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GREEN FLIGHT EXPO AT MOFFETT SHOWS THE POSSIBILITIES

By Daniel DeBolt

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the most efficient airplane in the world and won the biggest money-prize in aviation history: \$1.3 million, donated by Google.

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mile flight over Sonoma County last week. The twin-fuselage design carried an unprecedented payload for an electric

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El Camino class to help doctors unlock gene therapy

HOSPITAL AIMS TO TRAIN DOCTORS IN THE EMERGING FIELD OF GENOMICS

By Nick Veronin

Researchers say it may prove to be the key to curing cancer, slowing down aging and reversing the ravages of Parkinson's. Unfortunately, say officials at El Camino Hospital, many primary care physicians don't know enough about genomics — the study of how our genes impact our health — to have a meaningful conversation on the subject, let alone help a patient figure out which genetic test or treatment option is right for them.

In an effort to address this issue, El Camino Hospital's Genomics Medicine Institute is partnering with two national genetic medicine-focused organizations to offer physicians a certified course in genomics.

The program begins Oct. 18 and will include 10 two-hour courses on genomics. The courses will touch upon general topics like "genetic risk assessment" and "fundamentals of genetic testing," as well as more specialized areas of gene therapy, like cancer, pediatrics, gerontology

and cardiovascular health.

The idea, according to Dr. Eric Pifer, the hospital's chief medical officer, is to help doctors keep up with the rapidly changing and evolving landscape of genomic medicine.

According to the American Medical Association, only 10 percent of physicians thought they had enough knowledge to use gene tests in prescribing medicines.

Joan Scott, executive director of the National Coalition for

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Toxic cleanup at a snail's pace

NEW TECHNOLOGY READY TO GO, BUT IS NOT BEING IMPLEMENTED

By Daniel DeBolt

Despite the existence of new, cheaper technologies that promise a much faster cleanup, polluters including Intel, Raytheon and Fairchild Semiconductor spend over \$5 million a year to operate "pump and treat" systems in the northeastern portion of Mountain View, the EPA reports.

While the systems have removed over 91,000 pounds of TCE since the contaminant was discovered in 1981, the substantial plume that remains in the Middlefield Road, Ellis Road and Whisman Street area (MEW) is not expected to change appreciably in the next 10 years using pump and treat, the EPA said. The EPA is now studying alternatives, but a "draft feasibility study" is not expected until sometime next year and an actual plan may be years away.

"I often say it takes the EPA a month to screw in a light bulb," said Lenny Siegel, a Mountain View resident and expert on TCE cleanup who advises communities around the country on the best way to advocate for cleanup of toxic sites. However, Siegel and others stress the point that local EPA officials do a great job.

Some of the polluters have decided not to wait. Intel has conducted its own pilot study of "in-situ" technology that involves the use of microbes and emulsified oil to break down the TCE. The study, which began in 2005, found that "VOC removal cost 70 percent less with bioremediation." In a small test area in a parking lot on Middlefield Road, Intel's contractor has reported that it was

able to remove 19.7 pounds of TCE a year, compared to 7.3 pounds a year removed with the pump and treat method.

It is not unusual for such "in situ" technologies to cost a fraction of pump and treat, said Dr. Jim Mueller, president of the Adventus Group, which manufactures, EHC, an in-situ treatment. The carbon and zero-valent iron product was recently shown to clean TCE from a 2,500-square-

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TCE causes cancer, other health problems, EPA says

By Daniel DeBolt

Despite political pressures to kill it, a long-delayed Environmental Protection Agency report has finally been released confirming the toxicity of the industrial solvent that has contaminated much of northeastern Mountain View's groundwater, validating what locals have thought for years.

The EPA's Final Health Assessment for trichloroethylene (TCE) characterizes the solvent, which was dumped into the ground by computer component manufacturers near North Whisman Road in the 1970s, as "carcinogenic

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Benjamin Marimon, Mountain View



"My favorite part about fall is the fashion. Over the summer there are a lot of fall sales and I just like saving up for it."

Lulu Samra, San Carlos



"The thing I like best about fall is that there is a nice overcast and there is no more scorching sun."

Kyle Gonsalves, Mountain View



"My favorite part about the fall is the mixture between the weather and the food."

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"My favorite part of fall is that it rains."

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

MUGGED BY GUNMAN

A San Francisco man was robbed of his wallet and cell phone in the early hours of Oct. 1 while he was walking near the Carl's Jr. fast food restaurant on East Middlefield Road, police said.

The 29-year-old victim said that someone approached from behind at about 2 a.m. and demanded his money, according to Liz Wylie, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. When he turned around, the victim saw a man pointing a silver handgun at him. The gunman also demanded the victim's cell phone.

The victim complied with the robber's demands, handing over his wallet and iPhone, Wylie said. The robber then fled eastbound on East Middlefield Road. The victim called police about 20 minutes later from his friend's house on Easy Street.

Officers did not locate the suspect, but police are asking local businesses for any surveillance footage they may have of the robbery, Wylie said. The suspect is described as being either Hispanic or Filipino and in his late 20s. He is of medium height and build and wore a dark hooded sweatshirt at the time of the robbery.

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Jeff McTighe checks out the new Los Altos High School classroom where he will be teaching students about construction using the Paxton/Patterson building skills program.

