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Jose Antonio Vargas chats with his mentor Rich Fischer at Mountain View High School, Mar. 1, 2012.

Tough road for undocumented teens

By Nick Veronin

For undocumented students at Mountain View High School, nothing has changed in the years since Jose Antonio Vargas hesitantly revealed his secret to his teachers. The fears and uncertainties that may keep them out of college are just as real more than a decade later, said the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who made waves last year by “coming out” as

an undocumented immigrant.

“Is that acceptable? I don’t think so,” Vargas told the *Voice* incredulously before speaking to a standing room-only crowd at his alma mater’s Spartan Theater on March 1.

The former Mountain View resident and one-time *Voice* intern is currently touring the country telling people about Define American — a multimedia project he started in order to

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Survey says parcel tax would fall short

COUNCIL TO WEIGH OTHER OPTIONS FOR RAISING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS

By Daniel DeBolt

Voters would not pass a parcel tax to replace the city’s lost affordable housing revenues, according to a new survey.

As the city’s rents become increasingly unaffordable for many of the city’s workers, 400 Mountain View voters reached by phone by Godbe Research were asked if they would support a property tax that would help the city pay for affordable housing development. With support from 67 percent of voters needed to pass, the survey found that only

53 percent expressed support for a \$59 parcel tax. That number rose to 59 percent support when likely voters were given more information.

Support peaked at 66.2 percent when the tax was decreased to \$29, which would raise only \$551,000 a year from the city’s 19,000 or so parcels.

The city paid \$15,000 for the survey.

Council members did not express support for moving ahead with a parcel tax in a study session Tuesday. Instead members wrestled with other fee options and a philosophical question: who should pay for the city’s affordable housing?

Only three members supported a new fee on rental housing — Mike Kasperzak, Ronit Bryant and Laura Macias — while Margaret Abe-Koga and Jac Siegel held out for more information and options. Libertarian council members Tom Means and John Inks participated little in the discussion as neither support subsidizing affordable housing.

Abe-Koga and Siegel found themselves in the hot seat, as Mayor Kasperzak probed them to find

out what could make them pass a fee on rental housing. With 1,250 apartment units in the pipeline, the proposed fee equal to 3 percent of a project’s value could raise \$12 million if the council acts soon.

Abe-Koga was hesitant to bring back a fee on rental housing because “the root” of the problem was the increasing number of jobs in the city, she said. She has expressed concern before that fees on housing development are

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passed onto renters, while others say it is passed onto selling landowners who have seen big increases in their property

values in recent years.

“We really have to look at this more carefully,” Abe-Koga said. “I don’t think folks know that given all the commercial development we are expecting we will generate \$9 million from a housing impact fee. I just feel more comfortable with that. I see the direct tie.”

Kasperzak and others want to replace major sources of affordable housing revenue that have recently been lost. The city’s previous 10 percent fee on rental housing development was eliminated by a court decision in “Palmer v. the City of Los Angeles.” Another source was the downtown revitalization district, which the state eliminated last month, killing a relatively stable source of about \$1.2 million a year in affordable housing funds.

Despite the lost revenue, city staff members say that affordable housing revenues will rise in the next few years, thanks to a surge in office development proposals for the Whisman area. The city has received \$37 million in affordable

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Four train tracks may still be ahead for MV

By Daniel DeBolt

Part of the growing popularity of a “blended system” for high-speed rail and Caltrain is that Palo Alto and other cities may be spared the addition to two tracks to their Caltrain right of way. Other cities, but not Mountain View. Adding two more train tracks is still on the table for Mountain View, according to a recent Caltrain analysis.

In an “operations analysis” for the blended system that allows

Caltrain and high-speed rail to share two tracks along most of the Peninsula, Caltrain has created five scenarios to allow high speed trains to pass slower local trains along the Caltrain corridor, increasing capacity.

One scenario places four tracks from Sunnyvale’s Lawrence station to Mountain View’s San Antonio station. The scenario adds a new track on each side of the existing tracks to allow high-speed trains to blow past local trains that have pulled over for a stop on the new tracks.

