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White House may decide Hangar's fate



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Workers atop Hangar One remove the toxin-laced siding from the iconic Moffett Field structure on Feb. 6.

FUTURE USE, VIABILITY OF AIRFIELD
IS A MAJOR QUESTION

By Daniel DeBolt

“The highest levels” of the federal government are now deciding whether to accept an offer from Google’s founders to restore Moffett Field’s iconic Hangar One, NASA Ames administrator Deb Feng said last week.

In light of recent conversations with NASA headquarters, “I am optimistic (that the decision) will be favorable for the whole community,” Feng told the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board at its meeting. “I couldn’t have said that a little while ago.”

Feng is the deputy director of NASA Ames Research Center.

After NASA’s efforts to fund the hangar’s restoration failed in Congress last year, a proposal to save the structure came from top Google executives through H211 LLC, which runs private aircraft out of Moffett’s Hangar 211 for Google founders Larry Page and Sergei Brin and board chair Eric Schmidt. In exchange for restoring Hangar One, the executives want a long-term lease allowing them to use Hangar One to park their eight private aircraft, including two jumbo jets.

But to the chagrin of those who have been fighting for years to save the hangar, including Congresswoman Anna Eshoo,

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The end of the drive-thru on ECR? Outcry from smokers fails to sway council

By Daniel DeBolt

Citing human health, climate change and neighbor concerns, the City council took aim at the uniquely American creation known as the fast-food drive-through on Tuesday, expressing interest in

preventing any more from being built on El Camino Real.

All but two council members — Tom Means and John Inks — expressed interest in studying a moratorium on El Camino Real drive-through windows during a

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By Daniel DeBolt

The Mountain View City Council passed a strict new smoking ban Tuesday, despite strong opposition from smokers and the city’s bar and night club owners.

After seeing the council’s close

4-3 vote in favor of the new ban on Jan. 24, regular Molly McGee’s patron and cigar smoker Jim Neal was inspired to circulate a petition in the city’s bars in the hopes of swaying at least one member of the City Council to change sides at the Feb. 14 second vote to decide the matter. He gathered 1,083 signa-

tures on his petition.

Objecting to the closure of smoking patios attached to their bars, opponents raised the specter of mobs of smokers gathering in parking lots behind downtown bars, littering, creating problems for police

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Bullis, LASD to enter mediation talks

CONTENTIOUS DEBATE OVER CHARTER SCHOOL HAS CAUSED RIFT IN COMMUNITY

By Nick Veronin

Officials from the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School have agreed to sit down together in mediation and try to come to a consensus upon how to allocate land and facilities for the charter school.

In a Feb. 14 letter to the Bullis board of directors, the school district’s board officially agreed to the proposal, which was made in writing by the charter school on Feb. 13.

“The continued contentious litigation-driven relationship between BCS and LASD is a major drain on our community,”

Mark Goines, president of the LASD board of trustees, wrote in the letter. “We agree that an interest-based mediation approach has the best chance of identifying a solution that will work.”

Ken Moore, head of the Bullis board, struck a similar tone in an interview with the *Voice*. “I really hope that we can end up

with some rich dialogue where the interests are understood from both sides, and we can work to some kind of solution that would mean we weren’t constantly having to go to the courts.”

The talks will be no cakewalk, however, as other comments from both Goines and Moore indicate.

Moore was unequivocal that the district needs to provide the charter school with a campus of its own, and soon. “The status quo is not an option for the 2012-13 school year,” he said.

And Goines has been equally clear. He said that while his district would be willing to build Bullis a school (a project that could not possibly be completed by next school year) LASD would not close one of its schools to make way for the charter — an option that Moore continues to push.

Goines said that although he is willing to enter into mediation talks, he is skeptical about how fruitful they may be. “We

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Harvey Seppanen, Hugo, Minn.



"He's done a great job for what he's been able to do based off the institution that's been provided for him."

Aakash Desai, San Francisco



"I like him. He's having a hard time because not many people are cooperating with him."

Maria Madhvani, Los Gatos



"I think he's doing a realistic job. I'm not necessarily dissatisfied, I think it's just challenging."

Charlotte Adermann, Mountain View



"I'm all for Obama. I think he's done a great job and I'm going to vote for him."

Joel Wiesner, Santa Clara

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CRIME BRIEFS

HOME BURGLARIZED

While residents slept, a flat-screen television and a desktop computer were stolen from their apartment in the 800 block of E. El Camino Real over the weekend, police said.

Access to the ground-floor apartment was through an open sliding-glass door, said Liz Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department. A 42-inch Sharp LCD TV and an iMac desktop computer were stolen while the apartment's residents — a 48-year-old man and 17-year-old teenager — slept.

Wylie said whoever burglarized the apartment had to climb over a 10-foot-high fence to enter the patio area and sliding glass door. Police have some leads in the case, she said, but could not reveal any of them as they might jeopardize the investigation.

Wylie said there is little the victims — a 39-year-old woman and 41-year-old man — could have done to prevent the burglary, which occurred sometime between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

"This kind of case is pretty rare," Wylie said, noting that generally burglars enter homes and apartments through open doors and windows. The only thing Wylie could suggest to defend a home against a break-in such as this is an alarm system.

"We encourage people to have alarm systems at their house and to have them activated when they are not home," she said.

BB GUN

Police responded to a report of a man with a gun near St. Francis High School only to find a man shooting at birds in a nearby tree with his BB gun, a police spokeswoman said.

Shortly after 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 10, officers contacted the man in the 1900 block of Wilson Court, according to Liz Wylie, a public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

Wylie said that the man told police he was shooting at the birds because they were a nuisance. The incident was quickly resolved and no arrests were made, Wylie said.

The man was not in violation of any laws, Wylie said. "It could be animal cruelty if you injure or kill an animal. That's not an advisable way to deal with any nuisance or pest," she said.

APARTMENT BURGLARIZED

Three computers and miscellaneous jewelry was stolen from a house in the 700 block of Hans Avenue during the day on Feb. 10, police said.

It appears that a burglar, or burglars, kicked in the door to the garage, and then forced open a second door to get in the house, said Liz Wylie, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department. A number of Apple products were taken in the burglary, including a Macbook Air laptop, an iMac desktop computer and an iPad tablet computer — all together worth an estimated \$3,600. The jewelry stolen was valued at roughly \$60.

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 200 block E. Dana St., 2/14

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BATTERY

Montecito Av. and Shoreline Bl., 2/9
 1600 block Villa St., 2/9
 first block Evandale Av., 2/10
 2500 block W. El Camino Real, 2/11

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

800 block Evelyn Av., 2/8
 700 block Hans Av., 2/10
 800 block E. El Camino Real, 2/12
 1000 block Space Park Wy., 2/14

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

600 block Showers Dr., 2/10
 300 block San Antonio Rd., 2/11
 1500 block Grant Rd., 2/13

STOLEN VEHICLE

100 block S. Whisman Rd., 2/14

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Barrett Greaves, a student at Mountain View High School, is starting a support group for teens who stutter

Local teen starts stuttering support group

STUDENT HOPES TO BOOST CONFIDENCE OF PEERS WHO SHARE HIS CONDITION

By Nick Veronin

Looking down at his lap and rocking slightly in the chair, Barrett Greaves struggles to get his lips and tongue to cooperate with his brain. He pushes hard to get the words out in between silences that can be painful for an observer unaccustomed to the teen's condition.

Barrett, a junior at Mountain View High School, stutters. It is a something he has

struggled with for as long as he can remember, and it has posed educational, as well as social, challenges for the curly-haired 16-year-old.

But as much as his stuttering has been frustrating over the years, it is now proving to be a motivating force for action. With the help of his father, Barrett is working to establish the first teen-focused Peninsula chapter of the National Stuttering Association — a non-profit organization ben-

efitting adults and children who stutter.

They are calling the group Teens Who Stutter — TWST, or "twist," for short.

Barrett looks a lot like any other 16-year-old, and he acts like one, too. A baggy, hooded sweatshirt and loose blue jeans cover his thin frame, as he slouches down low in a padded armchair in his family's living room — texting away

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Ex-city manager envisions N. Bayshore 'village'

By Daniel DeBolt

As city manager in the early 1980s, Bruce Liedstrand helped lead efforts to transform the city's downtown and create a vision for the North Bayshore area that's now home to Google. But mistakes were made, he says, and he hopes the city doesn't pass on an opportunity to create a unique "Innovation Village" in North Bayshore for Google employees and others.

"It seemed great at the time," Liedstrand said of North Bayshore's development. But the low

office buildings and sprawling parking lots indicate the flaw that underpinned the whole design: the assumption that our dependency on cars would never change.

Residents and North Bayshore employees had similar opinions during general plan meetings in 2009 and 2010 in which a new vision was sought for North Bayshore and other key neighborhoods in the city. The idea of creating "another vibrant Castro Street" on Shoreline Boulevard north of Highway 101 appeared to have support from most participants. Housing, retail and other

services should be allowed in the neighborhood, participants said, so office workers would not have to commute in and out of the area as much.