Not your dad's shop class

NEW COURSE TEACHES SKILLS TO FUTURE CONTRACTORS, ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

By Nick Veronin

It's little over a month into the school year and Jeff McTighe's classroom at Los Altos High School still isn't completely put together. Yet, the lifelong carpenter and handyman can envision exactly what it will look like, and he is excited.

"When people see what we're doing, they're going to be real impressed," McTighe says, as he demonstrates how each of the various "modules" will help his roughly 40 students learn the basics of carpentry, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical wiring, plumbing, masonry and landscape design.

McTighe's modules are basically training stations designed to help

students practice taking apart and reassembling the pipes beneath a kitchen sink, for example. The insulation and roofing module comes in the shape of a miniature house, and the electrical module requires students to put together non-electrified power sockets. Behind the classroom — which occupies the former site of the Los Altos Parent Preschool on the southwestern edge of the campus — a plot of land will serve as the landscaping and masonry laboratory.

The class is the brainchild of Brigitte Sarraf, associate superintendent of educational services for the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

Sarraf says that the impetus for

creating an integrated technical skills curriculum came from her realization that while the majority of students in the Mountain View-Los Altos district go on to attend college and universities, around 20 percent of graduates have a "ticket to nowhere."

"They have no practical skills that will help them get a job," she says, explaining that a high school diploma alone is often not enough to get non-college-track students in the door of any job where they will make enough money to support themselves. However, if all goes according to Sarraf's vision, students who take two years of McTighe's

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Small number of students skip vaccine

HEALTH OFFICIAL SAYS NO NEED FOR CONCERN OVER WHOOPING COUGH RISK

By Nick Veronin

A small percentage of local students opted out of an all-but-mandatory whooping cough vaccination this year, school officials from both Mountain View districts said.

By signing a waiver, the parents of 51 high school students and 14 middle school students released their children from the vaccination, which is required of all seventh- through 12th-graders in California this year.

State Assembly Bill 354, which was signed into law near the end of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's last term, mandated the vaccinations and came in response to what state and county health officials identified as an "epidemic" of whooping cough — a respiratory disease, which is particularly dangerous for the very young and the frail — that swept across California in 2010.

Parents were allowed to exempt their children from the vaccination for a variety of reasons, including religious beliefs, health concerns

and other personal reasons.

Dr. Marty Fenstersheib, a health official with Santa Clara County, said that neither school district has a reason to worry with so few of its students opting out of the vaccine. Mountain View Whisman's opt-outs make up less than 1 percent of the entire student body; at Mountain View-Los Altos the number is just over 1 percent.

While it would be ideal to have every individual in a population

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NEWS BRIEFS

Google agrees to talk on corporate responsibility

By Daniel DeBolt

This Wednesday residents will have a unique opportunity to engage with Google about the company's relationship with its hometown. But be aware, there will be an unusual effort to keep it civil.

To discuss "corporate responsibility in Mountain View" Google's John Igoe will sit down with three members of the community in a roundtable in the Senior Center ball room for two hours on Wednesday night.

Organizer Ken Rosenberg, a human relations commissioner for the city, said the goal is to talk about "potentially contentious issues before they become overly contentious." And he hopes it will be the first of many "civility roundtable" discussions.

"We're not going to be listening to people lecture us," Rosenberg said. Much of the event will be the people at the roundtable having an unscripted discussion while others observe. But Rosenberg adds, "My desire is for as many people who wish, to participate in the conversation. It would be a failure in my mind if only the people in the middle spoke."

Sitting around the table will be Mountain View Whisman School Board member Steve Olsen, Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association secretary Jack Perkins and Rick Meyer, owner of Meyer Appliance.

"We're not going to be picking on Google," Rosenberg stressed. He said he's entrusted the moderation of the discussion to Chris Block, CEO of the American Leadership Forum—Silicon Valley. Rosenberg said Block specializes in facilitating civil discussions. If people lose their temper, "it doesn't mean he won't turn that around on you," Rosenberg said. "I don't know what he's going to do."

The potential for resentment to build against Google has

become clear as the company buys or leases much of the city's industrial real estate. Thanks to Google's hiring and growth, "Mountain View is blessed to have more people clamoring to get into it than we have space for," Rosenberg said. "It is a problem 99 percent of cities in the US would love to have. We just want somebody there who can speak about what it's like to have a big presence here."

In a recent City Council meeting about Google's desire to build a pair of privately owned bridges

'We're not going to be picking on Google.'

- KEN ROSENBERG

es over Stevens Creek, council members blasted the idea, and some seemed to suggest that they felt Google was taking more away from the community than it was giving. Google said the bridges would help its

headquarters to a new Google campus at NASA Ames. Parents in the city have also questioned whether enough of Google's property taxes are going to local schools, which lead to the City Council to recently fork over a larger share of Google's property tax revenues that get diverted into the city's Shoreline Fund. Later, Google donated to schools another \$1 million.

For future events, Rosenberg said he's already got a long list of topics suggested by City Council members, but said, "What I don't want it to be by design is some type of a town hall meeting where we discuss policy issues."