Four tracks through downtown Mountain View could significantly change Castro Street and the downtown train station where Public Works officials say there are clearance issues involving the light rail tracks and the 1887 replica train depot. And city officials have not been able to find an acceptable solution for a grade-separated crossing at Castro Street that may be necessary with more trains running during peak hours.

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

Can the United States remain 'a country of immigrants' indefinitely?



"There has to be some structure to immigration given the new (global) reality that we are in, which our founding fathers may or may not have conceived. A lot of the lifeblood of a country like the U.S. really does come from its very open, all-encompassing immigration policy."

Vishal Sharma, Fremont



"I think that the U.S. needs to regulate immigration laws a little bit more. We're already struggling enough in our economy, and all us Americans need our jobs."

Allison Smith, San Jose



"I think the people living in a country should be the people who add value to that country. It shouldn't matter if they were born there or if they came from anywhere else. At the same time, there need to be rules and boundaries about who comes."

Karan Nischo, Los Angeles



"I think we can continue to have immigrants. The hard part is maintaining our own culture, or defining our new culture."

Ken Tidwell, Los Altos



"I think that the U.S. should continue to have immigration. That was the foundation of the country to begin with."

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Two men robbed a Mountain View jewelry store at gunpoint in the morning, Feb. 28, police said.

The robbers walked into Carmen's Joyeria, located at 593 Esquela Ave. at about 10:40 a.m., according to Liz Wylie, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

One of the men had a gun and pointed it at the owner of the store, while his accomplice took jewelry from a glass display, Wylie said.

The value of the jewelry is unknown at this point, Wylie said.

early hours of Feb. 28, police said. Police believe the burglary of the restaurant, located at 2058 Old Middlefield Way, took place between 12:30 a.m. and 2:13 a.m., Wylie said. Cash was stolen from inside a small safe and some cash register drawers; two other safes were taken from the scene — one of them contained cash, while the other had only paperwork inside.

Wylie said the burglary may have begun at about 12:30 a.m., when the restaurant owner got a call from his alarm company reporting that an alarm had gone off. The owner drove to the restaurant to check it out but did not notice anything suspicious, so he left without calling the police.

When the alarm company notified the owner of a second alarm, triggered at 2:13 a.m., the man

BURGLARS HIT TAQUERIA

Around \$3,500 to \$4,000 was stolen from Taqueria La Bamba the

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Council interested in property swap for office project

By Daniel DeBolt

Last week the City Council gave city staff the green light to begin negotiating a city property swap that will allow a developer to build a new office building downtown, at the corner of Dana and Bryant streets where Dunn Automotive now sits.

In the proposed swap, the city would give up a small, 8,400-square-foot city-owned Bryant Street parking lot that sits just north of Dunn's Automotive in exchange for a slightly larger 11,250-square-foot parking lot behind Dunn's, lengthening a city-owned parking lot on Franklin Street that city officials have hoped to redevelop for years. It is currently zoned for retail or housing at up to 30 units per acre.

The property swap proposal comes from owner Charles Dunn of Old Mountain View Properties LLC. He no longer owns the auto shop business, which may be forced to move.

City zoning for the Dunn Automotive property allows residential, office and retail development. While no plans have been submitted, Dunn wrote in a letter to the city in November, "We have recently entered into a long-term ground lease with the Smith Family (a developer) with the objective of developing a Class A office building on the premises."

"We'd like to look at the possibility of including retail on the ground floor" of the new building, said Ellis Berns, Mountain View's economic development director.

"It increases a potential development opportunity," Berns said of the proposed swap. "Right now the ownership creates awkward parcels. This would square off the properties."

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Students in Peninsula Youth Theatre's Munchkin Players class act the part of a fairytale princess for teacher Katie O'Brien on March 6.

Kids take to the stage

PENINSULA YOUTH THEATRE MARKS TWO DECADES OF FOSTERING CREATIVITY IN LOCAL YOUTH

By Nick Veronin

Some of Amanda Cobb's earliest memories are of the stage. The 15-year-old Mountain View teenager began learning the basics of acting when she was just a toddler, and by the time she left elementary school she had already been in more plays than some adults ever see.