Now the city is looking to refine that vision in gathering input on a new draft of the city's new 2030 general plan, a blueprint for the future development of key neighborhoods. Input is coming from unusual places for North Bayshore, including a city-sponsored "town hall" website (northbayshorepreciseplan.org) for gathering input on North

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The new, new math

BUBB TEACHER USES YOUTUBE, IPADS AND KHAN ACADEMY FOR INTERACTIVE LESSONS IN CLASSROOM

By Nick Veronin

A few times each week, the students in Gayle Dyer's fifth-grade class at Bubb Elementary put down their books, worksheets, pens and pencils and switch on a school set of iPads to watch instructional YouTube clips and take interactive quizzes.

They are participating in a pilot program created by Khan Academy — a Mountain View-based education company behind an extremely popular series of streaming educational videos.

Dyer, who jumped at the opportunity to be a part of the pilot, says that the program has worked to get her students jazzed about doing math exercises, while simultaneously giving her new, high-tech tools for tracking and analyzing individual student progress in real time.

"The kids are highly engaged in it," Dyer said. "When they do it on the iPad, it's fun. So they're practicing more."

Engagement and analysis

The Khan Academy videos and computer games are effective for a number of reasons, Dyer said.

Since students each have their own iPad to use, they can go at their own pace. This means students who get it can skip ahead, and, perhaps more importantly, those who have been struggling can go back and watch a lesson again — without broadcasting their lack of comprehension to the entire class. "It's a safe place for them to practice skills that they may not have mastered that they probably should have mastered already," Dyer said.

On the other hand, sometimes showing off their progress to their peers is the whole point. Students compete for high scores and badges, just as they might do when playing a social media game like FarmVille or Mafia Wars.

It is common for students to gather in clusters and watch a classmate who is close to breaking a record — either by completing a quiz in record time, or getting enough correct answers in a row.

While Dyer's students are learning about math, she is learning about them. When she logs in to her Khan Academy account, Dyer can see who is doing well and who is struggling; and drilling down, she can see exactly which problems the struggling students missed as well

as the mistakes they made along the way.

"It gives me a lot of info on what the students are doing," she said. "I can use that to figure out what I need to do with those individual students."

Dyer said she has only really begun to scratch the surface of what Khan's analytics apps can do for her as a teacher. "It's still new to me; I'm still learning," she said.

"We're giving teachers the tools to be able to do individualized and mastery-based learning," said Matt Whal, a Kahn representative who has been helping Dyer learn to use the new tools. Whal's goal is to help Dyer create a "flipped" classroom — a place "where students move at their own pace and master subjects before moving on."

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District may evict preschool on MVHS site

By Nick Veronin

A proposal to evict a preschool program from its current home on the Mountain View High School campus and replace it with a continuation high school is meeting with vocal opposition.

It was standing room at the local high school district's Feb. 13 board meeting, as supporters of the preschool and residents of the Waverly Park neighborhood spoke out against the plan to move students from county school Terra Bella onto the high school campus.

Those opposed to the proposal worried that bringing the county continuation school to the area would bring an increase in crime and juvenile delinquency to the neighborhood, and said that the district should figure out a way to solve the issue some other way. Other speakers said that the preschool, which also functions as a parenting class, is an invaluable community resource.

Board members were sympathetic to the community's concerns — pledging to look

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study session.

Such a moratorium could kill a new Chik-Fil-A proposed for 1962 W. El Camino Real, the site of a shuttered Sizzler. Without a drive-through, Chik-Fil-A may choose to find another location, as KFC did in 2008 when a drive-through was rejected for a proposed location at 1616 El Camino Real over concerns about exposing neighboring homes to exhaust fumes. A proposed drive-through car wash at the Shell gas station at 1288 El Camino Real could also be affected.

Council member Jac Siegel said that with all of the concern about climate change, the idea of cars idling in line and getting zero miles

per gallon was questionable.

"I can't believe that the greenhouse gas police haven't been after that very seriously," Siegel said.

Fortunately for Walgreens, construction on its new location with drive-up window is nearly finished at 1905 El Camino Real. It will be the 12th drive-through on Mountain View's portion of El Camino Real, adding to the fast-food restaurants, oil change shops, a photo developer and a bank.

Explaining her support for studying a moratorium, council member Laura Macias cited the ongoing "Grand Boulevard Initiative" to make El Camino Real more people-friendly. "Continuing to add drive-throughs doesn't help what we're trying to do with the Grand Boulevard initiative,"

she said.

Inks said it seemed unnecessary to ban them entirely, saying that the case-by-case approval process used in the past was good enough. Means agreed, adding that pharmacy drive-throughs made sense.

"If you're sick and you need prescription drugs, it's convenient to not get out of your car," Means said.

Council member Ronit Bryant disagreed about the necessity of a drive-through pharmacy, even for seniors.

"Seniors eventually need to get out of cars," Bryant said. "We're not all going to drive for the rest of our lives." ▀

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SMOKING

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and even putting women in danger of sexual assault.

But council members did not change their minds and voted 4-3 again to approve the ban in a required "second read" of the new ordinance on Feb. 14.

Council member Jac Siegel, who based his decision to approve the ban on the effects of second-hand smoke on employees, said he continued to believe it was a "health and safety issue." Council member Ronit Bryant said the "same discussion took place when smoking was banned in restaurants." People were saying, "I can't enjoy my food without a smoke. But now people manage to eat without smoking."

The new ban goes into effect in 90 days and levies a \$50 citation for anyone smoking within 25 feet

of the outdoor patios, windows or doors of any publicly accessible building where smoking is already banned, including restaurants and most workplaces. Such buffers could cover wide swaths of the city's commercial areas, including most of Castro Street where in most areas smoking would only be allowed for those walking from one destination to another.

Apparently some homeowners mistakenly believe homes and apartment buildings are covered, said police spokesperson Liz Wylie. Police have received calls from people who have declared their homes smoke-free and want police to enforce a buffer zone, something police can't do under the new law, Wylie said.

Nick Chaput, owner of Dana Street Coffee Roasting and president of the Central Business Association, said that he has a designated smoking table in front of his coffee shop that people complain about on occasion, and which he was concerned he would have to police for smokers or face a citation from police.

"There are too many things with this not thought all the way through," Chaput said in opposition to the ordinance. "You are asking us now to be police and enforce the rules and we have enough to deal with on our working day."

Wylie said bars and coffee shops like Chaput's would not have to be responsible for any smoking at the table on public sidewalks. But attached patios, like the one behind Molly McGee's, are likely to be areas that businesses will be held accountable for because employees work there. Employees taking smoke breaks near back doors could also pose a problem.

The ordinance "is meant to prevent business owners from simply turning a blind eye towards regularly occurring violations that are happening, essentially, right in front of them or their staff and within an area that they clearly have control over," Wylie said.

Wylie added that there would have to be proof that a business "knew, or reasonably should have known" of violations occurring within its "span of control." She said it was also a business owner's responsibility to educate employees about the ban. While misdemeanors are possible in severe cases, deputy city attorney Nicole Clemens said business owners would likely receive infractions, with a fine of \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense within one year and \$500 for each additional offense within one year.

The council heard from several supporters of the ban including a woman who said she had asthma attacks triggered by whiffs of second hand smoke. Another woman she had chronic obstructive pulmonary disease from breathing second-hand smoke. "I have a right to not have my life shortened by people abusing their rights," she told the council.

Rob Graham, owner the Sports Page bar, said the woman could chose not to go to his bar. He says he has a 6,000-square-foot patio that will be completely off-limits to smokers under the ban, even though portions are more than 25 feet from the building.

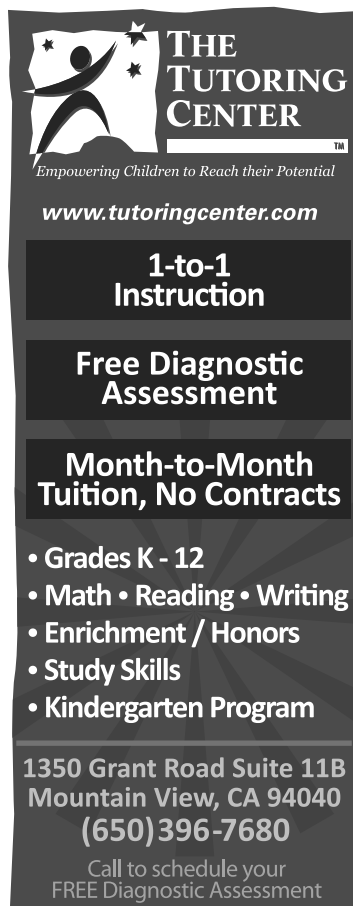
"I should have the liberty to run my business the way I see fit," said Jackie Graham, Rob's wife.

Council members John Inks, Tom Means and Laura Macias sided with the owners, some of whom fear they will lose business from people like Neal, who say they will go to bars in other cities.

Katy Rose, spokeswoman for the restaurant and hotel workers union UNITE HERE Local 15, said that the people whose job it is to serve smokers have no choice in the matter. "I urge you to think about this issue as a worker safety issue."

The creation of the ordinance was funded with a \$53,788 grant from Santa Clara County to reduce exposure to second-hand smoke. ▀

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Four-track design back in high-speed rail plan

By Gennady Sheyner

A new analysis by the California High-Speed Rail Authority calling for a four-track rail system between the Bay Area and Central Valley has set off a fresh wave of criticism from Palo Alto and surrounding cities, with many calling the latest document a betrayal of the authority's earlier promises.