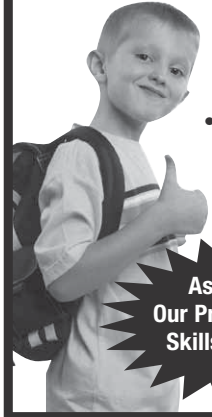
"If we can find a way to talk about something that's polarizing and move that conversation forward then the civility roundtable has done its job," Rosenberg said. If people can shake hands on the way out and say, "It was nice talking to you, that's the place I want to get to."

The Oct. 12 event is set to run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Senior Center is located at 266 Escuela Avenue.

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Shooter prompts campus lock-down

By Nick Veronin

A shooting in Cupertino caused a science camp in Saratoga to go on lock-down and a number of Mountain View schools to close for the day on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Mountain View students at the science camp and students at the schools that closed are all safe, local education officials said.

Children from the Mountain View Whisman School District were attending an overnight science camp program in the Saratoga hills, according to Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Whisman district. After the shooting the camp immediately went into lock-down; later in the day, two high schools and a preschool in Mountain View shut down as well.

Mountain View police earlier in the day said the department had received "unconfirmed information... that the suspect has ties to an address located nearby" Mountain View and Alta Vista high schools.

That information later proved to be false, police said.

The gunman opened fire on his fellow employees at a cement plant in Cupertino around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, Oct. 5. Police were still searching for the gunman, prompting the science camp to place its grounds on lock-down.

Three people are dead and six others were wounded in the shooting spree, which took place mainly at the Lehigh Southwest Cement Plant at 24001 Stevens Creek Blvd., Santa Clara County Sheriff's Lt. Rick Sung said. An additional victim was shot and injured in an attempted car-jacking nearby.

Goldman said he had personally driven to the Walden West Science Center, located off of Highway 9 in Saratoga, about 11 miles by car from the cement plant where the shooting took place. He said that the precautions taken by officials at the science camp were to his satisfaction, noting that the children from Bubb and Stevenson elementary schools were able to continue

participating in activities.

Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District said that police instructed Mountain View High School, Alta Vista High School, and the Mountain View Parent Preschool to shut down at about 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 5. All students there had gone home for the day, he said, due to an early release day that had already been scheduled. No students, nor any school faculty or staff were ever in danger, Groves said.

The high school was set to open its doors Thursday and resume its normal schedule, Groves said.

Police identified the suspected gunman as Shareef Allman, who allegedly opened fire on colleagues during an early morning meeting at the cement plant. Two victims were declared dead at the scene and a third later died at the hospital, police said. After firing on the group, he

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Students step out to take in books

By Nick Veronin

Students gathered in clusters throughout the Theuerkauf Elementary School courtyard on Sept. 29 for Literature Day Al Fresco, where they listened to teachers and parent volunteers reading aloud from children's storybooks.

The annual celebration of reading has been held for the past eight years, said Theuerkauf principal Connie Sawdey. She came up with the idea in 2003 with the hope that it would inspire kids to spend more time reading.

"We want to get the kids excited about books and reading early in the school year," Sawdey said. As for holding the event outside, she said, "I want them to understand that they can read anywhere."

Holding the event in the courtyard, and allowing the children to freely choose which stories they sit down and listen to fosters a communal atmosphere where friends can positively reinforce the idea that reading is fun, Sawdey said.

Ian Whitfield, a fourth-grader at Theuerkauf, said he likes being able to choose his stories and

get some fresh air. "It's nice to go outside instead of being in a classroom."

"The students look forward to it every year," Sawdey said.

The principal said she believes that the program is having a positive impact other than serving as an educational break from the normal classroom routine.

Since the program began, Sawdey said, the school has seen an increase in students turning in recreational reading logs, which track how many pages the students read on their own after school.

Pago to raise money for Whisman district

By Nick Veronin

The makers of the smart-phone application Pago are raising money for the local elementary school district during a two-week campaign.

The app, which is only available in Mountain View and Las Vegas, allows people to make purchases from local merchants directly from their cell phone, then show up, skip the line and grab whatever it is they've ordered.

Several local businesses with virtual stores on Pago will be donating anywhere from 5 to 20 percent of all purchases made through the app to the Mountain View Whisman School District

over the period of Oct. 3 through Oct. 16. Bajis Cafe, Gelayo Gusto, Las Muchachas and Baskin Robbins are all on board.

"I'm a big believer and supporter of local school districts and institutions," said Leo Rocco, founder and CEO of Pago.

Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View School District, said that his district was not partnering with the app-maker in any official capacity, but was pleased that a local company was working to raise money for his schools.

"We appreciate their willingness to share a portion of their revenues with local schools," Goldman said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHEER CLINIC FUNDRAISER

The Los Altos High School Cheer team is going to Nationals for the second year in a row. To raise money for the competition, a Cheer Clinic will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 1-5 p.m. at Los Altos High School, 201 Almond Avenue, Los Altos.

The Cheer Clinic includes instruction in cheerleading, dancing, ribbon making, stunting, gymnastics and games taught by the LAHS cheer team. This event is open to ages 5-13 years old and costs \$40, which includes goodie bags, instruction and a half-time performance. Contact losaltoscheercoach@yahoo.com for information.