"I always enjoyed acting," Amanda said, recalling how she would play out entire scenes in her head in the middle of Cuesta Park, while her mother and father looked on. According to her, they recognized their daughter's affinity for the art long before she could pronounce the word "theater."

So, they signed their daughter up for classes with the Mountain View-based Peninsula Youth Theatre, which is currently celebrating its 20th season.

To mark two decades of performance, the Peninsula Youth Theatre has planned an "exciting mix of shows," which were picked to celebrate "where we've been and where we're going," according to Karen Simpson, PYT's executive director.

The company kicked off its 20th season on March 3, with Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical rendition of the classic fairy tale "Cinderella," which plays through this weekend. Next up is "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" followed by "A Year with Frog and Toad" and "Hairspray."

PYT was founded in 1992 by a group of parents who wanted to give their children — and others — an

opportunity to perform on stage, no matter what their skill level. "We provide a safe environment for kids who want to try performing," Simpson said. "Every child that wants to perform has the opportunity to do that."

The company offers classes for children as young as 3 years old, and kids can begin acting in productions at age 8. PYT stages performances at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, where it is a home company, as well as at other venues throughout Mountain View and the greater Peninsula.

In addition, PYT's School Play in a Box — which sends acting instructors out to schools — has been integrated into Mountain View schools, as well as public and private schools in surrounding cities.

Last year, PYT reached more than 1,800 children and teens, Simpson said. More than 26,000 attended plays and other events to watch those children and teens perform, she said.

PYT has the potential to be an incredible force for good in a child's life, Simpson said, noting that theater is a great extracurricular alternative for kids who aren't interested in sports. Both performing and athletics "teach you how to work as a team," she said. "They teach you how to be responsible for what you need to do. You're part of something bigger than yourself."

In addition to learning teamwork, kids involved with the theater may also gain confidence. It certainly

"You're part of something bigger than yourself."

KAREN SIMPSON

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Closing the gap

By Nick Veronin

English learners now account for 40 percent of the total student population in Mountain View's elementary and middle schools, and while some progress is being made, officials admit it is a struggle to bring all of these students up to speed.

Nearly 500 more non-English-speaking students enrolled in the Mountain View Whisman School district over the past four years — bringing the total English-learning population to 1,989 out of 4,937 total students.

While the majority of the district's 136 white English learners have been earning moderate to high scores on the state's English proficiency test, the 1,528 English-learning Hispanic students have consistently lagged behind, hovering in the beginner to moderate range.

District officials are aware of the performance gap, and are working to close it, said Phyllis Rodgers, director of English language learners and continuous improvement for the district. By stepping up its professional development programs for elementary and middle school teachers, and by reaching out to Hispanic parents directly, Rodgers added, the district is seeing some success, even though it might appear otherwise.

"It looks like maybe we're not making progress, but we are," she said. "It's just not as high as we'd like. Obviously we would like to have more of our kids be successful."

Between the 2008-09 school year and the current 2011-12 session, the population of English learners has grown by 482 — from 1544 to 2026 — in the local elementary and middle schools, according to district data.

All English language learners in the state are required to take the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), which measures English proficiency. The test breaks these students into five categories: beginner, early intermediate, intermediate, early advanced and advanced.

Between 11 and 14 percent of the district's English learners have been scoring in the advanced level rate for the past four years, according to

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For more about Peninsula Youth Theatre and its upcoming productions, go to pytnet.org.

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Residents will have a chance to discuss such issues on Tuesday evening, March 13, when state Sen. Joe Simitian hosts a hearing on high-speed rail at Mountain View's Center for Performing Arts at 7 p.m.

Simitian proposed the blended system along with Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and state Assemblyman Rich Gordon.

The passing track option

through Mountain View makes sense because "it stays substantially within the Caltrain right of way," said Caltrain spokesperson Seamus Murphy. "Substantially" was the word used by Simitian, Eshoo and Gordon when they proposed the blended system. We don't want to go outside the Caltrain right of way at all if we don't have to."

