A REUNION
ALBUM —
REMOTELY —
WITH FORMER
BANDMATES AFTER
35-YEAR HIATUS



In the 1970s, a group of young men at the University of Illinois formed a folk-rock band. They played a series of campus gigs, toured the Midwest and cut a few albums before going their separate ways. It's the same old story — except that after being apart for more than 30 years, they got the chance to do it again.

"People feel it's difficult to go back and attain anywhere near the quality you had before," said Steve Cowan, who sang and played guitar with the band and is now a Mountain View software engineer. But that's what The Ship got to do.

Cowan and six other men, now all in their 50s and 60s and living in various parts of the U.S., found their way back to the university in April 2008 for two heady days of rehearsal and a 20-song reunion show that made them wonder — could they get back together and do it all over again?

Well, yes and no. The Ship released its fifth album, "All Come Home," last December, but none of the musicians — Cowan, James Barton, Todd Bradshaw, Rick Frank, Mark Hamby and Bill Panda — ever sat down in a studio together to record. Taking advantage of free recording software, e-mail and other technology only dreamed of during the band's heyday, the musicians laid down 12 original tracks in just over a year, working together remotely.

"We probably sent 20 to 30 e-mails a day," Cowan said. "I just didn't have that work ethic when I was 22."

Typically, the lead singer for a given song would record one vocal track and one instrumental track and send it to the group. Then, everyone would try to add something. The result is an album with a wide range of styles and personalities represented, something that's been true since the beginning.

"One of the things that really distinguishes us is that we have so many different sounds," Cowan said. Back in the '70s, that meant "people couldn't take our songs

and just immediately do them."

The first four songs on the album have four different lead singers. For the last song and title track, "All Come Home," all six album contributors sing in harmony. The percussion is synthesized, but all other instruments heard on the album, including flute, saxophone, electric bass and mandocello, were recorded by the band. Most songs have 15 to 20 tracks each, Cowan said.

With so much variety, some conflict was inevitable. "We would have disagreements, and we would just back away for a day or two," Cowan said.

For Cowan, the hardest part was timing his recording so the neighbors opening their garage door couldn't be heard in the background, he said. "That was my biggest fear."

Hamby, who now runs a brokerage firm in Seattle, pointed out another complication. "It's weird to put out songs we've never really performed," he said.

As for reconnecting with the old music, Hamby said, "I got it out and thought, hey, some of this stuff is halfway decent."

Today, Hamby performs with a

party band, but he had lost touch with songwriting until the reunion. "Without a group waiting for you, songwriting is a silly exercise," he said.

Back in the day, the band's name came from its founding effort, a 1970 folk opera called "The Ship" that was the reason a handful of independent campus singers/songwriters got together. After working on those first songs for five straight months, the band started performing together in 1971.

Hamby remembers getting up early on Saturdays to hear the group's Kellogg's jingle. "Then we'd get royalty checks the next month and put food on the table," he said.

Then, in 1977, one member got a permanent job offer he couldn't pass up. "We looked at each other and said, well, maybe the jig is up," Hamby said. "Maybe it was time to think about what to do with at least part of the rest of our lives."

"It was friendly," he added. "We said it's been great, see you whenever."

More than 30 years later, "April On The Prairie," the first song on the new album "All Come Home," reflects the group's appreciation of its second chance. "This is the story of our getting back together," Cowan said.

Later, "Take A Number" reminds listeners that everyone's got problems. "It's the ultimate party tune," Panda said. "It sounds like we got drunk and went to a club and played."

Panda, who majored in music, now works as a studio musician in Nashville.

"The soft tissue eroded, but it was astonishing how easy it was to fall back into our old rhythms," he said. "I hadn't talked to some of these guys since 1975, and it just didn't matter."

No touring or concerts are in the works, and the band hasn't discussed the possibility of another album, Cowan said. For now, "All Come Home" is available for \$12.99 through CD Baby. There's a link on the band's website at theshipmusic.com, which also lists former members of the band who didn't take part in the reunion recording.

"We're not going to make our money back," Cowan said, "but that's never been the purpose of it."

Steve Cowan plays his song "Passenger" at his home studio in Mountain View, Tuesday, Jan. 18. He began writing the song in 1973 and finished it in June 2009 on a flight back from meeting with his band. Photos by Michelle Le.

These shows "sold out like that,"

Cowan said with a snap of his fingers. The band was able to charge \$3 a ticket, which he said was "on the high end for concerts back then." The band stood out for a few reasons, Cowan said. "We had the really lush harmonies, we rehearsed a lot, we were all songwriters and we could all sing lead," he said.

Before long, The Ship had a recording contract with Elektra Records, which Cowan called "the recording label for folk music." From the Illinois cornfields, the group traveled to a studio on La Cienega Boulevard in Los Angeles, recording alongside some of their musical idols such as Bread.

Cowan left the group in 1973, but a few, including original members Hamby and Panda, kept at it until 1977. In that period, the group released another album, recorded a handful of advertising jingles and played gigs around the Midwest. Times were lean.

"Next week we could be plumbers," one band member was quoted as saying in a 1972 Chicago Tribune article. The story was headlined "The Ship: Still no breeze, but still afloat."

Teams race to design new apps at Health 2.0

Last Saturday at Google's Crittenden Site, Health 2.0, an organization that encourages innovation in health care, held a Developer Challenge Code-a-thon. Attendees form teams to creatively design and code new health care applications. Ten teams competed in the contest and most were able to present working demos by the end of the day.

The day started with some short 15-minute lectures, the first being from the head of Google Health, Dr. Roni Zeiger. Have you tried storing your family's health information on Google Health (health.google.com)? When Google Health was launched, it seemed a tedious way to record health details, especially as Nintendo's Wii Fit Plus tracks my weight and my spreadsheet graphs 25 years of blood test results. As Google Health partners with more clinics and hospitals, more data will be entered automatically. My view of Google Health changed last Christmas when I fell off a chairlift. So I used ZipHealth on my iPhone to upload a picture of my bruised head and record the date of my accident on Google Health. ZipHealth is quick to use and also works with Microsoft HealthVault (healthvault.com/microsoft). Palo Alto Medical Foundation has its own online system, but sending a message to your doctor costs an outrageous \$60 a year. It supports iPhone users with an app, MyChart

The first-prize app depicted one's health on a smartphone as a Wellness Garden. If your health was good, flowers would grow. The second-prize winner designed an app to show people what free prevention services they are eligible for, based on their insurance coverage and medical history. One prize-winning team wanted to integrate school information with medical data for asthma sufferers. The Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health stimulated this idea by providing a data set and challenging participants to help families of children with special medical conditions share and find



information.

Other apps relied on peers to encourage healthy behaviors and treatment experiences. Sfibd.org, currently available only to invited beta testers, helps sufferers of Crohn's disease, colitis and other irritable bowel disorders to share information. An interesting discussion on the privacy of health information ensued. How willing are sufferers to share health information with strangers who suffer from the same disease? Another app sent e-mails to friends and families to persuade them to exercise, diet or keep fit.

One team attempted to use Google Refine (formerly Freebase Gridworks) to clean data from government databases, then used Google Fusion Tables to plot data on a map and visualize it. They showed a correlation between unhealthy air quality days and life expectancy for different states. Not surprisingly, some of the coal mining states' citizens lived the shortest lives on average.

In one day, most teams managed to create some impressive code, even if they didn't finish complete apps. Health 2.0's co-founder, Matthew Holt observed, "This Code-a-thon demonstrates that developers can implement innovative features really rapidly, even faster than at our last coding event in October 2010."

I ended the conference by talking to Fred Trotter, who claims the Nationwide Health Information Network is as important to the Health Internet as the government funded ARPANET was to today's Internet. You can read more about advances in health networks by reading Matthew's blog at thehealthcareblog.com or Fred's blog at fredtrotter.com. Health information and medical records management is increasingly a personal responsibility.

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Helping new Americans start businesses

Globally, women make up 51 percent of the population and perform two-thirds of the work, yet they earn just 5 percent of the world's income and own less than 1 percent of all land, according to a United Nations study. For many immigrant women in the Bay Area, transitioning to a lifestyle where they can demand fair compensation for their labor requires a dramatic change. The non-profit C.E.O. Women creates economic opportunities for low-income immigrant and refugee women through teaching English, communications, and entrepreneurship skills.