—Sabina Kashi

Businesses look to crowdsourcing

By Angela Hey

Does your business need better promotion? Do you want to compile a sales lead list? Why not split the job into tasks, broadcast requirements on the Internet, find skilled contractors and get results quickly? That's crowdsourcing.

Frederick Taylor, the father of scientific management, was responsible for making factories efficient by breaking jobs down into little tasks. In his classic treatise "Scientific Management" he wrote about factories of 500 to 1,000 people that aimed for "the best initiative of every workman." This led to a huge blue-collar skilled labor force.

Fast-forward 100 years to Google's campus, where I attended the Crowdsortium Symposium last May to learn about crowdsourcing. Crowdsortium is an informal group of 85 companies interested in discussing crowdsourcing practices and trends. Just as Frederick Taylor changed manufacturing by turning craftspeople and artisans into assembly line workers, crowdsourcing is taking today's professionals and turning them into skilled labor on virtual assembly lines driven by web software.

First, a crowdsourcing website will host a vast number of workers — thousands of times more than in a factory. Mountain View's Elance has over 500,000 freelancers and over 160,000 active clients. MerchantCircle, another Mountain View company, has 1.6 million merchants. San Francisco's CrowdFlower that helps companies manage data has over 1.5 million workers.

Secondly, as in a factory, the pay can be very low. With an hourly minimum wage of \$8, some companies won't take on California workers. You might get five cents for entering data from a web search. In Mountain View, a \$200-per-month wage is tiny, but in a country where the average monthly wage is \$40, it provides riches.

Elance takes a cut of the client's payment to a worker. Graphic design firm 99designs runs contests and only the best submitters get paid. Fabio Rosati, CEO of Elance, is not in favor of the contest business model, as losers aren't paid. He believes that professional designers' guilds increasingly will want adequate compensation for their members.

Third, just as Taylor wanted the best out of every worker, crowdsourcing companies



are fastidious about quality. Workers can get stars and ratings. Redwood City's, oDesk, offering professional services, qualifies workers with tests. CrowdFlower can use multiple workers

to catch errors. It seeds work with questions that have known answers to eliminate spammers. Ben Smith, chairman of MerchantCircle, attracts merchants with information created by crowdsourcing. For example, plumbers may be attracted to a question about a failed water softener.

Finally, crowdsourcing firms are becoming more specialized. From Colorado, Trada, whose CEO Niel Robertson was a co-founder of Crowdsortium, has 2,000 workers who find keywords and design ads for search engines Google and Bing. Trada gives its adword creators better assignments as they gain experience. Not surprisingly, Google Ventures is an investor in Trada.

Niel says he is in the process of surveying Crowdsortium members on the economic impact of crowdsourcing. Results will be published in the next few weeks. He believes that a real economic revolution is underway and that it is moving the economy forward, because location is no longer a barrier to getting a job.

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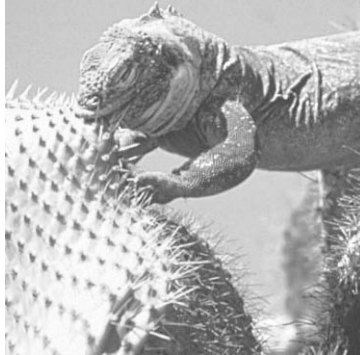
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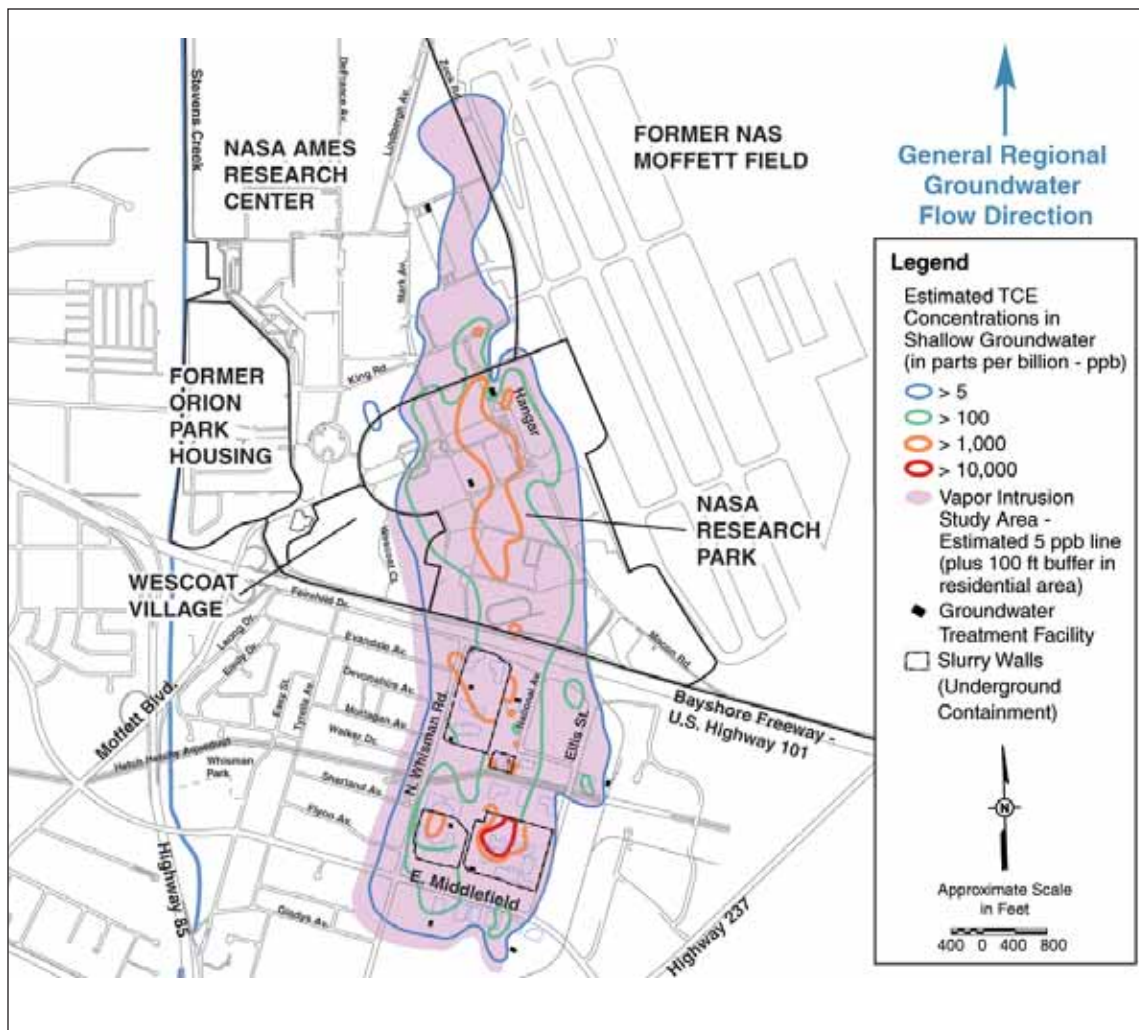
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CLEANUP