Passing tracks would only be necessary if running more than two high-speed trains in each direction per hour and more than six Caltrain trains per hour. With a passing track, four high speed trains could run every hour, for a total of

10 in each direction every hour.

"When you increase the number of trains every hour there will be more potential for impacts to traffic and safety," Murphy said. So far results show that with "six Caltrain trains and up to four high speed trains every hour in each direction, "we can feasibly operate that level of service in a safe way," Murphy said.

Other options for passing tracks would put an additional two tracks through segments with at least three stations somewhere on the Caltrain right of away. Options include a 10-mile segment between Bayshore

and Millbrae stations, a 9-mile segment between Hayward Park and Redwood City stations and a 6-mile segment between Hayward Park and San Carlos stations. A fifth option involves adding only one passing track, which would be shared by high-speed trains going in both directions. Its location has yet to be proposed.

Murphy said Caltrain hopes to spur the electrification of Caltrain, which would allow the capacity of the line to increase to 70,000 riders a day. It is now at 45,000 after 17 consecutive months of growth, up from 40,000 riders a day in 2010.

Caltrain doesn't have decision-making power over the final design, but will make a recommendation to the California High Speed Rail Authority. All five passing track options are still on the table, Murphy said.

Mayor Mike Kasperzak said he didn't think that it was "an issue four tracks or two tracks," in Mountain View, because the bigger impact would come from adding more trains. If 10 trains ran each hour in both directions, that would mean one every three minutes, making the Castro Street crossing "not useable," Kasperzak said.

The City Council has discussed putting the tracks in a trench, the cost of which is "probably not practical," Kasperzak said. It's not a favorite idea to put Castro Street under the tracks, which would mean lowering Castro Street starting at Villa Street, changing the character of the city's historic 100 block. Raising the tracks has some support from residents who want a bike path underneath, but council members haven't supported the idea because it would chance the city's landscape so much.

"I personally don't think it's workable to have Castro go under or over the tracks," Kasperzak said.

Murphy said grade-separated crossings were not required until trains go faster than 110 miles per hour, which is the speed Caltrain is studying for high-speed rail. Caltrain trains now run at 79 miles per hour.

"Do you just close Castro Street?" Kasperzak said. "There are not a lot of good choices. They are all difficult." ▀

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decided to call the Mountain View police, Wylie said. Officers found the back door wide open and a rear window pried open.

"Although we don't know for sure, it is possible the first alarm activation was from breaking in through the window," Wylie said. "The suspects may have been inside when the owner drove past the front and back. It is possible the second activation was from when the suspects left through the back door."

Wylie said that restaurant owners often instruct their alarm company not to immediately call the police when an alarm is triggered for fear of being charged a fee for filing a false report.

"This is never a good idea, and this is an excellent case in point," Wylie said. "We advise all companies to make certain their alarm companies notify us when there is an alarm activation."

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housing revenues since 2001, averaging \$3 million a year. But with commercial housing impact fees making up almost half of affordable housing revenues — after almost five years of contributing almost nothing — revenues are estimated at over \$5 million in 2012, nearly \$8 million in 2013 and

just over \$7 million in 2014.

Even with the growing revenue it is unclear whether the city can meet the demand for affordable housing as rents are reportedly rising around town as new tech job growth brings in new residents. Downtown resident Bruce Karney told the council about a senior who had his rent raised by \$200 and told Karney he would probably have to leave the city. Resident

Jarrett Mullen said he had spoken with employees at REI who said they could never afford to live in Mountain View and instead commute from Gilroy.

“We need to provide some options for people who aren’t just working in high-tech,” Mullen said.

The city has been unable to spend much of its affordable housing funds until recently, when

it put out a “Notice of Funding Availability” to solicit projects. Council members seemed to have mixed opinions about the city’s ability to spend the funds. Abekoga said the funds needed to be “spread out” to more people.