C.E.O. Women's 16-week class expands women's knowledge in three areas: what you know (how to write a business plan or a resume), who you know (connecting to mentors and potential clients), and what you have (capital and tools to start the business). The program has a minimal fee on a sliding scale depending on household income.

"We want the women to be invested in attending the classes, which is why we require them to pay something," explains Anita Dharapuram, C.E.O. Women's executive director.

C.E.O. Women participant Winou exemplifies the roundabout path that many participants take to successfully running a business. Winou came to the U.S. from Ethiopia seeking political asylum.



She earned minimum wage as a homecare worker and was often mistreated. To earn more money and be treated respectfully, she wanted to start her own business. In 2007, she went through the C.E.O. Women program and started making and selling jewelry at the flea market. However, she was not breaking even. The next year she worked at a friend's grocery store and wanted to purchase the business. However, after exploring the idea with C.E.O. Women, she decided against it.

After that, Winou fell out of touch with C.E.O. Women. When she resurfaced, she was making handmade Ethiopian crafts. She launched a website featuring her products and has since sold over 450 of her crafts. She makes a profit on this business and has diversified into quilts, decorations and potholders.

Anita Dharapuram says, "We have a saying: once a client, always a client." Of women who participate in at least 10 hours of class, 63 percent start or expand a business, and their revenue increases by 41 percent, on average. Women who graduate from the class can apply for a grant from C.E.O. Women or sign up for a one-on-one "business coach."

Mountain View resident and business coach Robyn Reiss observed first hand the numerous challenges C.E.O. Women participants face through her mentee, "Maria." Maria and Robyn began meeting

weekly to help Maria launch her green cleaning business. However, Maria's house was in foreclosure and she had family problems that necessitated her going back to Brazil for an extended period. Reiss advises potential mentors to take such events in stride as part of the process. "You're going to be a mentor for the whole person — work is just one of their challenges. Be prepared for things to take longer than you thought."

To reach more women, C.E.O. Women is developing an soap opera called "The Grand Cafe" that is available on DVD. The C.E.O. Women curriculum is woven into each episode as the show's four heroines start their own businesses. The first six episodes, launched in fall 2009, enabled the program to reach 50 percent more women than the year before. Twelve more episodes are in the works to complete the program. The goal is to use this media tool to help launch 30,000 women-owned businesses in the next ten years. The training program will be paired with classroom support whenever possible.

C.E.O. Women is always looking for male and female business coaches. To learn more, see www.ceowomen.org.

Mountain View resident Jennifer Pence is founder of the Windmill Giving Circle and founder and owner of Academic Springboard, a tutoring group. She can be reached at japence@hotmail.com.

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by school employees.

He said he is familiar with the system, which is employed by the high school his daughters attend in San Mateo. "It's wonderful, because it will automatically populate fields," he said.

As a father of triplets, Goldman said this feature saved him lots of time. The system will also save paper and photocopying costs for the district, he added.

Athey was frustrated none-

theless. She said that when she signed up one of her older children for classes at Mountain View High School the whole process took all of 15 minutes.

"I made an appointment, I walked in, they photocopied everything and I walked out," she said.

Athey finished registering her child later that day on her home computer. It took her 30 minutes, she said. "It is still unclear to me why I waited three hours today to come home and spend another half hour signing up," she said.

While Goldman admitted that the new system moved unusually

slowly, he expects it will get better in the days to come. He also reminded parents that they have all month to register. Because the school district does not assign classes on a first-come, first-served basis, parents do not need to rush to sign up.

"We're always inundated on the first day, and the first day always takes a long time," he said.

"We apologize for any inconvenience that parents have experienced," Goldman said. "We acknowledge that the wait has exceeded our expectations. We will certainly take steps to improve our efficiency." ▀

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In related news, Google, Twitter and recent Google purchase SayNow have joined up to allow Egyptians, who have had Internet access blocked by the government, to tweet about what's happening on the ground with a new service.

It allows users to leave a voice mail at one of three international phone numbers (+16504194196 or

+390662207294 or +97316199855), and the messages are instantly dictated and posted in English at twitter.com/speak2tweet.

"We hope that this will go some way to helping people in Egypt stay connected at this very difficult time" said a post on Google's official blog.

"Our thoughts are with everyone there," wrote Ujjwal Singh, co-founder of SayNow, and AbdelKarim Mardini, Google product manager for the Middle East and North Africa. ▀

Google executive goes missing in Egypt

By Daniel DeBolt

The day before Google executive Wael Ghonim went missing last week during Egypt's protests, he tweeted, "We are all ready to die." His family hasn't heard from him since Friday.

Ghonim, Google's head of marketing in the Middle East and North Africa, wasn't politically inclined, according to news reports,

but was interested in tweeting on the protests, which exploded in Egypt on Jan. 25. Following similar events in Tunisia, protesters called for the ouster of Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak.

One of the last posts on Ghonim's twitter account was "Pray for #Egypt. Very worried as it seems that government is planning a war crime tomorrow against people. We are all ready to die #Jan25."

Ghonim's wife and brother last heard from him on Friday. His wife told Al Jazeera English on Tuesday that she is very concerned about him and is seeking information about his whereabouts.

A Google spokesperson in an e-mail on Wednesday said, "I can confirm that a Googler, Wael Ghonim, is missing in Egypt. He has not been seen since late Thursday evening in central Cairo. The



Community Health Education Programs

Palo Alto Center, 795 El Camino Real

Lecture and Workshops

Getting Back in Rhythm: New Treatments for Atrial Fibrillation

Presented by Shaun Cho, M.D., PAMF Cardiology
Tuesday, Feb. 8, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Hearst Center for Health Education, Level 3, 650-853-4873

Hypertension, Salt and Chronic Kidney Disease Health Lecture Series

Presented by Toby Gottheiner, M.D., PAMF Nephrology
Monday, Feb. 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m. San Carlos Library, 650-591-0341 x237

Nutrition and Diabetes Classes 650-853-2961

Adult Weight Management Group

Thursdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Bariatric Orientation

Every second Tuesday of the month, 4 to 6 p.m.

Bariatric Pre-Op

Every second Tuesday of the month, 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Bariatric Shared Medical Appointment

Every first Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Healthy eating. Active lifestyles.

Orientation, Tuesday, Feb. 15, class starts on Tuesday, Mar. 8, 10 to 11:30 a.m.



Healthy Eating Type 2 Diabetes
Third Wednesday of every other month, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Heart Smart Class

Tuesdays, Feb. 15 & 22, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Living Well with Diabetes

Tuesdays, 4:30 to 7 p.m.; Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Living Well with Prediabetes

First Monday of the month, 9 to 11 a.m., and third Wednesday of every other month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Every other fourth Wednesday of the month, Redwood Shores Health Center, 290 Redwood Shores Pkwy., Redwood City

New Weigh of Life

Thursdays, Feb. 3, 2 to 3:15 p.m., Redwood City Center, 805 Veterans Blvd., Suite 201, Redwood City

Sweet Success Program (Gestational Diabetes)

Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

Post-Stroke Caregiver's Workshop 650-565-8485

Thursday, Feb. 10, 4 to 6 p.m.

Pregnancy, Breastfeeding & Child Care Classes

Breastfeeding – Secrets for Success

Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 to 9 p.m.



New Parent ABC's – All About Baby Care
Mondays, Feb. 14 & 28, 7 to 9 p.m.

Preparing for Birth/Fast Track

Three-session class starting Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7 to 9 p.m.

Prenatal Yoga

First Thursday of every month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

Your Baby's Doctor

Thursday, Feb. 17, 7 to 9 p.m.

For all, register online or call 650-853-2960.

PAMF Partners in Parenting

Monday, Feb. 7, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Support Groups

Bariatric

650-281-8908

Cancer

650-342-3749

CPAP

650-853-4729

Diabetes

650-224-7872

Drug and Alcohol

650-853-2904

Healing Imagery for Cancer Patients

650-799-5512

Kidney

650-323-2225

Multiple Sclerosis

650-328-0179

Mountain View Center, 701 E. El Camino Real



Lecture and Workshops 650-934-7373

The Obesity Epidemic

For Your Health Lecture Series
Presented by Lynn Bennion, M.D., PAMF Weight Management, Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 to 8 p.m. Third Floor Conference Center

HMR Weight Management Program 650-404-8260

Free orientation session. Tuesdays, noon to 1:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 5 to 6:30 p.m.