The authority last month released a revised Environmental Impact Report describing its vision for the Bay Area-to-Central Valley portion of the San Francisco-to-Los Angeles line. For many, the most surprising aspect of the sweepingly broad document is its description of the line as a four-track system on the Caltrain corridor — a controversial design that would require a lane one lane of Central Expressway between San Antonio Road and Rengstorff Avenue in Mountain View.

Palo Alto officials and Penin-

sula legislators had lobbied the rail authority to consider a “blended” system under which Caltrain and high-speed rail would share two tracks on the Peninsula. A reference to this blended approach, which was spearheaded by state Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, and Assemblyman Rich Gordon, D-Menlo Park, was included in the rail authority's 2011 business plan, much to the delight of the legislators and many of their constituents.

But the revised program EIR (which is broader than the segment-specific project EIR) appears to adhere to the original, highly controversial vision — a four-track system through the Pacheco Pass. Its plan, the document states, “anticipates the local Caltrain and freight trains travel predominantly on the outside two tracks and the high-speed trains and express Caltrain to travel predominantly on the two inside tracks.”

“However, depending on addi-

tional operational study related to integration of the HST with existing passenger and freight services, any of these train services could potentially run on the tracks placed on the outer portion of the newly expanded right-of-way,” the revised EIR states. “This would result in trains, including freight, running closer to existing homes, schools, and other noise-sensitive land uses.”

Mountain View Mayor Mike Kasperzak said he supports the “blended” two-track concept, and said it was “pointless” to continue to pursue four tracks and “create even more animosity in the community.” But he was hesitant to criticize the rail authority over the EIR.

“I think the EIR is studying the worst possible scenario,” Kasperzak said. “That doesn't preclude them from moving forward with the blended system the community

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PARENT PRESCHOOL

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for other solutions — but made no explicit promises that the Parent Observation Parent Education Program could remain at its current location.

“We don't want to close the Parent Observation Program,” said Phil Faillace, president of the board of trustees, noting that he strongly believes in the value of preschool and parent education. “If it turns out that we need their space, perhaps the parent observation program could find a new space and continue to run their program.”

Melissa Neumann, a parent who is active in the preschool, said if the district moves forward, the outcome would be disastrous for the preschool.

Considering the short amount of time the school would have to find a new space if it were forced out, it would likely spell the end for the organization, which serves about 150 families each year and has been a part of the community since 1968, according to Neumann.

State Sen. Elaine Alquist called the program “one of the most valuable resources for parents and children in the local community,” according to a press release asking for community opposition to the proposal.

Lost lease

On Jan. 31, the Santa Clara County Office of Education informed the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District that it would not be able to renew its lease on the Terra Bella County School at 1012 Linda Vista Ave. at the end of this school year. That means that the

county-run alternative school — which educates high-risk students from a number of cities, including San Jose, Fremont and Mountain View — will be closed next fall, and all of its students will need to be moved to similar programs elsewhere.

MVLA district officials have a variety of options of where to move the 20 or so of its students who currently attend Terra Bella, including busing them to a county-run facility in San Jose or finding a place for them within the district.

Barry Groves, superintendent of the district, said busing the students to San Jose would be both expensive and a liability. The most feasible option would be to put the students in the building that currently houses the preschool, he said.

The proposal came as a shock to both parents and officials with the preschool, who found out Feb. 9, as well as to those living in the area surrounding Mountain View High School.

“We were very surprised,” Neumann said. “We had no notice.”

Neumann acknowledged that the district could not control the terms of the county's lease agreement. Nonetheless, she said, the fact that the district notified the preschool of its proposal to evict it less than a week before the board meeting felt sneaky. “I wish they would have been more forthcoming,” she said.

According to board president Faillace, the district needed time to figure out its options after learning about the county's plans to close the Terra Bella campus. He pointed out that the item on Monday's

board meeting agenda was strictly informational — held specifically to allow for community input. If the board wanted to sneak this item by, they could have put it to a vote that night, he said.

Faillace also said he understands the concerns of the residents living in the Waverly Park neighborhood, as well as the parents of high school students and children attending the nearby Mountain View Parent Nursery School.

Alice Cota, who lives within one block of the Parent Participation Preschool, said she opposes moving the district's highest-risk students to the site.

“We already deal with what I believe is a higher number of incidences by living next to a typical high school and a continuation high school at this point,” Cota said, referring to Mountain View and Alta Vista high schools, which are located on the same campus at 3535 Truman Ave.

She said there is a lot of litter and that she knows of three daytime break-ins in recent memory. While she can't be certain that high school students are to blame for all of it, she worries that if more teens — especially high-risk teens — are added to the mix, these problems will only get worse.

Complaints such as Cota's have not fallen on deaf ears, Faillace insisted. The board has instructed the superintendent's office to assemble a task force to explore whether another facility in the district might be found for Terra Bella students.

However, Faillace said the board may have to move forward with the proposal even though it is not “the ideal situation.” ■

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW / NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment for the Stevens Creek Crossings Project

The City of Mountain View (City) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have prepared a joint Draft Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Stevens Creek Crossings Project and is making it available for public review.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project would create two new two-lane restricted access vehicular bridge crossings extending Charleston Road and Crittenden Lane across Stevens Creek and into the Planetary Ventures leasehold within the Bay View Area of the NASA Ames Research Center located within the City of Mountain View. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to facilitate safe and environmentally friendly access by personnel between the Google office complex on the west side of Stevens Creek and the office building facilities planned on the Planetary Ventures leased property located in the Bay View Area on the east side of the Creek. The Proposed Project will also facilitate emergency response access by the State and local agencies to the planned Bay View Area development. Additionally, one new pedestrian/bicycle bridge would be installed immediately north of the new Charleston Road vehicular bridge, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and safety improvements would be implemented at the existing Crittenden Lane pedestrian bridge. The Proposed Action would result in a new ADA-compliant public access point to the Stevens Creek Trail at Charleston Road and make the existing public access point at Crittenden Lane ADA compliant.

PROJECT IMPACTS: In the IS/EA, the potential effects of the Proposed Project on the following resource areas were examined: aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, global climate change and greenhouse gas reduction, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, public services and utilities, noise, recreation, socioeconomics and environmental justice, transportation and circulation, mineral resources, population and housing.

Implementing the Proposed Project would result in less than significant impacts. The Proposed Project would have no effect on mineral resources or population and housing. Impacts on aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, global climate change and greenhouse gas reduction, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, public services and utilities, noise, recreation, socioeconomics and environmental justice, and transportation and circulation would not be significant.

Cumulative effects from implementing the Proposed Project would produce short-term and long-term less than significant impacts. These would result from concurrent construction activities and from future developments taking place in the vicinity of the Proposed Project.

COMMENT PERIOD: The public is encouraged to ask questions and provide comments throughout the entire planning process by email, direct mail or fax. Comments and feedback received between Monday January 30th through March 13th, 2012 will be reviewed and incorporated into the Final IS/EA, as appropriate. Comments on this document should be directed to the following Local and Federal Lead Agencies.

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HANGAR ONE

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there's been no decision from NASA headquarters for four months. It appears that the proposal has pushed the federal government to finally make a decision about the future of Moffett Field. After all, why would NASA sign a long-term lease with H211 to use a hangar on an airfield that soon may be shut down?

NASA officials have complained about the \$7 million a year cost of operating the Moffett airfield, while hangar lease payments — such as H211's \$1.3 million a year — don't cover the expense for the cash-strapped agency.

Lenny Siegel, Save Hangar One Committee leader and longtime environmental cleanup advocate for Moffett, speculates that there are people at NASA head-

quarters that want to transfer Moffett's runways to a "non-federal entity" which would get in the way of H211's use of Hangar One. The lightly used airfield could go away entirely and be transferred to the city, for example, for real estate development.

"My expectation is that this will be decided at the White House-level," Siegel said.

If the White House does decide to designate the Moffett runways as surplus, Siegel said he would push for a task force of various stakeholders to figure out the best way to re-use the property. "The community has to be involved in how this property is to be used," Siegel said.

But he recalled such discussions shortly after the Navy left Moffett Field in 1996 and 1997 which pitted him against many Hangar One preservationists — Siegel pushed for a community-

supported redevelopment of the airfield, while others wanted it to remain an airfield, possibly run by Santa Clara County's Airport Authority.

Such a process could cause years of delays in restoring the hangar while the uncovered frame is exposed to the elements. And \$12 million in scaffolding being used by Navy contractors to remove Hangar One's PCB- and asbestos-laden skin would be long gone before it's needed for a restoration project.

"I oppose (surplussing it) now because it won't allow us to resolve the hangar issue for several years," Siegel said. He added that agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency would need to be involved because of ongoing efforts to clean the toxin trichloroethylene from the airfield's groundwater. ▀

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have been mediation before," he noted. "Progress was poor."