Since 2006, the city has approved 275 affordable units, including 120 efficiency studios at San Antonio Place, 104 senior homes at Paulsen Park and 51 affordable

family homes at Evelyn and Franklin streets, which alone cost \$12 million.

Thanks to NOFA, in November the council was able to spend another \$10 million to support three affordable housing projects totaling 85 units, including 52 efficiency studios and 25 homes for disabled people.

At least another \$8 million is still available. ▽

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the district’s report, compared to 30 to 33 percent of white students over the same time period. Hispanic students fared poorly, with only 7 to 10 percent scoring “advanced” on the test.

Rodgers attributes the gulf in performance to a number of factors, the most significant of which are socioeconomic.

Looking at registration data, Phyllis said, the parents of white English language learners tend to be college-educated professionals, while the parents of Hispanic students are often service workers and laborers. “Very few” have a college degree, and some don’t have a high school diploma, she said.

On the bright side, Rodgers said progressively fewer Hispanic English learners fell into the beginner category since 2008-09. Four years ago, 21 percent of English-learning Hispanic students in the district fell

into the beginner category, a rate that dropped to 16 percent in the following two school years. And in 2011-12, only 12 percent of Hispanic students were in the beginner category.

Rodgers attributes this to an increase in professional development of elementary and middle school teachers, more classes for English language learners and a new “systematic English language development plan,” which works on teaching novices basic conversational English, as well as gram-

mar and syntax. When a student demonstrates that he or she is ready, a teacher shifts focus of the lessons from casual conversations to more academic language skills.

“It looks like the effort we’ve been putting into professional development has really been starting to pay off,” she says.

Additionally, a number of parent literacy courses — offered in conjunction with the Foothill-De Anza Community College District and held at local schools — have been helping parents improve their Eng-

lish skills. The idea, Rodgers said, is that if a parent can’t speak English in the home, that same parent isn’t going to be able to help his or her child learn.

“To be successful,” she said, “you really do need to know English. It’s a gateway. If you don’t have command of English, you’re definitely going to be at a disadvantage.”

The response to these parent literacy courses has been strong and enthusiastic, Rodgers said. “We’ve never seen anyone who didn’t want to help their kids.”



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“illuminate a greater universal truth about our broken immigration system.”

Vargas, who covered the 2008 presidential campaign for the Washington Post and penned a profile of Mark Zuckerberg for The New Yorker, does not fit the typical mold of an undocumented migrant worker. He told the crowd at MVHS that at the time he decided to share his secret with the world (through an op-ed piece in the New York Times), he was living comfortably in New York and getting work at some of the world's most prestigious publications. Even though he had accomplished so much, there was no easy path for him to become a citizen in the country he has called home since he was 12 years old.

Before he took the stage, Vargas told the *Voice* he hoped his Define American project would do just what its name suggests — get people to consider, in depth, what it actually means to be an American in this day and age.

“When you think about immigration, it's usually Hispanic people in the room and some Asian people, maybe,” Vargas said. “The conversation really needs to be broader than that, you know? White people and black people also need to be

a part of the conversation. Illegal immigration isn't just about undocumented people. It's also about American citizens, and how they're impacted by it.”

Of particular interest to Vargas is how young, undocumented students, along with their friends and peers, are affected immigration policy.

“What positions have we put teachers in?” he asked. “What is a teacher supposed to do in Mountain View, or in the Bay Area, once a kid tells them that they're undocumented? I don't even think there's even a fact sheet, or a handbook, for how teachers and principals and superintendents are supposed to deal with this issue.”

Pat Hyland, principal of MVHS at the time Vargas attended and Rich Fischer, who was superintendent, were incredibly supportive when he admitted to them that he was not a citizen, Vargas said. They offered nothing but encouragement and told him not to give up on his dream of going to college — a dream he ultimately realized. However, Vargas told the crowd, he has met bright students in his travels who have told him they plan not to pursue college for fear that they, along with their entire family, may be deported.

In one of the videos created for the Define American website, Julie, a Los Altos High School graduate

and current college student, told about learning that her best friend, Mandeep, was an undocumented immigrant. She “realized that this is an issue that affects people in all of our lives.”