Living Well Classes 650-934-7373

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

Nine-session program, Mondays starting on Feb. 7, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Nutrition and Diabetes Classes 650-934-7177

Bariatric Surgery Orientation Session

Third Tuesday of every month, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Diabetes Management

Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays, dates vary by referrals and registrations, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Monday & Wednesday, or 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Tuesday)

Healthy eating. Active lifestyles.

Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Heart Smart Class

Mondays or Tuesdays, dates vary by referrals and registrations, 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Living Well with Prediabetes

Tuesdays or Thursdays, dates vary by referrals and registrations, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

New Weigh of Life

Mondays, 6 to 7:15 p.m.

Sweet Success Gestational Diabetes Class

Wednesdays, dates vary by referrals and registrations, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pregnancy, Breastfeeding and Child Care Classes



Baby Safety Basics

Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Breastfeeding Your Newborn

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7 & 8 and

Mar. 7 & 8, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Infant Care

Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, Feb. 23, 26 & Mar. 1, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (weekdays), 10 a.m. to noon (Saturdays)

Infant Emergencies and CPR

Wednesday, Feb. 16, Mar. 2 & 16, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

OB Orientation

Wednesday or Thursday, Feb. 9, 17 & 23, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

What to Expect with Your Newborn

Tuesday, Feb. 15, 7 to 8 p.m.

For all, register online or call 650-934-7373.

Childbirth Preparation

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Decision needed on golf course

With \$1.8 million in employee costs, the Shoreline Golf Links is hemorrhaging close to \$1 million in losses this fiscal year and is forecast to lose up to \$1.5 million in 2011-12. The situation is dire at a time when the city is scrounging for every spare dollar to balance an ever more precarious budget.

The golf course meltdown is not a surprise to the City Council or to administrators, who have seen this coming for several years. What has been lacking is a firm commitment to cut costs. Outsourcing the operation is a solution the council has been reluctant to choose, and would unfortunately do away with up to 11 union jobs.

The latest scheme is to seek bids for a private sector golf course operator, and a similar estimate using city workers, who are members of the Service Employees International Union. In our view, there is virtually no chance that the union-based bid will be lower than that of outside operators, who will be able to use non-union labor.

Documents provided to the City Council last week show that personnel costs at Shoreline Golf Links are more than twice as high as those at Palo Alto and Santa Clara. Sunnyvale spent about \$400,000 less than Shoreline on employee costs, but managed to bring in nearly a quarter-million-dollar profit.

Once a stellar profit-maker, the Shoreline course burned through some \$800,000 in reserves so far this fiscal year and is currently running a \$74,000 deficit. The outlook for next fiscal year is worse, a deficit of \$900,000 to \$1.5 million.

Some say the Shoreline course is hampered by unfair cost allocations, such as over \$400,000 for water and \$378,000 for overhead, which pays a share of the salaries for city manager and city attorney. And while many golfers stay for lunch and drinks at Michael's at Shoreline, none of the restaurant's annual rent of \$155,000 is credited to the golf course. But so far, the city has shown little interest in changing the formula for computing costs at the golf links.

Instead, after studying the issue, the city staff is recommending that the city find a golf course manager through a competitive bidding process. By hiring a private company, the city believes it can control employee costs in a five-year contract with the operator, which would hire its own employees. A private operator will have an incentive, in the form of a performance bonus, to spruce up and market the course to bring in more players, many of whom are not Mountain View residents.

The downside of outsourcing is the loss of up to 11 city employees, some of whom have served the city for many years. They might be able to hire on with a new operator, although it is unlikely that they would have union representation or earn the pay they receive now. It is unclear what will happen to them. But one thing is clear: a loss next fiscal year of up to \$1.5 million is simply not acceptable.

■ GUEST OPINION

City willing to 'revisit' sharing Shoreline revenue

By Kevin C. Duggan

I am writing to supplement the opinion piece regarding the Shoreline Community District by Jim Pollart published on Jan. 28. It was titled "Parents seek share of taxes for schools."

We have appreciated the opportunity to meet with Mr. Pollart and other parents who have worked very hard in support of the schools in the Mountain View Whisman School District and have helped raise funds for important programs in those schools. We know that quality schools are a critical part of a quality city. We also know that our schools have been hard-hit by the ongoing state budget crisis and the effects of the recession, as has the city of Mountain View.

The city has a long history of

working collaboratively with both the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District. We work together and share resources, including services and facilities, to a degree that is not typical among cities and school districts in this state. Examples include the Whisman Sports Center and Mountain View Sports Pavilion, the Graham Sports Complex and many "school/park" facilities throughout the community. The city provides the site for Alta Vista High School to the high school district. Additionally, the city provides school resource officers, a portion of music and art education program funding, and extensive after-school programs on

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■ LETTERS

THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO SAVE US FROM FLOODS

At last, someone with common sense has come forward to point out the wrongness of the Santa Clara Valley Water District's plan to spend \$30 million to \$40 million on a series of water basins built within the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos.

We have been told that this project is needed to "protect" these cities from a hypothetical flood with only a guessed-at one in 100 chance of occurring in any one year, notwithstanding the fact that no properties in the targeted areas have ever been labeled as even being in a flood zone.

From the beginning, even the supposed need for this project had

an alternative solution that would be simpler, less disruptive and less expensive — damming up water runoff back in the foothills.

Now we learn that a major consideration in the choice of lower basin locations instead of the inland dam approach is the possibility of impacting wildlife and endangered red-legged frogs in the upper area. Care-taking of our environment is a valid ongoing objective, but placing it over the wishes and priorities of our citizens as in this case is absolutely not, which is another reason why this choice should be discarded.

Of even greater importance, given the critical debt position of each of our government entities — federal,

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state, and local — we should simply say “no” to any spending project of this questionable benefit. We strongly urge an immediate stop to any further effort on this project, postponing any consideration of it to a later date when or even if it can attempt to be justified.

Gordon Pilcher, Amalfi Way

THE GREAT MISTAKE IN CONSERVATIVE THINKING

The conservative movement has at its heart a good idea. We should confine government to its natural role and keep it from going where it doesn't belong.

Their great mistake is thinking that private is always better than public. When you see private for-profit health insurance firms raising bills 59 percent with no recourse, you realize that private is not always the best guardian of your well being.

If conservatives would realize that the market works best when it is regulated by an empowered and well-funded government regulatory structure, a more powerful and fair economic system could be restored.

Ed Taub, Devoto Street

WORKER CENTER NEEDS TO ATTRACT MORE WORKERS

The Day Worker Center is finished, and looks very lovely. But it also looks very unused.

And the men who the center is trying to attract are still in the various parking lots on both sides of El Camino near San Antonio Road.

If the Day Worker Center can't attract these men to use it, and those

looking for workers don't insist on only hiring from the Day Worker Center, then a lot of time, money and energy have gone to waste.

Micki Miller, Mountain View Ave.

CITY SHOULD STICK WITH MCKELVEY PLANS

With the Los Altos School District rejecting a flood basin at Blach School, the whole flood control project could be scrapped. Regardless of the fate of the basin project, the new plans for McKelvey Park should move forward.

Much good work went into the public debate about McKelvey Park. The interests of the St. Francis neighborhood and of the baseball players were thoroughly debated in a series of public meetings. At the final meeting, the City Council received a proposed park plan from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The council took public comments from all the interested groups and then decided to keep both the large and small playing fields at McKelvey, while adding a new mini park. The water district's proposed plan was an artful compromise that balanced the needs of the neighborhood and the ball players. The water district showed how a minipark could be nicely integrated into a new park layout for McKelvey.

The public debate has been completed. With its decision, the council recognized the need for a mini park for the under-served St. Francis neighborhood. The city should proceed with the renovation of McKelvey Park whether a basin is included or not. In fact, the new park layout could be built much simpler at ground level without the grading and retaining walls needed for a basin.

All the great work of the neighbor-

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many campuses.

Of note is that the current Joint Powers Authority (JPA) which dedicates funds from the Shoreline Community District to Mountain View public schools to supplement education funding was suggested and initiated by the City/Shoreline Community in 2006.