Kelly Toshach is a Mountain View resident who lives in the LASD boundaries and has a child attending Springer Elementary

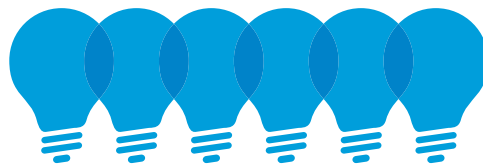
School and another attending Blach Junior High School. She said the debate over the charter has become so contentious that neighbors of differing opinions on the matter avoid discussing it with one another for fear that they will not be able to remain civil.

"Our community is defined by

our schools," Toshach said.

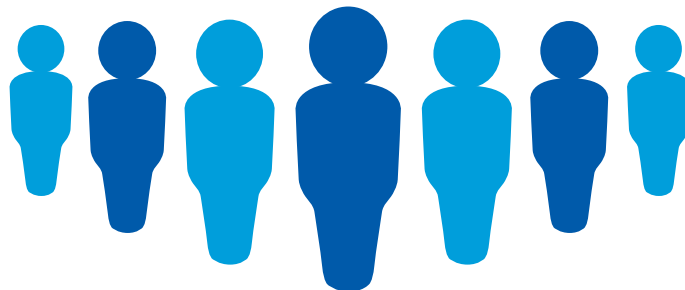
She said she hopes that the negotiations will produce results. "As a community, I think we need to figure out a way to make this work for everyone."

Attorneys from Bullis and LASD will work together to select a mediator and schedule the talks. ▀



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has been talking about. I actually don't think it is fair to jump all over to the High Speed Rail Authority and say they've broke their promise."

The new document also includes a list of potential road closures on the Peninsula that could be expected because of the rail system. These include a lane of Alma Street between Homer Avenue and Embarcadero Road and two lanes of Alma between Embarcadero and California Avenue in Palo Alto.

"This reduction in lanes may result in circulation, access, or parking impacts," the revised EIR states. The impacts could include complete closure of streets or even "land-use implications (acquisitions) resulting from mitigation for circulation and parking impacts."

The Peninsula Cities Consortium, which includes Palo Alto but does not include Mountain View, discussed the document and expressed concern about the new revisions and the dissonance between the revised EIR and the rail authority's prior promises to consider a blended two-track system, said Palo Alto Councilman Pat Burt, who chairs the consortium.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Palo

Alto City Council Rail Committee came out swinging against the document, which Burt said abandons the blended approach. Deputy City Manager Steve Emslie called the authority's new position "duplicious at best."

"We're back where we were a year ago on this and we thought this thing was dead," Burt said.

The city's concerns about the new document has prompted the rail committee to request an extension of the comment period and an "indefinite delay" in approval of the new document.

"As you know, recirculation is required by court order to address the impacts of potentially moving freight tracks closer to adjacent land uses along the San Francisco Peninsula and to address impacts of reduced access to surface streets from potential land closure along the San Francisco Peninsula," the letter from Klein to the rail authority states.

"Until these documents are provided there should be no expectation that the City of Palo Alto can fully and accurately comment on this document," Klein's letter states.

Revisions to the EIR were prompted by a lawsuit filed by Palo Alto, Atherton, Menlo Park and a coalition of nonprofit groups. The suit challenged the

rail authority's choice of the Pacheco Pass over the Altamont Pass as the preferred route for the rail line's Peninsula segment. Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny ruled in November that the authority must revise the EIR and include, among other things, a more adequate description of traffic impacts along the Caltrain corridor.

While the rail authority would try to mitigate these impacts, according to the revised EIR, the traffic impacts of the project would be "significant but unavoidable."

The Palo Alto-based rail watchdog group Californians Advocating Responsible Rail Design also panned the new document. The group, one of the earliest and most vehement critics of the rail authority's ridership and revenue projections, pointed to a discrepancy between the authority's recent business plan and the design described in the new document.

"They are yelling from the rooftops that they've changed their ways, but when the legal documents quietly come out, it is clear that they are doing exactly what they want to do: a four-track system up the Peninsula and the Pacheco Pass," CARRD said in a statement. ▀

—Daniel DeBolt contributed to this report

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Whal said that gaming mechanics are also a big part of the Khan Academy's learning "cocktail." There are awards given out for a wide variety of different tasks — from simply watching a video for the first time to completing a number of tasks quickly, all the way up to the "black hole badge" — "which is this mysterious badge that kids get really excited for."

"We really view badges as a way to incentivize students," he said.

Humble beginnings

The Khan Academy, which currently has more than 2,800 video tutorial clips online and has delivered an estimated nearly 121 million lessons, began very humbly back in late 2004, when the company's founder, Sal Khan, began remotely tutoring his cousin, Nadia.

Khan tutored his cousin over the telephone, using a product called Yahoo! Doodle, which allowed them to share a virtual notepad. When his tutoring sessions produced results, he began helping Nadia's brothers. Pretty soon, in order to save time, he started recording the sessions

and uploading them to YouTube, instead of performing them in real time.

Word eventually spread about his easy-to-understand lessons. Khan kept making the lessons, and people kept watching them. Now, eight years later, the company has grown tremendously, and Khan has given TED talks and been profiled by the New York Times.

"We're excited about the future," Whal said of the company, which now occupies office space on Castro Street.

He said Khan Academy is currently working to create an iPad app so students like Dyer's kids will be able to work out problems using the device's touch screen (right now, they have to access the Khan Academy lessons through a web browser app and do their calculations on scratch paper).

In response to concerns and critiques that the Khan Academy is seeking to replace live teachers with rote repetitive exercises, Whal said the goal has never been to marginalize the role of the instructor.

They want "great teachers to maximize their time," Whal said. "We just think that there's a lot of potential for teachers to use tools to grow what's possible in the classroom." ▀

NORTH BAYSHORE

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Bayshore planning and from little-known workshops for Googlers and other North Bayshore employees organized by Sustainable Silicon Valley.

On Jan. 27 some outside of the box ideas came from a workshop Sustainable Silicon Valley held for businesses in North Bayshore at Intuit headquarters. According to the notes from the meeting, participants called for living buildings with zero impact on the environment, on-site renewable energy sources, inexpensive office space for small businesses and startups, high-density residential buildings, increased car sharing services and a shared shuttle service operated by a coalition of North Bayshore companies. Someone even suggested a museum exhibit featuring future energy technologies.

Online, users of the city-sponsored website northbayshorepreciseplan.org have discussed over 30 different ideas for the future of Google's neighborhood. Ideas include a grocery store, small dog and children's parks, outdoor cafes, and clusters of retail services no more than a half-mile from any workplace.

To gauge popularity of an idea, the website allows people to "second" their favorites. The

most popular suggestion so far is for a light rail extension from downtown Mountain View to North Bayshore.

"In beautiful Mountain View weather we should be spending more time outside instead of air-conditioned buildings," said one popular post advocating for outdoor cafes and even outdoor movie theaters. Others topics include calls for paved trails along the Bay to Sunnyvale and special street intersections and crosswalks that favor bicyclists and pedestrians.

If online forums are the future of community planning, times have changed. Liedstrand recalled the methods for envisioning Castro Street. A task force of stakeholders was assembled, trips were made to inspiring places, experts talked and soon "everybody was on the same page" with a plan supported by the whole community. He noted that cities often forget the importance of education during such a process.

"Let's understand the younger generation and make it good for them," Liedstrand said of North Bayshore, saying that it should be a place where people find pleasure spending time. He also mentioned that focusing on a single facet, such as housing, could bring controversy and deter efforts. He did say that

"the key is to put so many units in there that they can afford to live there."

Liedstrand still lives in Mountain View and has high praise for the city's potential.

"To me this area has the potential to be absolutely great, one of the best places in the whole world."

And that's coming from a guy who has a second home in Paris.

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Barrett Greaves, with his father Mikal, found National Stuttering Association meetings helpful and wants to establish a local chapter just for teenagers.

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on his iPhone, while his father explains how the teen can lose himself for hours at a time in video games.

Mikal Greaves says it wasn't clear that his son had a serious issue until he was around 7 or 8. At first, when he was learning to speak, it just seemed that his thoughts were moving too fast for his mouth. Once it became clear that Barrett had an issue, he began seeing a speech therapist regularly.

Over the years, Greaves and his family have learned how to better manage Barrett's stuttering. There are tricks the teen knows to ensure he is communicating as effectively as possible, and his mother and father have learned how to interact with their son — never finishing his sentences for him or pushing him to hurry up.

Barrett's current speech therapist, Kim Henesian, has helped him identify two techniques that help him speak more fluidly. According to Henesian, Barrett does better when he is relaxed and speaking in even, gentle tones. It also helps when he can ease into each sound of a given word, which he accomplishes by stretching out vowels and consonants.

The cause of stuttering is not entirely understood, Henesian says. "Today's research

is pointing to a neurological basis with a hereditary component. It has been reported that there is a timing problem in the communication signals from the brain to the speech mechanism, causing a tensing of the muscles of speech production resulting in stuttering," she says.

It is a common misconception that stuttering is the result of a psychological problem, Henesian says. Because of this misconception, people who stutter sometimes feel ashamed and may be mocked — especially when they are younger. Another common reaction, said Barrett, is that people will attempt to finish his sentences, which is very frustrating for him.