Mandeep got into college and began studying to become a doctor, but after her sophomore year, Julie said, “U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement told Mandeep that she had to leave.”

Julie decided to begin writing letters to immigration rights organizations and even started a Facebook group in support of her friend. Through her efforts, Mandeep's deportation has been postponed, if only temporarily. The moral of this story is summed up at the end of the video: Mandeep's “life is in limbo, and as her best friend, my life is impacted, too.”

For his part, Vargas hopes stories like these, which he has been sharing on his Define American tour, spur people to think all the facets that comprise this thing we call immigration.

“All of us need to acknowledge and confront the issue,” he says. “It's here. It's not going to go away. It's not just mowing your lawn and babysitting your kids and waiting for a job at Home Depot. ... We're trying to take immigration outside of the mindset in which people are so used to, and say, ‘Wait up a second! This impacts you.’”

SCHOOL BRIEFS

MEDIATION BEGINS FOR BULLIS, LASD

Officials and lawyers representing Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District began talks Tuesday in an attempt to

resolve “differences and the longstanding dispute over BCS Facilities allocation,” without further legal action, according to a press release from the school district.

The two educational organizations have selected JAMS — “the

largest private alternative dispute resolution provider in the world,” according to its website — to mediate.

Richard J. McAdams, a former justice on California's Sixth District Court of Appeal with 34 years of judicial experience, will serve as the arbitrator.

“McAdams will attempt to have both sides compromise on a solution that meets all parties' interests,” the statement said.

Members from both the LASD and Bullis boards would not comment on the mediation talks, as the discussions are confidential.

—Nick Veronin

KIDS ON STAGE

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has helped Amanda feel more sure of herself. “It's easier to stand up in front of the class when you have that background,” she said.

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THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Grocer needs a helping hand

After finally succeeding in its longtime quest to attract a neighborhood grocer to open downtown, the City Council may see the effort fall apart unless members agree to help out the new owners of Ava's Downtown Market and Deli.

The plea for help came from Anne Origel, co-owner with her husband Juan, who opened the store five months ago. She told the council that the store needs funding for new refrigeration and possibly a facelift of the facade at 340 Castro St. Besides \$300,000 for the refrigeration, Ms. Origel said the store needs a new deli so it can attract lunchtime traffic to its central downtown location.

The problem for the council, City Manager Dan Rich said, was that with the recent state taking of Redevelopment Authority funds, the city has no "pot" of money that could be tapped to help the store. Times have changed from the days when the council, pushed by members of the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association, considered putting up as much as \$2 million to bring a mainstream grocer to the downtown. In contrast, the Origels mortgaged their home to purchase the once-popular Mountain View Market, which specialized in Asian food and had occupied the site for many years.

So far, the Origel's makeover has been well-received by the public, at least according to the website Yelp, where comments have raved about the market, mentioning its organic produce, selection of wines, meats and house-made sausages. Reviewers also note that locally-made Acme bread, once only available at the Farmers Market, is now on the shelf at Ava's.

Back in 2005 the City Council dashed an opportunity to bring in another market when it selected Long's Drugs (now CVS) to lease the space on the ground floor of the new parking garage at California and Franklin. In that deal, the city sought bids from any business interested in locating a drug or grocery store in the space. But when Zanotto's, a San Jose-based grocer, submitted an inferior offer, the council went with Long's, which agreed to a contract that will bring \$3.5 million to the city over the life of the lease. The decision was not popular with the Old Mountain View Homeowners Association, but they vowed to keep working to attract another store downtown.

In the current case, the Origels have shown they know what they are doing and can succeed if their store is updated. Unfortunately, the city has no obvious source of funds it can tap to help, although a staff report may uncover a way for the city to do something. In prior years, when downtown redevelopment funds were available, the city's facade project improved 28 Castro Street businesses, including Zucca's, Meyer Appliance and Little Stompers, now Crazy Heart.