While the city has suffered budget reductions as a result of the recession and the state's fiscal crises, we fully appreciate that these impacts also are being felt significantly in our local schools. We also recognize and appreciate the impact of the elementary district changing from a district that receives revenue based on average daily attendance to one based on local property tax. The city staff concurs that it is

hood, the ball players, the city staff, and, yes, the Water District should be carried forward in a new McKelvey that meets the needs of all. Let's keep moving forward on McKelvey!

Gene Lee, Ernestine Lane

REASON BEHIND PRESIDENT'S 'OPPOSITION'

Two of the people quoted in the Jan. 28 *Voices* referred to the “opposition” President Obama faced in his efforts to achieve his goals. What opposition? He had a majority in the House and a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate.

The only real opposition he faced was from the American people. His fellow Democrats held back because they were concerned (justly, as it turned out) about losing their seats if they voted for policies unpopu-

appropriate to revisit the revenue sharing formula in the current JPA and will be recommending that to the City Council/Shoreline Community Board of Directors. City staff and school district representatives have already been meeting to discuss this issue.

Such a review must be undertaken carefully, fully understanding the impacts to other important community services and obligations. While sometimes incorrectly referenced as a “redevelopment agency”, the Shoreline Community serves critical purposes far beyond the scope of redevelopment agencies. In addition to funding municipal services in the area, it provides operating funds for Shoreline Regional Park, helps assure that the closed landfills are properly maintained in perpetuity, funds environmental requirements relating to wildlife (including species at

risk) and wetland restoration and management, as well as supporting economic development of the area. The Shoreline Community District is integral to our community's long term fiscal viability and it is important that it remain a successful segment of our local economy.

All of these activities benefit the Mountain View community as a whole, and reflect other vital components of a quality city. Without the funding provided through the Shoreline Community, these activities would overwhelm the city's already-strapped general fund.

We believe there are opportunities to increase school funding without sacrificing essential city services. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with our local school districts for the benefit of all Mountain View residents.

Kevin Duggan is Mountain View's city manager.

lar with their constituents. I am thankful that the voters still have some influence over what goes on in Washington.

Maarten Korringa, Eldora Drive

POLICIES THAT IMPACT SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Your Jan. 28 story about the academic lagging of some English language learners, mostly Spanish speaking Latinos, reminded me of two stupid laws that negatively affect California schools and their academic accomplishments.

In 1994 California voters approved Proposition 187, which stated that illegal aliens would not get social services and their children could not attend public schools unless they paid non-resident tuition. The courts said this was overruled

by the California Constitution and did not allow Proposition 187 to be implemented. We do charge non-resident tuition to residents of Nevada and Oregon if their kids attend California schools.

The other stupid policy is that the federal government grants U.S. citizenship to all babies born in the U.S., even if their parents are illegal aliens. Many pregnant women come into our country illegally and have their babies in our hospitals. Those babies are citizens, and the politicians do not want to deport parents of citizens. If we change this federal policy there would be many fewer Latino students in our schools, raising the cost of education and making our academic performance poor. Citizens should demand better laws from our politicians.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Snug but cozy

TUCKED INTO A NARROW SPACE, ANATOLIAN KITCHEN SERVES TRADITIONAL TURKISH CUISINE WITH WARM AMBIANCE

By Dale F. Bentson

It's an awkward space for a restaurant. Longish and narrow, the space at 2323 Birch St. in Palo Alto can verge on chaotic when busy, with servers doing quick sidesteps to allow patrons to pass. Anyone heading for the aft restroom can easily create a bottleneck.

Yet, that's dampened neither the enthusiasm nor the quality of food at Anatolian Kitchen, the successor to the space most recently occupied by Oaxacan Kitchen. Before Oaxacan Kitch-

en, the place was a lighting store; thus the inefficiency. It wasn't built to house restaurants.

Open since October, Anatolian Kitchen was the dream of Dino Tekdemir. A native of Diyarbakir, Turkey, he worked in Bay Area eateries for a decade before taking the entrepreneurial plunge. "My goal was always to own my own restaurant," Tekdemir said.

Brother and chef Sahar came in 2007 to get up to speed on the vagaries of being a California restaurateur. Today, the two manage

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VIVIAN WONG.

Anatolian Kitchen's piyas mixes white beans with red onion, red and green bell pepper and parsley.



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every aspect of their neighborhood dining spot. The Tekdemir family was also in the food business in Turkey, and the menu reflects a warm, homemade style.

"Our food is exactly like our mother made for us in Turkey, fresh and healthy," Dino said. "We have a woman come to the kitchen in the morning and again in the afternoon to bake bread, just as our mother did. Everything we do must be fresh and made right here.

"In Turkey, when guests come, we serve them the finest food, give them the best of our house. That is how we treat our patrons, like guests in our house."

On a recent visit, I found that the black sesame seed-topped bread was indeed fresh, as were the wedges of pita bread that appeared on my table seconds after I was seated. (I was a bit surprised that a foil-wrapped pat of butter accompanied rather than an oil-infused dipping sauce.)

I ate all the pita before the baba ghanoush (\$6) arrived. There was no offer of more. I managed the mashed grilled eggplant — which had garlic, pepper, fresh herbs and lemon with a tiny bead of olive oil atop — with my fork. Not the best way. The baba ghanoush was tasty enough, although the eggplant didn't quite have enough charcoal-y flavor.

I was wiser the next time and saved the pita for the hummus (\$4.50). The blend of pulped garbanzo beans with tahini (sesame paste), lemon juice, garlic and olive oil was appetizing and the portion ample.

I loved the cacik (\$5.50). The blend of yogurt with chopped cucumber, dill, garlic and olive oil made for a tasty start, and should make a great appetizer in the warm summery days just around the corner.

Piyas (\$6) was a pasty and very filling concoction of white beans, red onion, red and green bell peppers, parsley and olive oil. About half was all I could manage with more courses to come. There wasn't much seasoning, which I suppose is

authentic, but the dish was on the bland side.

For main courses, I thought the moussaka (\$13.95) particularly good with sliced eggplant, ground lamb and beef, onion, zucchini and potato. It was all steeped in a light tomato sauce, its top coated with a rich bechamel sauce. In all, an appealing, satisfying dish that didn't overfill.

"Alexander's Favorite" (\$13.95) was sliced lamb and beef layered over bread cubes with tomato sauce, butter and yogurt. The bread absorbed the sauces and added bulk to the plate. Happily, the meat was atop and there was plenty of it. I didn't need the bread cubes but was happy they were there in case my appetite raged. There was plenty of meat, though, and the yogurt added a nice tang to the saucing.

The rib-eye shish (\$16.95) was two skewers' worth of marinated cubed rib-eye steak chunks. The meat was fork-tender and perfectly cooked, and the mound of crisp hot fries almost made this a French bistro fusion dish.

The stuffed eggplant (\$11.50)

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VIVIAN WONG

Ayşe Ucar prepares the lavash, a Turkish and Kurdish bread that Anatolian Kitchen makes two times daily.

with tomato, onion, red and green peppers, herbs and olive oil wasn't quite stuffed. The vegetables were layered over a thick slice of eggplant. It was more a plate of stewed vegetables than what I had hoped for, warm and comforting but lacking a distinct flavor profile. The side of rice was not a fluffy pilaf but more of a sticky rice dotted with bits of peas and carrots.

Desserts were a mixed bag. The kunefe (\$5), baked shredded filo dough filled with goat cheese and topped with a sweet house syrup, was especially good. I loved the subtle tastes and textures of this cake: crunchy, sweet and creamy with a hint of tanginess.

I scratched my head over the profiteroles (\$4.75). The tiny cream puffs were entombed in a ponderous puddle of house-made chocolate sauce. Dino Tekdemir told me the chocolate sauce was made from Turkish processed cocoa powder. They shouldn't have been on the menu at all in that state. Profiteroles are not supposed to be like a hot fudge sundae.

Much happier, though, was the delicious rice pudding (\$4.50), a lush, tapioca-like sweet-cooked pudding. I restrained myself from ordering seconds.

The wine list drifts from Mediterranean to California wines, reds and whites, about two dozen in all, suitable and affordable. Cocktail selections include martinis, margaritas, cosmos, mojitos and fizzes.