"I think it is wonderful that Barrett is starting a local chapter of the National Stuttering Association," Henesian says. "It takes a lot of courage to put yourself in the public eye when you are challenged by stuttering. I am proud of him and of the proactive role he is taking with regard to his speech disorder."

Henesian says there is a "great need" for a local chapter of the National Stuttering Association, "so that teens can gather together, develop friendships and support each other as they deal with similar speech challenges." There is no known cure for stuttering, Henesian says, but support groups have been shown to help people feel more com-

fortable with their condition.

Barrett's father agrees. He says that when his son plays video games, and is completely caught up within his virtual world, he sometimes is able to carry on conversations with friends — remotely over an Internet-connected headset — that go on for minutes on end, without him stuttering.

Greaves says that his son was at first hesitant to attend a recent meeting of the NSA in Texas with his family. However, his son soon felt right at home, Greaves says.

"By the second day he was really into it," he says. "It was so helpful (for) Barrett to be with other teens who stuttered."

Barrett's visit to the Texas conference inspired the teen's father to suggest that the two of them create a local chapter. "The support part of (the NSA) is so important."

Henesian has pledged to help with the project as well help spread the word by notifying other speech and language pathologists in neighboring school districts.

For his part, Barrett said he hopes that the group will help "teens who stutter to become more confident and less worried about what people might think of them."

The first meeting of TWST is set for Feb. 28, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Palo Alto Elk's Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real. For information call 650-938-6356. ▀

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Misplaced fight over hospital pay

As much as we sympathize with the workers at El Camino Hospital who believe that the CEO's \$695,000 annual pay is far too high, we cannot support their attempt to put an initiative on the November ballot which would seek to cap it at no more than twice the rate of the California governor.

First, it is the job of the hospital's elected board members, not the union, to hire and set the pay for the chief executive officer of the hospital. And while we continue to have issues with the board about transparency, it would do immeasurable harm to the district if the CEO's salary was subject to the whim of a union apparently disgruntled about a loss in benefits.

In addition, no decent candidate for CEO would even consider the El Camino job if the union's initiative passes — the top scale would be less than \$350,000 a year. We know that sounds like a lot, but in the rarified air of hospital CEOs, compensation at this level has not been seen for years. Back in 2005, when the Voice filed a legal action against the El Camino board for refusing to make the salary of then-CEO Lee Domanico public, he finally revealed that his total compensation was over \$900,000, of which \$492,291 was base salary. Numerous other perks, including a \$173,000 bonus, interest forgiveness on a home loan and a \$9,000 car allowance helped run the total to \$943,104 for the year ending June 30, 2005.

El Camino's CEO presides over a 399-bed hospital in Mountain View plus another 143 beds at its Los Gatos location, as well as 2,440 employees in Mountain View and 468 in Los Gatos, a total of just over 2,900 employees. In addition the CEO is responsible for a business that generated more than \$65 million in net income last year. That is why other area hospitals are paying as much or more as El Camino for their chief executive officers.

Although it difficult to compare average salaries due to the small size of some other district hospitals in the state, at least one CEO, Nancy Farber of the 359-bed Washington Township Hospital in Fremont, earned nearly \$900,000 in base compensation in 2009. The idea that voters should limit the pay range of this executive, who presides over an extremely valuable asset, is preposterous. And while we appreciate that allowing the CEO's salary to be as much as double that of Gov. Jerry Brown, this is not an appropriate comparison. California governors must focus on politics, and most are not in office for the money, which is almost symbolic.

An SEIU spokesman told the Voice that members are irate that the hospital is requiring employees to pay for 10 percent of their formerly free healthcare plan, just like other non-union employees, including top executives. A spokeswoman cited higher costs for healthcare as the reason. Union members have also received a 19-percent increase in pay over the last four years, she said. We think they can afford to pay slightly more for healthcare, which costs employees in most other industries far more.

We believe voters will see through this vindictive attack on executive pay at El Camino. The union is supposed to work out its grievances in bargaining sessions with management, not at the ballot box. If voters approve this measure it will be a huge setback for labor peace at El Camino.

■ GUEST OPINION

District needs to restudy facilities plan

By Steven Nelson

I'd rather not spend \$200 million on this school plan.

After talking and writing to the elementary school board of Mountain View Whisman School District for almost two years over flaws in the facilities improvement process, I'm to the point of opposing a quick bond vote to spend new public money in this particular way. I'd easily support a bond that had adequate citizen input, and was on the November ballot.

The school board has not met the pledge in the adopted facilities improvement plan (SFIP) to get further comments from citizens, residents and taxpayers. They have ignored calls to appoint a community advisory committee to carefully choose priorities and make a timeline. The half-billion dollar

plan was developed by a committee dominated by architects (75 percent) and administrators who are not taxpayers in the district. The result, in my opinion, is a "BMW plan for a Chevy city."

For instance, consider the five multi-use room (MUR) replacements (labeled Task No. 8 in the plan, for \$12 million). These may need structural reinforcement for the latest earthquake code but many buildings, including nine-story university dorms, have inexpensive exterior steel framing added for this purpose. "Adequate classroom area" and adequate assembly area are very hard to accomplish with more students in every elementary school. Why cram kids into existing congested sites, while keeping both Slater and Whisman public schools

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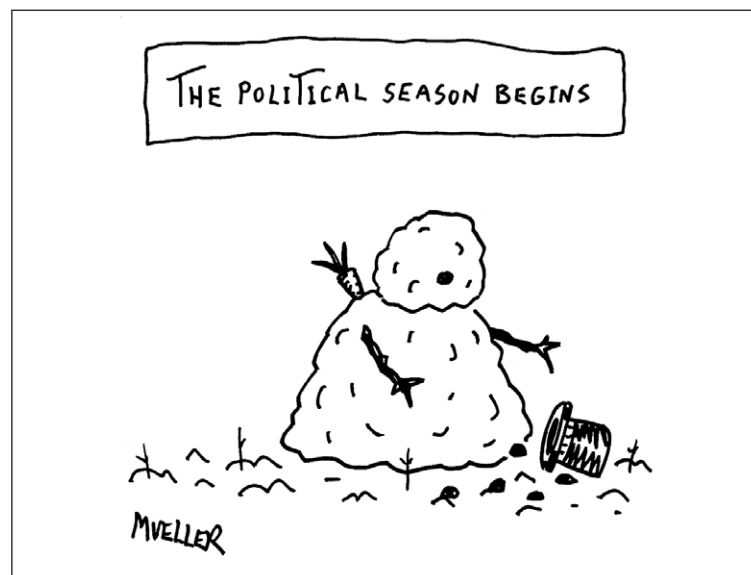
BE A PART OF VISIONING PROCESS

Mountain View is in the midst of a visioning process as we plan for the inevitable growth of both residents and workers. In our draft general plan some areas, such as the San Antonio Shopping Center and its immediate neighborhood, and the El Camino corridor, are slated for major "makeovers," with high density living and walkable "villages" the major focus. The goals in the general plan all sound very forward-thinking. However, it will take a lot more specific planning and effort to make this sustainable vision a reality, especially when car-centric patterns already exist.

I believe a major component of the vision laid out is a dedicated bus lane on El Camino. Imagine the bus running so frequently and quickly that it would almost take longer for you to get your car out of your apartment's parking garage than to hop on the bus to your destination.

An equally important component is to have the major streets throughout these high-density residential and shopping areas be truly pedestrian and casual-biker friendly, meaning both safe and pleasant. We also need a centrally located public park of an appropriate size to adequately serve the residents of

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closed? What were they thinking would get public support? Why are these last options off the table? That's the Facilities Plan!

Almost \$17 million is needed for this plan's demolition and interim housing (Tasks No. 22 and 23). A better plan would not require this much campus disruption — or another \$6 million to change around parking and bus zones (yet again).

The multi-decade future of this district depends on tax override

votes for facilities and teachers (parcel taxes). The electorate will not support education if it does “brain-dead” things like bulldoze and then rebuild 47 permanent classrooms for a cost in excess of \$23 million! All the tasks mentioned above are currently in the plan as priority one, which has a total cost of \$240 million.

I believe the district should appoint a “7-11 Committee” made up primarily of district citizens, which is a “best practice” recommended by the state Dept. of Education.

Steven Nelson is a resident of the Cuesta Park neighborhood.

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the future.

Developers stand to make a lot of money from these new projects. Let's make sure they pay into a fund for those specific parks and the multi-modal road improvements. And let's make sure we have a plan in place which requires these components, especially for San Antonio area, which has already started its transformation.

The city council needs to own the vision set forth in the general plan and fully support it with both money and strong guidelines. It's also vitally important that residents get informed and give their input to help insure a livable and sustainable Mountain View into the future. Please let your council members know that you want them to “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk” by supporting the BRT dedicated lane and quickly creating a precise plan for the San Antonio Change Area.

**Nancy Morimoto
Whits Road**

for an estimated price tag between \$750,000 and \$1,250,000. These are not low-income residents who need a helping hand.

However, they do have a potential problem that is also a bargaining chip; namely the Bakotich farmhouse. Ostensibly the city council has made a “few changes to city codes” so that this historic house will be saved for the benefit of all. In reality, the city will be subsidizing these homeowners by indirectly financing a residence for their live-in (and presupposed low-income) caregiver.