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foot test site at Moffett Field in only two years. It required \$57,000 worth of EHC, or 23,000 pounds, which was injected into numerous wells, but it can also be placed in a trench to create a permeable wall that treats groundwater as it moves.

EHC has been used to clean up a site about the size of the MEW plume in Kansas, and many others, Mueller said. The company has even drilled right through building floors to inject it into the ground.

But the challenge with using such technologies at the MEW is that buildings and businesses stand in the way of placing it in the ground, which may be an increasing problem as the MEW area has become prime real estate for tech companies. EPA project manager Alana Lee said Verisign blocked a proposal for in-situ treatment on an MEW property at one point because it would have interfered with its ongoing use of the property.

Google is set to move next year into a 447,000-square-foot campus called the Quad, which is over the MEW plume. Last week the developer and owner of the site, Keenan Lovewell, won approval

of an expansion of the campus for Google, which may not be built for several years. It includes 181,000 square feet of office space and two parking garages.

Mueller said it may make sense to clean up a contaminated area where new buildings will go while it's still accessible.

"It strikes me that before you put up a new building, now seems to be the time to try to do something while you still have access to it," Mueller said.

Developer John Lovewell expressed an interest in cleaning up the site at last week's City Council meeting. "If we could clean it up tomorrow, that would be great," he said.

But Lee said the EPA has not heard from Lovewell or Google and has not received a proposal for using new cleanup methods on the site.

"If Lovewell or any other developer says, 'EPA, we would like you to clean up this property before we develop it,' I'm sure EPA would jump at the chance," Siegel said.

Google, which promised to be a good neighbor to Whisman residents at last week's council meeting, declined to comment on the issue.

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GREEN PLANES

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plane, four passengers and 1,000 pounds of lithium-polymer batteries. And it was pulled by the most powerful electric motor ever put in an airplane, with 194 horsepower, according to Pipistrel officials.

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Google sponsored the contest, which provided \$1.65 million in prize money to the contestants, including \$80,000 for the second place E-Genius plane, an electric two-seater from Stuttgart University in Germany which achieved 375.8 passenger miles per gallon.

The event was organized by NASA and the Comparative Aircraft Flight Efficiency Foundation. The foundation has been running such contests since the gas crisis of the 1970s, when 20 miles per gallon was a major feat for a plane. Technology has changed rapidly.

“Two years ago, the thought of flying 200 miles at 100 miles per hour in an electric aircraft was pure science fiction,” said Jack Langelaan, leader of Team Pipistrel-USA.com.

The Slovakian-built Pipistrel was flown by David Morss of Redwood City and Robin Reid of Independence, Ore. Concrete blocks took the place of two additional passengers. The Pipistrel was the only plane in the competition that could hold more than two passengers.

The E-Genius and the Taurus G4 were the main contenders in the event as the only purely electric planes.

In comparison to the electric planes, a gasoline-powered entry from Florida, the Phoenix, was able to achieve 94.3 passenger miles per gallon with two passengers. Like the other planes in the event, the Phoenix is based on a glider. It weighs half what the electric planes do at just 754 pounds when empty.

Aviation journalist Dean Sigler was enthusiastic about what may be a bigger accomplishment than most people realize, even in the aviation world.

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Jane Horton lives in a house affected by TCE vapors.

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to humans by all routes of exposure” and says that inhalation can cause “hepatic, renal, neurological, immunological, reproductive, and developmental effects.”