Decor-wise, Anatolian Kitchen is homey and warm. Artistic silver plates, 100-year-old leather shoes and Kurdish rugs adorn, but do not overwhelm, the walls. Overall, the restaurant overcomes its awkward space to become a friendly neighborhood dining experience with down-to-earth prices, fresh fare and cozy ambiance. ▣

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MOVIE TIMES

127 Hours (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 1:55, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m.

Another Year (R) Aquarius Theatre: 1, 4, 7 & 9:50 p.m.

Barney's Version (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre: 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Biutiful (R) ★★★ 1/2 CinèArts at Palo Alto Square: 1:15, 4:30 & 8 p.m.

Black Swan (R) ★★★ Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:20, 5, 7:40 & 10:15 p.m.
Century 20: 12:05, 2:45, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

Blue Valentine (R) ★★★ Century 16: 12:55, 4:15, 7:05 & 10 p.m. Sat
12:55, 4:15, 7:05 & 10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:20 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

The Company Men (R) ★★ 1/2 Century 16: 2:30 & 7:55 p.m.
Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:35, 5:05, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

The Dilemma (PG-13) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 5:15 & 10:35 p.m.
Century 20: 3:45 & 9:25 p.m.

Dinner at Eight (1933) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.;
Sat. & Sun. also at 3:15 p.m.

The Fighter (R) ★★ 1/2 Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:25, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.
Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:55, 5:45 & 8:30 p.m.

From Prada to Nada (PG-13) Century 16: 12:45, 3:45, 7 & 9:35 p.m.
Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:10 p.m.

The Ghost Ship (1943) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 6:10 & 8:50 p.m.

The Girl from 10th Avenue (1935) Stanford Theatre: Thu. at 6:10
& 9:20 p.m.

The Green Hornet (PG-13) ★ 1/2 Century 16: 4 & 10:05 p.m.; In 3D at 1 &
7:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:45, 4, 7 & 9:50 p.m.; In 3D at 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Hood To Coast Event Century 16: Thu. at 7:30 p.m. **Century 20:**
Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G) Century 16: Thu. in 3D at 12:01 a.m.

The King's Speech (R) ★★★ 1/2 Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 12:55, 2:10, 4:55,
6:35, 7:45 & 10:25 p.m. **CinèArts at Palo Alto Square:** 1:30, 4:20 & 7:15
p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 10 p.m.

The Leopard Man (1943) Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Marked Woman (1937) Stanford Theatre: Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

The Mechanic (R) ★★ Century 16: 12:05, 2:40, 5:05, 7:45 & 10:10
p.m. **Century 20:** 11:40 a.m.; 1:05, 2:15, 3:30, 4:40, 5:50, 7:15, 8:20,
9:35 & 10:45 p.m.

No Strings Attached (R) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2:10, 4:55 & 7:35
p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 1, 3:40,
4:50, 6:15, 8:55 & 10:15 p.m.

The Rite (PG-13) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:05, 4:50, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.
Century 20: Noon, 1:15, 2:40, 4:05, 5:25, 6:50, 8:10, 9:35 & 10:45 p.m.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) Guild Theatre: Sat. at midnight.

The Roommate (PG-13) Century 16: 11:55 a.m.; 2:15, 4:45, 7:25 & 9:55 p.m.
Century 20: 12:30, 3, 5:30, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

Sanctum (R) Century 16: 1:05, 4:05, 6:45 & 9:20 p.m.; In 3D at 11:45 a.m.;
2:35, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 1:50, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:45
p.m.; In 3D at 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:05 & 10:40 p.m.

The Social Network (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2 Aquarius Theatre: 2, 5 & 8 p.m.

Tangled (PG) ★★★ Century 16: 12:30 & 6:20 p.m.; In 3D at 3:30 & 8:45 p.m.
Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 4:15 & 9:10 p.m.; In 3D at 1:45 & 6:45 p.m.

Tron: Legacy (PG) ★★ 1/2 Century 16: 12:15 & 3:20 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at
6:50 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** In 3D at 11:45 a.m.; 2:40, 5:35 & 8:25 p.m.

True Grit (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:50 p.m.
Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:20 & 10 p.m.

You Can't Take It With You (1938) Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at
5:15 & 9:30 p.m.

*Note: Century 20 screenings are for Friday through
Wednesday only, unless otherwise noted.*

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CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)
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MOVIE REVIEWS

BARNEY'S VERSION ★★★

(Guild) We get the story of a lifetime in "Barney's Version," which introduces Paul Giamatti's Barney Panofsky as a 65-year-old TV producer in Montreal. His work is schlock, and he carries a regretful weariness with him that, in no small part, owes to the dissolution of his third marriage. The people in his life tolerate him at best, and as he begins to experience his latest unraveling — involving scandal and ill health — the film stretches back into Barney's past for some answers. *Rated R for language and some sexual content. Two hours, 12 minutes.* — P.C.

BIUTIFUL ★★ 1/2

(Palo Alto Square) Barcelona bottom-feeder Uxbal (Javier Bardem) feeds his family with odd jobs. He's a broker between drug dealers and corrupt cops, a trafficker of illegal immigrants to sweatshops, and a psychic ministering to the bereaved. For Uxbal, it's all about his young children, Ana and Mateo, or at least it becomes all about them as he comes to understand that his time is severely limited. Devastated that he will become only a distant memory to Ana and Mateo, Uxbal puts enormous pressure on himself to protect their future and preserve his legacy. *Rated R for disturbing images, language, some sexual content, nudity and drug use. Two hours, 28 minutes.* — P.C.

BLUE VALENTINE ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) At the film's present-day outset, we find couple Dean (Ryan Gosling) and Cindy (Michelle Williams), along with young daughter Frankie (Faith Wladyka), living in that house in rural Pennsylvania. The early scenes show a functional family with everyday tensions, little fissures that eventually erupt. The point is pressed when the family dog goes missing, with an emotional fallout that sends Frankie to the grandparents for a spell and forces Dean and Cindy to deal with each other. The story unfolds in two timelines: the present-day and six years earlier, when the couple meet, court and marry. *Rated R on appeal for strong graphic sexual content, language and a beating. One hour, 52 minutes.* — P.C.

THE COMPANY MEN ★★ 1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Recession-era America finally gets, in "The Company Men," a movie that squarely addresses recession-era America. But now that it's here, it's a bit hard to imagine who would want to see it. Ben Affleck plays Bobby Walker, a middle-tier employee fired by Boston-based ship-building corporation Global Transportation Systems. Accustomed to his lifestyle, he refuses to give up his country-club membership or consider selling his house. Having first sneered at the offer, Bobby crawls back to his blue-collar brother-in-law Jack (Kevin Costner) for construction work. *Rated R for language and brief nudity. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE REVIEWS

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www.PaloAltoOnline.com.

THE GREEN HORNET ★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Britt Reid (Seth Rogen) is the wastrel son of newspaper publisher James Reid (Tom Wilkinson). His father's death nudges Britt into the daylight, but he has no ambitions for The Daily Sentinel. Only when he meets the family mechanic/barista Kato (Jay Chou of "Curse of the Golden Flower") does Britt find inspiration: A drunken criminal escapade turns into an impromptu crime-fighting incident. Soon, Kato is putting his mechanical genius and martial-arts skills to heroic use, though Britt gets all the credit as the masked duo's front man, the Green Hornet. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of violent action, language, sensuality and drug content. One hour, 59 minutes.* — P.C.

THE MECHANIC ★★☆☆

(Century 16, Century 20) Jason Statham is "mechanic" (i.e., assassin) Arthur Bishop, a stoic tough guy. Arthur's well-planned executions have placed him at the top of the hit-man totem pole, above even his mentor, Harry McKenna (Donald Sutherland). When a hit is put out on Harry following a botched job, Arthur finds himself smack-dab in the middle of a sticky situation. Arthur hooks up with Harry's son, Steve (Ben Foster) and agrees to teach Steve his assassin ways so the wild-eyed youth can dish out some vengeance on those responsible for his father's slaying. *Rated R for strong brutal violence throughout, language, some sexual content and nudity. 1 hour, 40 minutes.* — T.H.