The co-housing community is a wonderful idea but the entire cost should be borne by the co-owners who will directly benefit from it.

**Christine Crosby
Woodleaf Way**

CANDIDATE A SHORT-TIMER AT MVLA

Last week the *Voice* wrote an article about my decision to run for the state Senate to reform state education policy. I fear it created an impression that I want to correct.

My desire to understand how different schools operate has led me to teach in many settings, from urban New York City to Cupertino, where I've taught for most my eight-year career. I am temporarily teaching at Mountain View High School from February to June. Describing me as a “MVLA teacher” would not, in my opinion, be correct given that I have spent such a short time here.

**Christopher Chiang
Latham Street**

NO BREAK FOR CO-HOUSING COMMUNITY

I believe it is unwise for the City Council to consider amending its historic building ordinance and zoning/BMR rules specifically to benefit a co-housing community proposed for 445 Calderon Avenue. The outcome would be an effective subsidy of up to \$674,000 to a small group of private homeowners.

The “environmentally sensitive” project, which will result in the removal of 49 heritage trees, is not much different from any other development. It provides a 19-unit condominium structure (with extensive common areas, rooftop deck, swimming pool and underground parking garage) for a group of individuals and families who want to live together. According to David Burwen, the group's leader, “a number of these people would not be able to afford these units” without concessions from the city. Although the community will likely consist mostly of retirees, it is open to any household

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

It's not quite Greek to me

OPA! IN LOS ALTOS SERVES COMFORT FOOD,
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By Dale F. Bentson

Opa! is a Greek-themed restaurant. Actually, it's vaguely Greek, more American in calorie count, the jumbo-portioned dishes affordably priced. There are Greek names to the dishes and "Visions of Greece" looping on dining room flat screens, but the rest, my friends, is all-American comfort food.

Opening in May 2011, Opa! replaced the Moroccan-inspired Zitune. Some decor modifications were made, but not many. The space is grotto-like with dark-stained wood floors, tables and chairs, faux stones lining the walls and abutting the ceiling. A bar occupies one-fourth of the

main dining room. Lighting is recessed. Happily, there is no echo.

Opa! is popular. I visited at both lunch and dinner times and the place was ever busy, with loads of families in early evenings. The menu is lengthy, a something-for-everyone approach, from chic sliders to loukoumades (Greek donuts).

Opa! is a recent restaurant entry, starting up in 2008, that now has three locations including Los Gatos and Willow Glen. The company is primed for expansion, coming soon to Walnut Creek. The menu was inspired by family recipes from one of the original partners, George

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Lamb souvlaki is made with lamb tenderloin, topped with fresh oregano and fresh lemon juice, and served on top of fries.

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Metaxa chop is a broiled bone-in pork chop with a spicy paprika dry rub that's glazed with a Greek honey, dijon and brandy sauce.

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Tsaboukos, a chef who has since passed away. While there is no executive chef, the line cooks are well trained.

The regular menu lists nearly 70 items plus specials, desserts and beverages. It takes awhile to ferret through so many offerings. Yet, despite the busy restaurant, I was

never hurried, never had a sense of being rushed. The waitstaff was attentive.

While the menu lists numerous mezes/starters, there are many other offerings that would make worthwhile starters. The pita pizzas, as well as the various dips and spreads, could easily be shared appetizers. Portions are very large.

Melitzanosalata (\$6.99) was two mounds of roasted eggplant with spices, olive oil and garlic — a little too heavy on the garlic. The accompanying pita bread was thick, warm and delicious.

Zucchini drops (\$9.99) were four big balls of shredded zucchini mixed with feta cheese and served on top of a Greek yogurt sauce. Large portion, appetizing and



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Top: Saganaki is grilled kaseri cheese served on a flaming flat iron skillet, topped with fresh lemon juice and served with warm pita bread. **Bottom:** customers Kenji Ohkawa and Kristina Corral.

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filling.

Opa! baby back ribs (\$10.99) were fork-tender and fell off the bone. The pork was topped with a sweet honey glaze and served with onion rings and a green salad. It's a meal in itself listed as a "starter."

Another listing in the starter category were the Opa! sliders (\$9.99). Three mid-sized burgers were each topped with a different Greek-inspired sauce: spicy feta, horiatiki (Greek salad) and tzatziki (yogurt, cucumbers, olive oil). Good-tasting but bigger than sliders usually are, so be careful how much food you order.

One of the signature dishes was pasticio (\$14.99). I didn't care much for this dish. It was a heavy cheese- and pasta-laden casserole with not much evidence of the ground sirloin nor the seasoned cloves and nutmeg it was supposed to have. The bechamel sauce added another zillion unnecessary calories to a very bland dish.

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Loukoumades, Greek donuts, are sprinkled with cinnamon, sugar, honey and walnuts and served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

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(\$22.99), on the other hand, was delicious. The boned, fleshy, Mediterranean branzino had been seasoned with an olive oil vinaigrette and served with braised greens (horta) and oven-roasted potatoes.

Pork souvlaki (\$14.99) were two skewers of tender marinated pork seasoned with fresh oregano and fresh lemon juice. For my choice of potato, I chose the Opa! fries, thick-cut and covered with both

creamy and crumbly feta. While a side of mustardy Opa! sauce accompanied, I loved just squeezing more lemon over the entire dish. This was my favorite entree.

I also liked the Greek pita pizza (\$9.99) with tomato sauce, feta, mozzarella, olives, artichokes and Greek sausage. Opa! has two types of pita baked specially for them. One is the typical flat pocket bread for sandwiches. The other is thicker and spongier, perfect for

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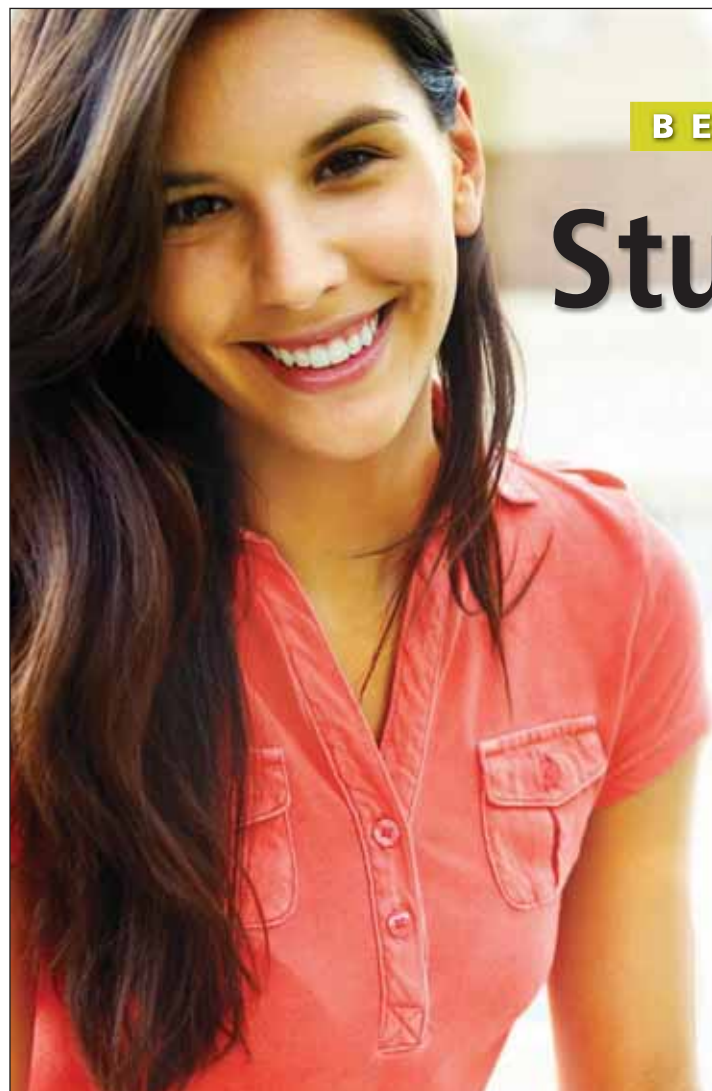
For dessert, the Bougatsa (\$7.99) consisted of phyllo dough enveloping a mixture of sauteed green apples, whipped ricotta and cream cheese, cinnamon and sugar, all drizzled with raspberry and caramel sauces. Goopy, caloric, and not noteworthy enough to inspire.

Loukoumades (\$7.99) was the Opa! version of Greek-style fried donuts — and who wouldn't like that? Eight crisp donut nuggets, tossed in cinnamon and sugar,

were drizzled with Greek honey then sprinkled with walnut crumbs. To add to the sinfulness was a huge scoop of vanilla ice cream. This will definitely conclude your eating for a while.

Opa! has a full bar and cocktail menu. The wine list is diminutive but prices are reasonable and pair well with menu items. It also offers a weekend brunch.