A link long has been suspected between TCE exposure and a cluster of seniors with Parkinson’s disease and brains tumors on and around Walker Drive near Whisman Road. The Voice reported in 2002 that six residents were found with Parkinson’s on Walker Drive and four others were found nearby who had had brain tumors. They had all lived for decades next to an area that may have provided a steady supply of TCE vapors — vapors that continue to be measurable in the outdoor air.

Activist and Whisman Road resident Jane Horton said the report’s release was a small victory for the Walker Drive residents and many

others who have been exposed to TCE nationwide.

“We can now say, ‘Yes, this is a bad chemical and yes, it is proven,’” said Horton. “The fact this even happened, especially in this political climate, is a cause for celebration.”

Some suspect that an air stripper used for years to treat TCE contaminated groundwater on the east side of Whisman Road near Walker Drive was partly to blame for the cases of Parkinson’s, a degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system. Like a smokestack, the air stripper vented TCE to the atmosphere as contaminated groundwater was pumped to the surface.

“Everyone seems to think that there is something strange about this, everyone is concerned, especially the people who have Par-

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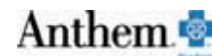
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kinson's," said resident Lori Hand in 2002. Hand said three had died and two others were in their 70s at the time. She said they had all lived there for over 40 years.

No evidence was found to make a link with the Parkinson's cluster. The air was never tested inside the homes of those with Parkinson's and Horton said the outdoor air wasn't tested until the air stripper was replaced with special filters that contained the vapors.

It was suspected that the TCE vapors, which have a half life of several days, were blowing into people's homes. "It's when it gets trapped in your home that it becomes a problem," Horton said.

Horton has some experience with that problem. Her Whisman Road home, which she purchased in 1975, was the only one in the area found to contain unacceptable levels of TCE vapors. The vapors were entering her basement from the large contaminated groundwater plume that computer component manufacturers left behind. A ventilation system now runs at all hours to keep the vapors out of the house, even in power outages, and her air is tested twice a year.

TCE vapors can still be measured in the outdoor air. Lenny Siegel, director of the Center for Public Environmental Oversight, said it was at 0.2 micrograms per cubic meter last time he checked, which is well below EPA's standards for indoor air. It wasn't uncommon for it to be well over 1 microgram per cubic meter at such sites when TCE was in use, which is above current standards for indoor air.

The EPA says 761 superfund sites are contaminated with TCE nationwide. People have died "horrible deaths" from their exposure to TCE in other places, Horton said. When she testified about TCE to the National Academy of Sciences, Horton recalled several "heartbreaking stories", including one from a brother and sister who carried their father's ashes. He was one of many workers of a Mattel toy factory in Oregon who died after exposure to high levels of TCE.

"This has really been long and lonely battle for individuals all throughout the country," Horton said.

The EPA's final health assessment for TCE is expected to accelerate cleanup efforts and make cleanup standards for indoor air and drinking water more stringent, especially in other states. By all accounts, the EPA's local cleanup standards are already relatively stringent and may not change much. But local activists say they are still frustrated by the slow pace of cleanup in the Whisman Road area. ▀

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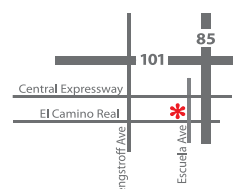
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KIDS DIG RUGBY

Top: Graham Middle School eighth-grader Chris Pena-Prado kicks a rugby ball during an exercise hosted by Paul Lynch and the Stanford University Men’s and Women’s rugby teams. The even was hosted at Graham on Sept. 30. **Above:** Matt Sherman, the head coach for Stanford’s rugby team and coach for the USA Eagles, demonstrated how to toss a rugby ball to the students.

SHOOTING

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fled the work site and allegedly attempted to hijack a woman’s car at gunpoint. The woman resisted and he shot her once.

The woman was taken to a local hospital and is being treated for her injuries, which are not considered life threatening, police said.

Allman is described as a black man

in his late 40s, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 215 pounds. At the time of the *Voice* went to press on Wednesday afternoon, Allman remained at large, and police and sheriff’s deputies said he is considered armed and dangerous. He is believed to be carrying a rifle and a handgun, said Sung.

“Mountain View residents are encouraged to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activities or

people to the MVPD by calling the non-emergency number at 650-903-6395,” Wylie said. “Anyone who believes they see the suspect should call 9-1-1 immediately and should not attempt to contact him or talk to him. Anyone with information about the immediate whereabouts of the suspect should call 9-1-1.”

—Bay City News contributed to this report.

WHOOPIG

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vaccinated, that is an unreasonable expectation, Fenstersheib said. Furthermore, with more than 95 percent of the Mountain View student population vaccinated, he said that all schools in both districts should have what is called “herd immunity,” meaning that even if one student did contract whooping cough, the chances of it

spreading are extremely low.

“They’ve done a great job,” Fenstersheib said. “That’s a very small percentage of students that have opted out.”

The doctor said that most parents opt out because of religious or personal beliefs. While he took caution not to be critical of such beliefs, Fenstersheib said scientific evidence demonstrates that when enough people in a population forego vaccination against any disease, they do so at their own peril. There

is no evidence that suggests the vaccine against whooping cough has any negative side effects, with the exception of a very few people who have had bad reactions to the vaccine, he said.