TANGLED ★★☆☆

(Century 16, Century 20) Kidnapped as a baby by the devious Mother Gothel and isolated from the world, Rapunzel wants nothing more than freedom for her 18th birthday. Gothel hungers for the rejuvenating effects sung (literally) from the girl's golden hair and forbids her from trimming her locks. The games Rapunzel plays with her pet chameleon can entertain for only so long, and a desire to see beyond her walls consumes her. Fate intercedes when charming thief Flynn Rider happens upon Rapunzel's tower. *Rated PG for brief mild violence. 1 hour, 32 minutes.* — T.H.

TRUE GRIT ★★☆☆

(Century 16, Century 20) The Coen brothers place their indelible stamp on this impressive remake of the classic John Wayne western. Assertive young lass Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld) is determined to track down her father's killer, Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin), who is hiding out deep in rugged Indian territory. Mattie is headstrong and defiant, and seeks to hire only the very toughest bounty hunter to bring in Chaney. Enter Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), a no-nonsense U.S. Marshal who speaks with a gruff voice and sports an eye patch. Also on Chaney's trail (for a separate crime) is cocky Texas Ranger LaBoeuf (Matt Damon). After considerable dissension, the three odd companions elect to travel together in hopes of hunting down Chaney. *Rated PG-13 for some intense sequences of western violence including disturbing images. 2 hours, 8 minutes.* — T.H.

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OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

January 25, 2011

Dear Santa Clara County Residents:

This year marks the completion of the ninth year of the fifteen-year **Clean, Safe Creeks & Natural Flood Protection Plan**, a November 2000 ballot measure that received strong support from Santa Clara County voters creating a "pay as you go" countywide special parcel tax to fund initiatives to protect properties from floods, add trails and safeguard creeks and ecosystems.

As part of the plan, implemented by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, voters approved the formation of an Independent Monitoring Committee (IMC) to monitor the plan's progress and ensure the outcomes of the plan are met in a cost efficient manner. Consistent with that objective, the IMC meets as a full committee bi-annually and relies on four working subcommittees to produce an annual oversight report that details the status of each of the four major outcomes promised to voters in 2000.

- Homes, schools, businesses and transportation networks are protected from flooding**
There are nine flood protection projects to protect approximately 16,000 homes, businesses and schools. The water district also removes sediment from creeks to maintain stream capacity so flood waters are conveyed safely to San Francisco and Monterey Bays.
- Clean, safe water in our creeks and bays**
The water district is implementing projects to improve the quality of water in our creeks and bays as well as remove trash and graffiti from our stream corridors.
- Healthy creek and bay ecosystems are protected, enhanced or restored**
Initiatives are underway to enhance the health of creeks and the surrounding habitat. These efforts go beyond a waterway's banks to reflect the conditions throughout the watershed, including the health of its birds, wildlife and fish.
- Trails, parks and open space along waterways**
The water district works to create trails and open space within surrounding watersheds, stream corridors and on flood protection levees, for the community to use and enjoy.

Members of the IMC take this voter-mandated oversight responsibility very seriously. As described in this year's report, the local parcel tax funds only a portion of several major flood protection projects. Unfortunately, the anticipated share of federal and state funds needed to complete these projects on time has been lacking. As a result, some of these projects are in jeopardy of not being completed on time or at all. If you are as concerned as we are about flood protection initiatives not proceeding as scheduled, I urge you to read our report and contact district staff and their board of directors, as well as your federal and state representatives.

To learn more about activities in your area or for a copy of the annual report, please contact Karna DuQuite at (408) 265-2607, ext. 2944 or visit www.valleywater.org. I would also like to extend an invitation to members of the public to attend our next evening meeting on May 5, 2011.

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JAZZ CONCERT

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BENEFITS

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of Mountain View Library hold a book sale Sat., Feb. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sun., Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bag sale is 2 to 4 p.m. Bookmobile Garage, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibrary-friends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Cash for College Foothill College Middlefield Campus hosts Cash for College Day. Line by line "Complete the FAFSA" workshop. One-on-one assistance completing financial-aid forms. Multilingual financial-aid professionals. Feb. 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Foothill College-Middlefield Campus, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-949-6987. www.foothill.edu/aid

Communication Workshop (Toastmasters Orbiters) Toastmasters public-speaking club meets every first and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Community Center, 210 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-623-3543. orbiters.freetoasthost.us

Digital Pictures 101 Learn how to download pictures from a digital camera onto a computer. All participants must bring their digital camera, connector cable, and a flash drive to store pictures. Basic computer skills required. Feb. 16, 2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

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opment of mindfulness. Five-week course taught by Shaila Catherine and guest teachers. No registration required. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Free/donation. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adopting Internationally A presentation featuring guest speaker Susan Orban from Children's Home Society will discuss

how to adopt from Korea, Ethiopia, Russia, China and more. Mon., Feb. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. BAAS office, 465 Fairchild Drive, Suite 215, Mountain View. Call 650-964-3800. baas.org

Mountain View Historical Society John Tomac will share the history of the Mountain View Police Department from 1902 until 1973. Feb. 6, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Adobe House, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-965-4783. mountainviewhistorical.org

Stress Management Dr. Fred Luskin will speak about the relationship between stress and happiness and provide strategies on how to manage it. Feb. 7, 7-8:45 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School Spartan Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-906-3771. ptac.mvwsd.org/parented.html

CONCERTS

CSMA Piano Recital Recital featuring the students of Community School of Music and

Arts (CSMA) teacher Ludmila Kurtova. Sat., Feb. 12, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA), 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.art-s4all.org/attend

DANCE

'Meet Your Valentine' Singles Dance A singles mixer/dance with appetizers served at 8 p.m. Adults of all ages welcome. Dressy attire requested. Feb. 11, 8-11:45 p.m. \$20. Michael's at Shoreline Park, 2960 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 415-507-9962. www.thepartyhotline.com

ENVIRONMENT


'The Story of Stuff' with Annie Leonard Annie Leonard exposes the hidden costs of "stuff" in an examination of the costs of consumer-driven culture. Part of the Peninsula Open Space Trust's 2011 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series. See website for subscription and ticketing details. Feb. 15, 8 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.openspacetrust.org/lectures

Green Mountain View monthly meeting Community group dedicated to improving sustainability in Mountain View. Meets first Monday of each month. Feb. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Library Community Room, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-3720. www.greenmountainview.org

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ON STAGE

'Sylvia' Greg and Kate's empty-nesting years of marriage are disrupted when Greg becomes enamored with Sylvia, a dog he has found in Central Park. This romantic comedy about a marriage and a winsome canine plays through Feb. 18. 8 p.m. \$24-32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. www.busbarn.org

OUTDOORS

'Hands-on Nature: Star Struck' An evening class on constellations, astronomy and mythology for families. Refreshments provided. Feb. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. \$10 per person or \$5 per student/limited income. Hidden Villa Farm, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9704. www.hiddenvilla.org

RESEARCH SUBJECTS

Building Social Software for the Anti-Social A synthesis of wiki, blog, forum, and Digg/Reddit, Stack Overflow is a free programming Q & A site, collaboratively built and maintained by fellow programmers. This talk will share the developer's experience designing Stack Overflow — building social software for the anti-social. Feb. 8, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Carnegie Mellon Silicon Valley, NASA Research Park, Building 23, Moffett Field. Call 650-335-2852. www.cmu.edu/silicon-valley/news-events/seminars/index.html

SENIORS

Senior Center Big Bingo Big Bingo will be held Mon., Feb. 7, 1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

Senior Center Book Club Club is held the second Tuesday of each month in the Conference Room. The next book for review is "Mockingbird" by Charles J. Shields. The book for March will be "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330.

SPECIAL EVENTS

'Italy's Best of the Best' Sommelier Ken Knox will lead a wine-tasting event comparing Italian wines from the regions of Piedmont and Tuscany. Sat., Feb. 5, 2-5 p.m. \$19.22 in advance; \$24.71 at the door. Artisan Wine Depot, 400A Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-3511. www.artisanwinedepot.com/ProductDetails.asp?ProductCode=EVENT-PIEDMONTTUS-CANY

PACT School Open House (Arts Focus) Stevenson PACT (K-5) of MVWSD holds an open house featuring its "Arts Focus" program. Thu., Feb. 10, 9-10:30 a.m.