Opa! might not quite be an authentic Greek dining experience but it's affordable, a good place for families — and you will never go away hungry. ▣



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A Separation (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Guild Theatre: 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 11:30 a.m.
Act of Valor (R)	Century 16: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.
The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:20 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.
Big Miracle (PG) ★★	Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 7:05 p.m.; Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 1:50 & 4:25 p.m.
Chronicle (PG-13)	Century 16: 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30 & 9:50 p.m.
The Descendants (R) ★★★1/2	Aquarius Theatre: 3:15, 6 & 8:45 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 12:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.
Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance (PG-13)	Century 16: Noon & 5 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:40 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 10:30 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 11 a.m.; 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 7, 8 & 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 4:10 & 9 p.m.; In 3D at 12:35, 1:45, 3, 5:25, 6:35, 7:50 & 10:25 p.m.
The Grey (R) ★★★	Century 20: 9:45 p.m.
Henry V (1944)	Stanford Theatre: Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.
Hugo (PG) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 2:40 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:20 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 9:05 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 11:30 a.m. & 6:10 p.m. Century 20: 3:40 & 9:35 p.m.; In 3D at 12:45 & 6:40 p.m.
The Iron Lady (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 11:50 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 5, 7:30 & 10:05 p.m.
Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG)	Century 16: Fri. & Sun.-Thu. at 6:10 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Thu. at 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4:20, 7:10 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 4:30 & 9:30 p.m.; In 3D at 12:10, 1:55, 2:40, 5:10, 7, 7:45 & 10:15 p.m.
Julius Caesar (1953)	Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:30 p.m.
LA Phil Live: Dudamel Conducts Mahler	Century 16: Sat. at 2 p.m. Century 20: Sat. at 2 p.m.
The Man in Grey (1943)	Stanford Theatre: Sat.-Mon. at 5:45 & 9:45 p.m.
Oscar-Nominated Animated Shorts	Aquarius Theatre: 3 & 7:30 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. also at 1:15 p.m.
Oscar-Nominated Live-Action Shorts	Aquarius Theatre: 5 & 9:15 p.m.
Pina 3D (PG)	Palo Alto Square: 1:50, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.
Red Tails (PG-13)	Century 20: 8:35 p.m.
Safe House (R)	Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 12:10, 1:50, 2:50, 4:30, 6:10, 7:40 & 10:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:30 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 9 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 1:10, 2:30, 3:55, 5:15, 6:45, 8, 9:35 & 10:45 p.m.
The Secret World of Arrietty (G)	Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:20, 3:50 & 6:40 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:10 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 9 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m.; 2:15, 4:35, 7 & 9:25 p.m.
Star Wars: Episode I -- The Phantom Menace 3D (PG)	Century 16: 11 a.m. (standard 2D); In 3D at noon, 3:20, 7 & 10:20 p.m.; In 3D Fri. & Sun.-Thu. also at 2:20 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 9 p.m.; In 3D Mon.-Thu. also at 8:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m. (standard 2D); In 3D at 1, 2:20, 4:05, 5:25, 7:10 & 10:15 p.m.
Stella Dallas (1925)	Stanford Theatre: Fri. at 7:30 p.m.
Thin Ice (R)	Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:35, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.
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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 3 & 9:15 p.m.
Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13)	Century 16: Thu. at 12:01 a.m.
The Vow (PG-13) ★★★1/2	Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 12:20, 3, 4:50, 6:20, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sun. also at 2 & 9:25 p.m.; Sat. also at 2:05 & 9:25 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 2 & 9:10 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 12:55, 2:10, 3:30, 4:45, 6:10, 7:20, 8:50 & 9:55 p.m.
The Woman in Black (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 20: 12:25, 3, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:40 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE VOW

★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) If the Adam Sandler/Drew Barrymore chuckler "50 First Dates" had been recast as a romantic drama and produced by the Oprah Winfrey Network, "The Vow" might have been the result. Fortunately, leads Rachel McAdams ("Midnight in Paris") and Channing Tatum ("Haywire") serve up solid performances and help keep the film somewhat grounded despite its lofty proclamations about love and loyalty. The fledgling passion-fueled marriage between young sweethearts Leo (Tatum) and Paige (McAdams) comes crashing to a halt when a truck slams into their car, sending Paige into an induced coma. When she awakes, she has no memory of Leo or their time together. Leo endures one awkward situation after another to win Paige back. Tatum and McAdams have a comfortable chemistry and their relationship is mostly believable, though clearly over-romanticized. The romantic, cheesy scenarios that abound in "The Vow" range from somewhat endearing to nauseatingly saccharine. The characters in Paige's life are moderately fleshed out, including her parents and sister (Jessica McNamee), but those in Leo's life are numbingly one-note. While most films nowadays include 3D glasses, "The Vow" comes with the rose-colored variety. *Rated PG-13 for sexual content, partial nudity, language and an accident scene. One hour, 44 minutes.* — T.H.

A SEPARATION

★★★★1/2

(Guild) Even as she defends her divorce filing, an Iranian woman says of her spouse, "He is a good, decent person." But "A Separation" — Iran's entry for Oscar's Best Foreign Language Film — tests its every proposition, from the wisdom of the couple's separation to the ethical rectitude of the spurned husband. The opening scene of writer-director Asghar Farhadi's drama lets wife Simin (Leila Hatami) and husband Nader (Peyman Moadi) vent their sides of the dispute that threatens to end their marriage. The two separate, forcing 11-year-old Termeh (Sarina Farhadi) to quietly play one parent against the other in the hope they'll see the errors of their ways. The climate of cultural repression in Iran has only made its cinema more vital. The film's separations can be familial, but also those of class and culture and between citizen and state; above all, Farhadi's parable teaches that a rush to judgment inevitably turns back on the judge. Though the characters may not live in glass houses, it's a shattered windshield that attends the film's moment of truth. *Rated PG-13 for thematic material. Two hours, three minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

S.T.- Susan Tavernetti, P.C. Peter Canavese, T.H.-Tyler Hanley

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■ HIGHLIGHT

'ALL SHOOK UP'

Foothill Music Theatre presents the musical "All Shook Up," featuring songs made famous by Elvis Presley and a book by Tony Award winner Joe DiPietro. Feb. 23-March 11. \$10-\$28. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

ART GALLERIES

Tony Grant Exhibition featuring 25 of Tony Grant's documentary photographic images printed on metallic paper. Open Feb. 10-April 1, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 3. Opening reception and artist talk: Feb. 24, 6-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-917-6800, ext. 306. www.arts4all.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

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CLUBS/MEETINGS

Toastmasters International Training and practice for public speaking and leadership. First and third Thursdays of the month, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 408-623-3543. orbiters.freestoasthost.us/

CONCERTS

'Piano Students of Ludmila Kurtova' A recital by students of Community School of Music and Arts teacher Ludmila Kurtova. Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend

DANCE

Tap Dance The studio For the Love of Dance

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Twirlybirds Square Dance Class A adult beginners' modern square-dancing class (no experience necessary) will be taught by John Caywood with Linda Caywood. Sundays from Jan. 8 through Aug. 26, 7-9 p.m. \$4 per class. Recreation Hall, 425 Lotus Lane, Mountain View. Call 408-274-3833.

EXHIBITS

'Shaped by Water: Past, Present & Future' This family-friendly exhibit focuses on the history and future of water in the Santa Clara Valley. Topics include the indigenous tribal people; the Spanish, Mexican, and Gold Rush immigrants; and the present-day population, as well as the uncertain future of local water resources. Through April 22, Thurs.-Sun., Noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Holocaust Exhibit at Foothill College

The Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College will host "The Courage to Remember," a traveling exhibit produced by the Museum of Tolerance from the Simon Wiesenthal Center. The exhibit features 200 photographs that offer insight into the Holocaust. Mon.-Sat., Feb. 21-March 2, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Free (parking \$3). Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.couragetoremember.com

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Classical Adventures for Families'

Musician and educator Chaia May shares a classical-music experience for the family featuring storytellers, chamber musicians and singers. Suitable for young children. Performances at 2 and 4 p.m. Feb. 26. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

'Keep Your Relationship Strong While Parenting'

Psychologist Eric FitzMedrud will speak on techniques for maintaining a strong relationship with a partner while parenting. Feb. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7054. www.mountainview.gov/library

Autism Spectrum Disorders: Series for Parents

This educational series is for parents of children and adolescents (ages 6 to 18) with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The series is designed to provide parents with information about ASD. Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m. \$10. Stanford University, 401 Quarry Road, Stanford. Call 650-721-6327. childpsychiatry.stanford.edu

FILM

Black History Month Documentary "Ni Wakati / It's Time," a documentary film by Michael Wanguhu about hip-hop artists M1 and Umi as they travel to East Africa to connect with Ukoofulani Mau Mau, a revolutionary youth movement of artists. Discussion following. RSVP required. Feb. 19, 2-6 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. blackhistoryfilmmv.eventbrite.com/

HEALTH

Jin Shin Jyutsu This class is on the healing art Jin Shin Jyutsu and focuses on accessing the parasympathetic nervous system through self-awareness and mindful experience. Feb. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Cancer Support Community, 455 N. Whisman Road, Suite 300, Mountain View. Call 650-968-5000. www.cancersupportcommunity.net

John's Zumba Class Zumba classes every Thursday night, 8-9 p.m. \$10. John's Zumba Class, 2584 Leghorn St., Mountain View. Call 415-990-9965. www.thatzumbaguy.com

ON STAGE

'Doubt, A Parable' Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of his male students. The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by John Patrick Shanley plays Jan. 26-Feb. 18. \$26-32. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. www.busbarn.org

SENIORS

Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center The center is holding a public reception. A panel of families will speak about its services. Feb. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Avenidas Rose Kleiner Center, 270 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-289-5427. www.avenidas.org

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TALKS/AUTHORS

Bike-Book Talk Talk and book signing with Tour de France-winning team director Jim Ochowicz and author Geoff Drake. Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Free. The Bicycle Outfitter, 963 Fremont Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-948-8126. www.bicycleoutfitter.com

TEEN ACTIVITIES

'Winter Wonderland Dance' This semi-formal dance is presented by Outlet for "LGBTQQ youth and allies." Food, refreshments, DJ, disco ball/lights, performances and other activities. Feb. 25, 8 p.m.-midnight. Free. Yoga Belly, 455 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2020, extension 22. projectoutlet.org



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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560423
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Dove Dental Smiles, located at 877 W. Fremont Ave., Suite L1, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SHIRLEY IRUDAYARAJ DDS INC.
2534 Dell Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 23, 2012. (MVV Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2012)

NWHC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560080

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
NWHC, located at 301 Acalanes Dr. #21, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, Santa Clara County.