A nurse from the Mountain View Whisman School District and the superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos School District said they were not concerned with the number of students in their respective districts that have gone without the vaccine. ■

Class-action lawsuit filed against Stanford

By Sue Dremann

A class-action lawsuit for \$20 million has been filed against Stanford Hospital & Clinics over a patient-information breach, the hospitals announced Monday, Oct. 3.

Shana Springer, a woman whose information ended up on a website after an oversight by a subcontractor, filed a class-action suit on Sept. 28 in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Springer sought treatment at Stanford's emergency room around Aug. 31, 2009 and provided her personal information and hospital account number, according to the lawsuit.

The suit alleges the information posted on the website included her name, medical record and hospital account numbers, admission/discharge dates, diagnoses codes and billing charges.

It asks for \$1,000 per class member of the suit. The hospitals acknowledged on Sept. 8 that a data breach involving 20,000 patients' records had occurred. The patients were seen in the emergency room between March and August of 2009.

The patients' information was posted on a public website for nearly a year before being removed Aug. 22. Social Security numbers or credit card information was not among the data, hospital officials said.

A subcontractor of an outside

vendor, Multi-Specialty Collection Service, created the compromised data file, Stanford said. It has also been named in the suit. The data was posted on the Student of Fortune website, according to the New York Times. The site provides homework help and the data was used to show how to create a bar graph.

Stanford said it has heard of the class-action lawsuit but did not provide details regarding the lawsuit. An official statement from the hospital said:

"Stanford Hospital & Clinics (SHC) intends to vigorously defend the lawsuit that has been filed as it acted appropriately and did not violate the law as claimed in the lawsuit.

"SHC takes very seriously its obligation to treat its patient information as private and confidential. As soon as this was brought to SHC's attention by a patient, the hospital demanded and had the spreadsheet taken down from the website and backup servers.

"SHC quickly notified the affected patients of this breach and offered to provide free identity protection services to all the patients, even though the information disclosed on the website is not the type used for identity theft.

"To date there is no evidence that anyone saw this information on the website and improperly used it for fraudulent or any other improper purpose. SHC

has investigated this matter, terminated its relationship with Multi-Specialty Collection Services, and reported this breach to law-enforcement authorities."

Stanford officials said Multi-Specialty Collection Services, a California company, provided business and financial support to the hospitals. Multi-Specialty was operating under a contract that specifically required it to protect the privacy of the patient information. The hospital sent the data to Multi-Specialty in an encrypted format to protect its confidentiality.

A hospital investigation found that Multi-Specialty prepared an electronic spreadsheet from the data that had patient names, addresses and diagnosis codes. The company sent the spreadsheet to a third person who was not authorized to have the information and who posted it on a website.

"This mishandling of private patient information was in complete contravention of the law and of the requirements of MSCS's contract with SHC and is shockingly irresponsible. SHC regrets that its patients' confidentiality was breached and is committed to protecting the health and privacy of all of its patients," the hospital said.

A spokesperson for Multi-Specialty said the company could not comment on the lawsuit or Stanford's allegations, since there is an ongoing investigation. ■

GENOMICS

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Health Professional Education in Genetics, said in a press release that she hopes the program will address a knowledge gap that exists in the field and serve as a model for physicians around the country to improve their understanding of genomics.

"We think there is a critical need for physician education about genomics," Scott said. The coalition is one of two organizations the hospital is partnering with in the effort.

The other organization on board is Genetic Alliance.

"Surveys show that patients are increasingly looking to genomics in order to make informed decisions and to find better treatment options," said James O'Leary, chief innovation offi-

cer for Genetic Alliance. "Their doctors need to be able to communicate the risks and benefits of those decisions."

Pifer said that many patients read about genetic treatments in magazines and newspapers and show up at their doctor's office looking for professional advice, only to find that their doctor may know less than they do about it. He said that it is particularly important for doctors to be educated, as it often takes a doctoral degree to be able to discern which treatments are worth pursuing and which aren't.

"New applications could be good, or they could be flashes in the pan," Pifer said. There are many companies in the United States that can sequence a person's entire DNA, and some have marketed themselves to consumers promising that if they only learn their genome sequence they will have a road map of every-

thing they need to know about their health, Pifer said.

But it isn't as simple as that, he warned, and having a primary care physician that is versed in the latest genomics research can help patients make better decisions.

"The fact of the matter is, when you get past the hype you realize that there are just incredibly useful and excellent applications of genomic tests," Pifer said.

And for patients seeing specialists, having a doctor that is familiar with genomic treatments for particular diseases is important, he explained, noting that the technology now exists to map the genomes not just of individuals but of an individual's cancer.

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Could Moffett Field hit the auction block?

There may be a silver lining in the economic downturn that could provide a much better opportunity for the restoration of Hangar One than is possible now under NASA stewardship.

According to a recent story in the New York Times, last year the Obama administration released a list of more than 12,000 properties it viewed as surplus that eventually could be sold in order to help reduce the federal deficit.

And it is no surprise that Mountain View's Moffett Federal Airfield is among the candidates the government believes could be attractive to a private party, given its size and key location in Silicon Valley. With plans already underway to develop a major education complex and high technology office park at Moffett, which includes a commitment for 1 million square feet of space by Google, the property suddenly takes on a new sparkle.