Free. Stevenson Elementary School, 750-B San Pierre Way, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6950. www.stevensonpact.org

Valentine's Day at Junnoon Four-course dinner featuring special dishes such as East Indian scallops, Tandoori lamb chops, sesame-crusted tofu and Indian chai chocolates. Specialty cocktails like Junnoon's Kama Sutra. Junnoon will screen classic Bollywood love films for a romantic backdrop to the meal. Feb. 14, 5:30-10 p.m. \$45. Junnoon, 150 University Ave., Palo Alto. www.junnoon.com

TALKS/AUTHORS

Gail Tsukiyama Los Altos High School's Writers Week community read features Gail Tsukiyama as its keynote speaker. Tsukiyama is author of "The Samurai's Garden," "Women of the Silk" and the community-

read selection "Street of a Thousand Blossoms." Thu., Feb. 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Los Altos High Eagle Theatre, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-714-4406. www.mvla.net/lahs/Academics/English/Pages/WritersWeek.aspx

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Eri Gentry, co-founder of BioCurious, a Mountain View based non-profit offering collaborative lab space dedicated to non-institutional biology, describes her involvement in the do-it-yourself-bio movement, and some of the projects members are working on. A Hackerspace for Bio-tech. Feb. 8, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tians.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEEN ACTIVITIES

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

Nurses Needed The Mountain View Senior Center is seeking volunteer RNs, active or retired, to check blood pressure for seniors on Friday mornings. Shifts are available once or more each month. Those interested should contact the Senior Center for more information and a volunteer application. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain

View. Call 650-903-6330.

Writing Buddies Volunteers Needed Write stories with first-graders. Writing Buddies pairs adults with schoolchildren at Castro School in a six-week program that meets for two hours on Tuesdays, once per week at Castro School. All training is provided, and you don't need to be an educator to volunteer. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Castro School Writing Buddies, 505 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-462-5883.

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**995 Fictitious Name
Statement**

ESSENTIAL SPIRITS ALAMBIC
DISTILLERIES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 546046
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Essential Spirits Alambic Distilleries
at 865 Sonia Way, Mountain View, CA
94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited
Liability Company.
The name and residence address of
the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
CLASSICK IMPORT & EXPORT LLC
865 Sonia Way
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 03/15/2001.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on December 28, 2010.
(Voice Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2011)

CHORAEGUS SHAREMUSIC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 546702
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Choraegus Sharemusic at 844 Park
Dr., #3, Mountain View, CA 94040,
Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An
Individual.
The name and residence address of
the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
LARRY SUE
844 Park Dr., #3
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 1/5/1996.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 14, 2011.
(Voice Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2011)

PACIFIC EYE CARE OPTOMETRY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 547190
The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Pacific Eye Care Optometry at 1040
N. Rengstorff Ave., Suite B, 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):
ZAUUM OPTOMETRIC CORPORATION
1040 N. Rengstorff Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed herein on 11/25/2005.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 26, 2011.
(Voice Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2011)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
JOHN MICHAEL RUSSELL
Case No.: 1-11-PR-168201
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
contingent creditors and persons who
may otherwise be interested in the will
or estate, or both, of JOHN MICHAEL
RUSSELL, JOHN RUSSELL, JOHN M.
RUSSELL.
A Petition for Probate has been filed
by: JON M. RUSSELL in the Superior
Court of California, County of SANTA
CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that:
JON M. RUSSELL be appointed as
personal representative to administer
the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be admitted
to probate. The will and any codicils
are available for examination in the
file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to
administer the estate under the
Independent Administration of Estates
Act. (This authority will allow the
personal representative to take
many actions without obtaining court
approval. Before taking certain very
important actions, however, the per-
sonal representative will be required
to give notice to interested persons

unless they have waived notice or
consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration
authority will be granted unless an
interested person files an objection
to the petition and shows good cause
why the court should not grant the
authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be
held on February 23, 2011 at 9:00
a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court
of California, County of Santa Clara,
located at 191 N. First St., San Jose,
CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the
petition, you should appear at the
hearing and state your objections or
file written objections with the court
before the hearing. Your appearance
may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent
creditor of the decedent, you must
file your claim with the court and mail
a copy to the personal representative
appointed by the court within four
months from the date of first issu-
ance of letters as provided in Probate
Code section 9100. The time for
filing claims will not expire before four
months from the hearing date noticed
above.
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court. If you are a person interested
in the estate, you may file with the
court a Request for Special Notice
(form DE-154) of the filing of an inven-
tory and appraisal of estate assets or
of any petition or account as provided
in Probate Code section 1250. A
Request for Special Notice form is
available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:
/s/ Michael J. Bartelt
327 Ruth Ave.
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(831)479-4894
(Voice Jan. 28; Feb. 4, 11, 2011)

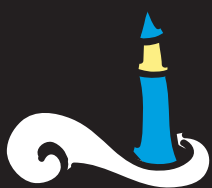
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE File
No. 7314.21011 Title Order No.
4492404 MIN No. 1000375-
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a check drawn by a state or federal
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ness in this state, will be held by
duly appointed trustee. The sale
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regarding title, possession, or
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tion secured by said Deed of Trust.
The undersigned Trustee disclaims
any liability for any incorrectness
of the property address or other
common designation, if any, shown
herein. Trustor(s): Tony Baricevic,
a married man, sole and separate
Recorded: 01/30/07, as Instrument
No. 19282991, of Official Records
of Santa Clara County, California.
Date of Sale: 02/24/11 at 10:00 AM
Place of Sale: At the Market Street
entrance to the Superior Courthouse,
190 North Market Street, San Jose,
CA The purported property address
is: 505 CYPRESS POINT DRIVE,
59, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94043
Assessors Parcel No. 158-46-059 The
total amount of the unpaid balance of
the obligation secured by the property
to be sold and reasonable estimated
costs, expenses and advances at the
time of the initial publication of the
Notice of Sale is \$269,528.46. If the
sale is set aside for any reason, the
purchaser at the sale shall be entitled
only to a return of the deposit paid,
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(2) the timeframe for giving notice
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of California Civil Code § 2923.52
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Civil Code § 2923.52 or 2923.55.
Date: January 28, 2011 NORTHWEST
TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC., as Trustee
David Ochoa, Authorized Signatory
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Appointment



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255 S RENGSTORFF AV	2	2 0	1003	335000
905 W MIDDLEFIELD RD	2	2 0	998	362500
1354 DALE AV	2	2 1	1478	479000
1354 DALE AV	2	2 1	1478	510000
CALIFORNIA ST	3	1 1	1460	640000
108 BRYANT ST	3	2 1	1263	652000
LOTUS LN	4	2 1	1468	668000
MIRAMONTE AV	3	2 0	1196	730000
MOUNTAIN LAUREL CT	3	2 1	1610	764500
CRANE AV	3	1 0	1004	850000
MOUNTAIN VIEW AV	3	2 1	1521	860088
MERCY ST	3	1 0	1127	874000
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EL MONTE AV	3	2 0	1382	940000
IRIS DR	3	3 1	1844	950000
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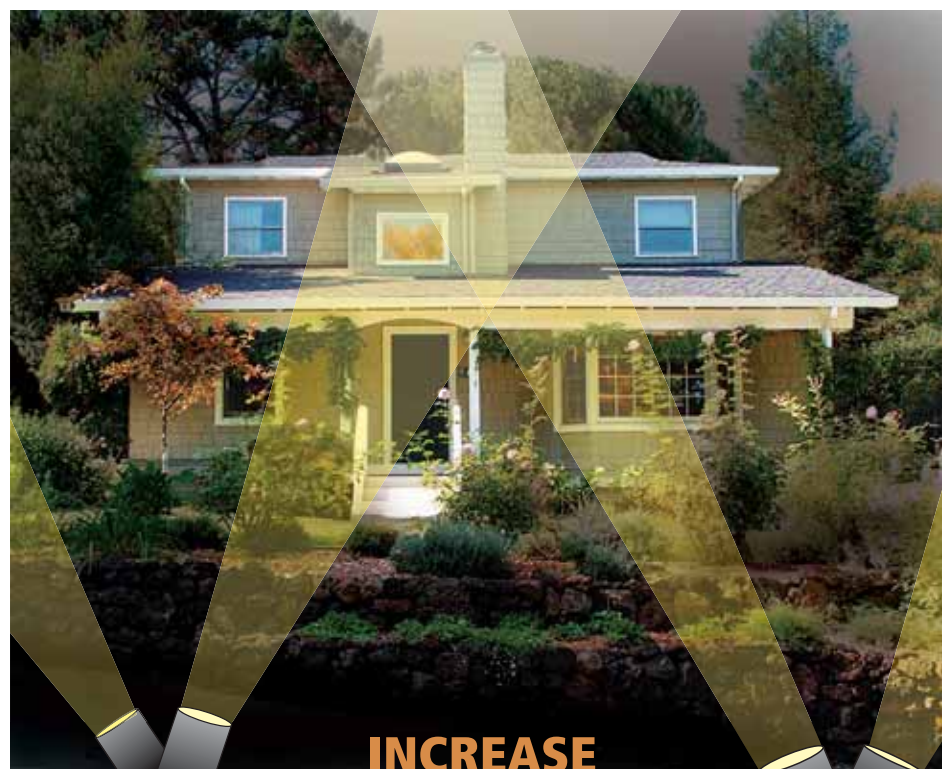
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3YO-ILEVEL-CLOSE TO TOWN