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

LAKRESHA MACKAY
301 Acalanes Dr. #21
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/20/2011.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 12, 2012. (MVV Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2012)

J & M BOOKKEEPING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560650

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
J & M Bookkeeping Services, located at 2005 Rock Street #6, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

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

JUDY SILVA
2005 Rock Street #6
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 27, 2012. (MVV Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2012)

KUMON MATH AND READING CENTER OF CENTRAL LOS ALTOS
KUMON CENTRAL LOS ALTOS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560929

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Kumon Math and Reading Center of Central Los Altos, 2.) Kumon Central Los Altos, located at 1780 Miramonte Ave., 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):

FLH LEARNING, LLC
1780 Miramonte Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 12/07/2011.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 3, 2012. (MVV Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2012)

MMH COMMUNICATIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 560794

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: MMH Communications, located at 1426 Wildrose Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MARY MICHELE HYNDMAN
1426 Wildrose Way
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/24/12.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 1, 2012. (MVV Feb. 10, 17, 24, Mar. 2, 2012)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS
No. 11-0133601 Title Order No. 11-0112513 APN No. 158-28-067 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 01/24/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by PEDRO C. RODRIGUEZ, AN UNMARRIED MAN AND VIRGINIA E. CADENAS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 01/24/2007 and recorded 01/30/2007, as Instrument No. 19282926, in Book , Page ,) of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Santa Clara County, State of California, will sell on 03/05/2012 at 10:00 AM, At the Market Street entrance to the Superior Courthouse, 190 North Market Street , San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described

in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 56 PAUL AVENUE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$887,839.56. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281 8219 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. FEI # 1006.152833 2/10, 2/17, 2/24/2012
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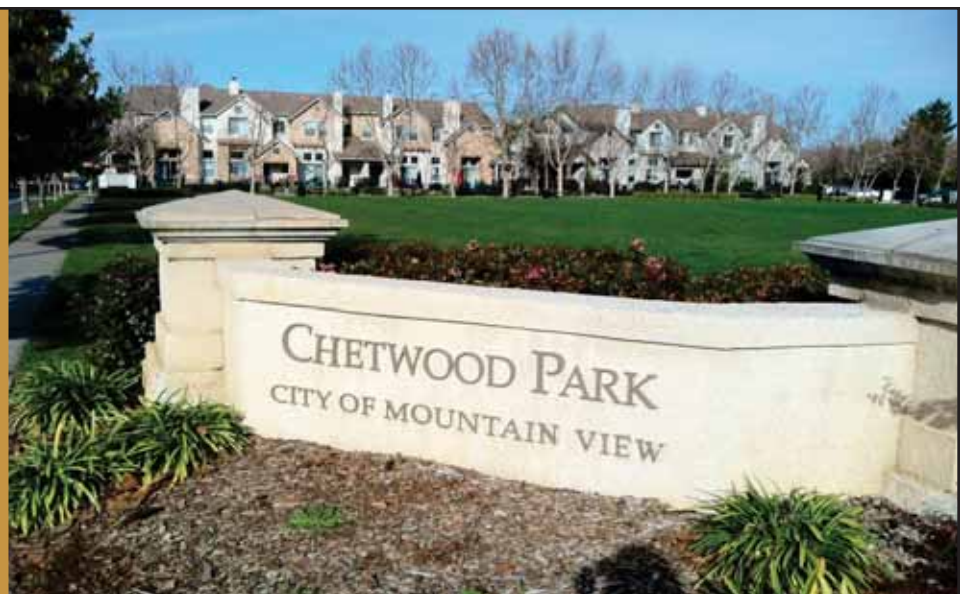
Remodeled home with warmth and elegance won't last long! Wood flooring flows throughout the living room, dining room, and into a skylight kitchen that sparkles with granite countertops, top-of-the-line stainless steel appliances, and Thomasville cabinetry. The elegant master suite features a walk-in closet and bath with Carrera marble and slate flooring. Other bedrooms offer plantation shutters, and shared bath also finished in Carrera marble, French limestone, and subway tiles. The beautiful backyard, enhanced by blooming Camellia bushes, offers a slate patio partially covered with a redwood pergola for breezy outdoor dining and entertaining. Prime neighborhood near downtown, the library, parks, Los Altos schools. Moments away from Steven's Creek Trail, CalTrain, and the light rail.

- 3 bedroom 2 bath
- Gourmet kitchen with breakfast nook and top of the line appliances
- Wood floors, crown molding
- Recessed lighting on dimmer switches
- Beautiful baths with Carrera marble and Thomasville cabinets
- Warm and inviting color palette in each room
- Inviting backyard with slate patios and landscaping
- Air conditioning and Aircscape whole house fan
- Outdoor lighting, newer fencing, and a roof just 8 years new (51 year certified)
- Garage with cabinetry, loft storage area, and kayak storage pulley system
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- Easy commute to Google, Facebook, other businesses
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*Desirable townhome
in Cuesta Park*

*3 bed / 2.5 bath
1,749 sq ft
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Mountain View

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MOUNTAIN VIEW

166 OBERG CT \$659,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Fabulous 6 year old Whisman Station townhouse facing open space & towering trees.
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2564 DIERICX DRIVE \$1,238,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Sep liv-din-fam rms, 2 frplc, hrdwd flrs, eat-in kit, dbl pn win's, new roof, lg lot, pool
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2466 ALVIN ST \$829,000
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2668 sqft
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MIRAMONTE

1538 NILDA AV \$1,049,000
3 BR 2 BA Hardwd thruout. S/S appliances, granite counters. Close to school, park, shopping & dining.
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CAMPBELL

GREAT PRICE! \$499,000
3 BR 2 BA New kitch countrs, cherry stained cabinets, hrdwd flrs thru out most of hm. Dual Pn windows.
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LOS ALTOS

231 HAWTHORNE AVE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,290,000
5 BR 5 BA Beautiful Architecture + Floor Plan Amenities Abound. Gleaming HW Floors, Lovely Granite.
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1905 QUAIL MEADOW RD SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,578,000
4 BR 3 BA 1/2 acre property close to town. 2200 sq ft. New carpet and paint throughout.
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LARGE HOUSE \$1,399,000
6 BR 3 BA With 6 bedrooms! There are 2 bedrooms wings -3+3. Great location, huge deep backyard.
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LOS ALTOS HILLS

VIEW HOME WITH PA SCHOOLS \$3,795,000
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EARLY CALIFORNIA HACIENDA \$3,195,000
5 BR 4.5 BA 6000+ square ft beautiful custom home. 1.3 acre oaktree studded lot with expansive lawns.
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ELEGANT-AMAZING VIEWS \$2,645,000
5 BR 4.5 BA Experience a beautifully dynamic residence that transforms with the setting sun.
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QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION \$1,879,000
4 BR 3 BA 12,200 sq ft lot. 4 bed 3bath. Los Gatos schls. "Martha Stewart inspired" eat-in kitchen.
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MENLO PARK

REMODELED HOME \$1,995,000
3 BR 3.5 BA 3 bed + office. Wood floors, remodeled kitchen, Custom cabinets, 10,000 sq ft lot
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10 MANSION CT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,325,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Size, condition, location, price! Larger than many single family homes for the price.
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MENLO PARK

300 SAND HILL CIRCLE #101 SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$945,000
3 BR 2 BA Open Plan. Hardwood floors. Spacious rooms, 2 balconies, A/C, pool. Top Las Lomas Schools.
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MILLBRAE

206 BARCLAY AV SAT/SUN 2 - 4 \$859,000
3 BR 2 BA Cozy hm w/family rm fet. 2nd FR. Living rm & dining rm have original parquet flr. Hot tub.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

466 MOUNTAIN LAUREL COURT SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$649,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Light filled townhome in the West Court complex, 2 bedroom suites, oversized soak tub
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220 CENTRAL AV

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$625,000
3 BR 2 BA Twnhm at Cypress Point Woods. Remdled kitch w/maple cabinets. Dual pane windows. Central A/C
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1755 PEACOCK AV SAT/SUN 10 - 5 \$550,000
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2615 COWPER ST

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3453 ASHTON CT

SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,828,000
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