So what would a new owner do with Hangar One? Right now the landmark building is losing its outside skin and soon its skeleton will be open to the elements, leaving it to corrode and rust away unless it is rescued by a new owner.

Although such a scenario is highly speculative, we would not rule it out. The Times story said there is bipartisan support for the government to offload property and buildings that are no longer needed.

Google, whose headquarters is located a stone's throw away and just across Stevens Creek from NASA, is already paying more than \$1 million a year to lease space in a hangar for its small fleet of private jets. And even if modest restrictions continued on the number of take-offs and landings permitted at Moffett under a private owner, we believe many area companies would leap at the chance to own this substantial complex.

It would also be a relief for NASA to sell the Moffett airfield. The agency has complained that it must pay over \$7 million a year to run the little-used airstrip.

The local committee that has worked hard to save Hangar One is attempting to convince Congress to join in the fight. They have said that NASA is extremely handicapped by the government rules that govern possible contracts with private parties to share development rights for the Hangar in return for helping with restoration costs. A private firm would not have that problem.

Some might say that the current Congress, which has been hamstrung all year by partisan squabbles, could never agree on disposing of the hundreds of federal properties around the country. But at least at this stage, Republicans and Democrats have been saying that they do agree on the issue, and there are bills in the House and Senate to reduce the red tape involved in selling federal property.

Perhaps this movement in Washington is a glimmer of hope for Hangar One, although at this stage it is not clear if there is even a remote chance for this dream to come true.

GUEST OPINION VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

'Civility Roundtable' hopes to foster respect

By Ken Rosenberg

The Tucson, Ariz. shooting of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords brought the nation together in a state of shock and mourning. Shortly thereafter, President Barack Obama made a stirring speech and implored us to usher in a new era of civility, respect and understanding towards our neighbors.

The president asked Americans "to expand our moral imaginations, to listen to each other more carefully" and to "remind ourselves of all the ways that our hopes and dreams are bound together."

This got me thinking about how we can improve the civic dialogue on a local level. Thus, the Civility Roundtable participative discussion series was conceived.

Most people agree that civil discourse is necessary for encouraging greater participation in political and civic discussions. The Mountain View

Civility Roundtable is a forum designed to bring people together to discuss important issues to Mountain View citizens and to do so in a way that promotes civility. The goals are threefold:

■ To bring civility, trust, and a greater sense of common cause to public discussions of the urgent problems we collectively face;

■ To promote a shared responsibility and involve more Mountain View neighbors in the work of building a stronger and better city; and

■ To reach these two objectives by engaging citizens in constructive discussions.

The inaugural conversation will focus on corporate and business responsibility in Mountain View and include representatives from Google, Meyer Appliance, the Mountain View/Whisman School District and a local neighborhood association. An interactive dialogue model designed to maintain civility and promote decorum will be led by Chris

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Paul Avenue resident Deborah Olenev, with daughter Nastassia.

Mother finds teaching opportunity on Stevens Creek

By Deborah Olenev

Recently my daughter went with me on one of my forays into the Stevens Creek bed with my dog. I have been telling her about how I have been going into the creek with trash bags and filling them to the breaking point with garbage and hauling them out and depositing them at the nearest garbage bin. She thought I was a nut, but when she went in with me she understood why I was doing it and joined me with the vigor of her youthfulness in dislodging old plastic bags wound around tree branches, and old clothes filled with sand embedded in the ground.

She couldn't believe how much trash was down there. I told her, "Nastassia, this is nothing. You should have seen this place before I started to clean it. What you are seeing are the most insignificant pieces, as I have already taken out the largest eye-sores."

This was not true, however, because there were very large pieces I did not even dare to

consider moving on my own, but my daughter, being younger and bolder than me, would not be dissuaded. She pulled and tugged and moved some pretty large pieces of garbage to the bin at the top of the trail at Landels Park.

On another day I took my 10-year-old son Abraham into the creek to help me out, and he said, "Mom, are we doing community service?" I said, "Yes, we are."

My husband brought it to my attention this morning that I am only getting a very small section of the creek and that I am not going to be able to clean out the whole thing. I told him that I am sure there are eccentric men and women above and below me on the trail who are cleaning their portions of the creek.

This is a job that certainly needs to be done before the rains come and spread the garbage out even more. If you are an eccentric man or woman like me, please hop into the creek bed and the trail, bring your garbage bags and a pair of gloves and help clean out one of the most beautiful and peaceful places in Mountain View.

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Block, CEO of American Leadership Forum — Silicon Valley. The four representatives will be sitting in a circle, colloquially known as the "the fishbowl," in the middle of the Mountain View Senior Center surrounded by the audience. The conversation, as conducted by Mr. Block, will flow back and forth between them.

Democratic governance requires participation, deliberation, collaboration, and inclusiveness. The Mountain View Human Relations Commission

is chartered with helping the city and its residents address various economic, political, educational, and social issues. The Civility Roundtable is specifically designed to do just that. We may not always agree, but we never have to be disagreeable.

The roundtable is set for Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Mountain View Senior Center is located at 266 Escuela Avenue. The event is free. Drinks and light snacks will be available.

Ken Rosenberg is a member of the Mountain View Human Relations Commission.

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