\$2,158,238
5 BR 5 BA Unique open flrpln w/approx.900 SF cntrl great rm(kit-fam rm)-Cherry flrs
Jerry Haslam 650.948.0456

MENLO PARK

VINTAGE OAKS CUL-DE-SAC \$2,595,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Tree-lined street, 1/3+ acre lot, formal dining, great room, 2 master suites, hrdw flrs.
R. Brendan Leary 650.325.6161

343 FAY WAY

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$679,000
3 BR 2 BA Home in lovely MV neighborhood.LR/Dining areas open to covered deck. Modern kitchen.
Carole Feldstein 650.941.7040

653 HOMER AV

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,499,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Brand New! Two balconies + 2 patios. Craftsman inspired. Close to downtown.
Nancy Goldcamp 650.325.6161

FARM HILL VISTA CONDO

\$360,000
3 BR 2 BA Skylights, remodeled kitchen w/granite counters & hickory cabinets. Wonderful floor plan.
Sharon Witte 650.325.6161

CHARACTER AND CHARM

\$1,920,888
4 BR 3 BA Distinguished 4BR/3BA four-story. Large and lovely, with enticing space to spare.
Ron & Nasrin Delan 650.941.7040

1020 SHERMAN AV

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,219,000
4 BR 2 BA This charming home near Downtown Menlo Park features stepping stones & towering trees.
Carolyn Rianda 650.325.6161

65 EVANDALE AV #C

SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$519,950
3 BR 2.5 BA Located in small 4 unit complex. Low HOA dues of \$150. 1 car garage. Inside laundry.
Ric Parker 650.948.0456

101 ALMA ST #405

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$875,000
3 BR 3 BA Tranquil treetop views surround this rarely available 3br corner unit; an urban escape.
Amy Sung 650.325.6161

1933 EATON AV

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,150,000
3 BR 3 BA Charm & Character on large idyllic creekside lot in desirable White Oaks.
Dante Drummond 650.325.6161

NEARLY NEW

\$1,799,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful spacious home almost completely remodeled in 2004.Large family room and yard.
Hannelore Blanchard 650.941.7040

OLD WORLD CHARM

\$1,095,000
2 BR 2 BA Stylish remodeled home w/ character & instant appeal. Designer finishes throughout.
Judy Decker 650.325.6161

221 N RENGSTORFF AV #5

STELLAR CONDO \$575,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Dramatic townhome in the middle of the complex & off the street w/ a large eat-in kitchen.
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

1549 ALMA ST

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$850,000
2 BR 1 BA Secluded Private Home in the Walter Hays Elem District. Fenced Yard, Hwd Flrs, Fireplace
Leannah Hunt & Laurel Robinson 650.325.6161

1340 ALAMEDA

SUN 1 - 4 \$699,000
3 BR 1.5 BA Charming home in excellent condition. Wd flrs, FP, skylights, fresh paint, lrg 2-car gar.
Cesar Cervantes 650.328.5211

PEACEFUL STYLE & COMFORT

\$1,649,000
5 BR 3 BA Nestled behind a private courtyard.Beautifully remodeled & updated.
Carole Feldstein 650.941.7040

224 WILLOW RD

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$948,000
3 BR 2 BA Tastefully remodeled home in the Upper Willows w/gourmet island kitchen & air conditioning
Joanne Shapiro 650.328.5211

DESIRABLE TOP FLOOR CONDO

\$375,000
2 BR 1 BA Only 1 common wall.Beautifully updated condo w/Los Altos Schools.Open kitchen.
Royce Cablayan 650.948.0456

ELEGANT LIFESTYLE!

\$725,000
2 BR 2 BA Lux Condos in Dwtwn PA. Exceptional amenities. Pool, fitness rm, guest apts, 55+ community
Jo Jackson/Barbara Sawyer 650.325.6161

304 VIEWPARK CI

SAT 1 - 4 \$399,000
4 BR 2 BA Double pane-windows-central air-conditioner-fireplace-2 car attached garage.
Letty Guerra 650.941.7040

REMODELED / REBUILT 2002

\$4,795,000
4 BR 4 full BA + 2 half Stunning gated home w/bay views on approx. 1.65 ac.Tour @ www.sevenpondsmoradive.com
Mickey Shaevitz & Ellen Barton 650.941.7040

BEAUTIFUL SPACIOUS HOME

\$898,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful, spacious 3-level home. Walls of glass. Large, bright kitchen w/breakfast rm.
Ken Morgan/Arlene Gault 650.328.5211

SPACIOUS, GREAT LOCATION

\$85,000
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful mobile home located in 55+ Park. Many custom features. Spacious floor plan.
Deborah Greenberg 650.328.5211

125 S. CALIFORNIA AVE #D302

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$489,000
1 BR 1 BA Located at Palo Alto Central. Ideally located at the front of the complex.
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

828 ESPLANADA WAY

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,470,000
3 BR 2 BA Available Qualified Stanford Faculty/Staff Only.Charming updated home.
Carole Feldstein 650.941.7040

24632 OLIVE TREE LN

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,700,000
5 BR 3 BA Fabulously updated home with a beautiful gourmet kitchen.
Terri Couture 650.941.7040

1116 JUDSON DR

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$998,000
3 BR 2 BA Private paradise-delightfully remodeled & expanded!Family rm Kit w/ cathedral ceiling.
Joanne Fraser 650.941.7040

1329 WAVERLEY ST

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,795,000
5 BR 4.5 BA 2-sty chic custom contemporary within minutes of downtown PA, Stanford,train, top schls.
Margaret Williams 650.941.7040

4250 EL CAMINO REAL #D237

SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$459,000
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful 1 BR + Den currently used as BR. Enjoy the quiet & comfort of this lovely home.
Gene Thornton 650.325.6161

MAGNIFICENT MARY MANOR

\$145,000
2 BR 2 BA Updated manufactured home in terrific neighborhood. A great condo alternative! Over 1400sf
Janie & John Barman 650.325.6161

12790 CAMINO MEDIO LN

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,395,000
5 BR 2 BA Remodel or build your dream home on this mostly flat lot close to the village. PA schools.
Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161

809 ALICE AV

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$795,000
3 BR 2 BA Updated w/granite & stainless steel in kitchen w/breakfast bar.LivRm has frplc & bay wndw
Jim Galli & Merrian Nevin 650.941.7040

RARE LAND OPPORTUNITY

\$2,775,000
In prime area.VWow,a 37,770 sq.ft lot 189x200 in quiet secluded location.
Gary Herbert 650.941.7040

115 GREENMEADOW WAY

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$410,000
1 BR 1 BA Contemporary 1 level w/ hi ceiling, lr/dr combo, open granite kit, cheery br, garden patio
Doris Deising 650.325.6161

308 BLAKEWOOD WY

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$948,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Idyllic treasure offers a calm oasis in a secluded street close to neighborhood amenities
Susan Selkirk 650.325.6161

0 EASTBROOK AV

SUN 12 - 3 \$1,795,000
MDA 30,790 sq. ft., MFA 12,725 sq. ft. Large view lot, close in, with Tennis court site.
Jamie & Phyllis Carmichael 650.941.7040