Certainly it would be best if a local lender could step in and write a reasonably-priced loan for the Origels. Otherwise, the city will have a difficult choice: step in and do what it can help make Ava's profitable, or sit back and watch the market struggle and possibly close, ending the best opportunity in years to bring a mainstream market to Castro Street.

■ OP-ED

The kid in flip-flops comes back

By Judie Rachel Block

The first time I met Jose Antonio Vargas it was 1998 and I was working at the Mountain View Voice. One day I noticed this strange kid hanging around with a Hawaiian shirt, baggy shorts and flip-flops. That was Jose. Sixteen years old, a student at Mountain View High School and our new editorial intern. He told me he came from the Philippines when he was 13 to live with his grandparents and said he spoke no English when he arrived in the U.S.

He was a diligent reporter and often stayed until all hours of the night working on stories. He covered a few City Council meetings, the school board, and local politics. Sometimes he spent the night on the floor at the Voice office. He said he had to get up the next day and get to class, plus write his stories. He lived in a small house with a big family. He made us laugh; he made us cry. He told me once his father sired 31 children and he had only met him once.

Being at least 30 years his senior, I always felt a motherly protection over Jose.

He graduated from Mountain View High with scholarships and acceptance to San Francisco State. He proudly went off with a laptop given to him by Rich Fisher, the school district super-

intendent.

I followed Jose's success at SF State and then his next steps to the Philadelphia Daily News, the Washington Post, the San Francisco Chronicle and the Huffington Post! And then, voila, the Pulitzer Prize!

I felt so proud of our local guy. And then last year I read of his personal disclosure. He told the world he is an undocumented immigrant. I realized quickly why he was so modest with my accolades.

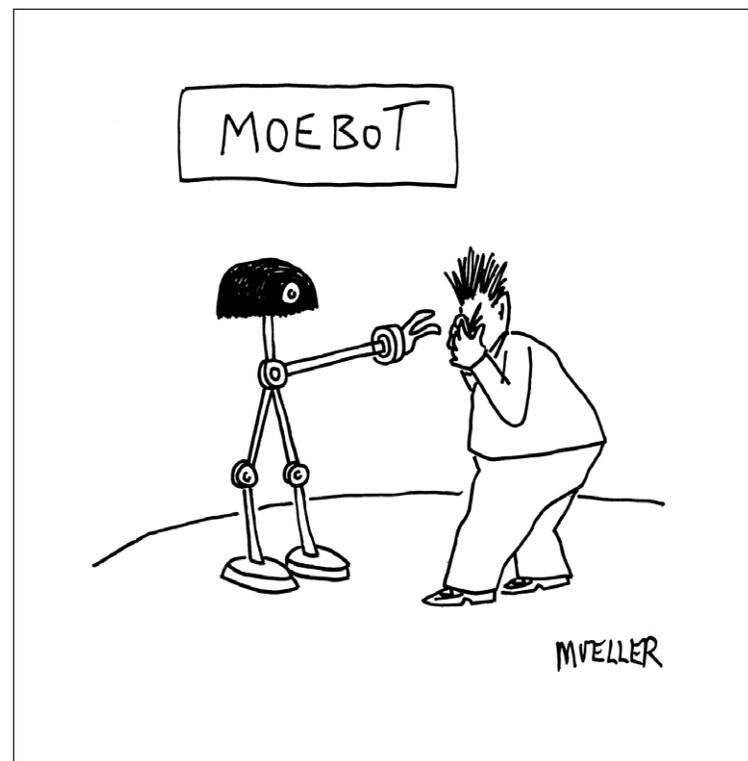
Last week I followed him again to Mountain View High School. There I saw a very mature, 31-year-old, articulate Jose speaking to a capacity crowd. He was filled with passion and insight into his cause, "Define American." He views himself as "a walking, uncomfortable conversation." He spoke with facts, ideas and determination. It was easy to see he has become a pioneer in this national challenge of immigration.

Jose is making a difference in our society.

I feel like a proud mother would, only hiding behind the scenes.

Kudos to you, Jose Antonio Vargas, our local guy in the flip flops.

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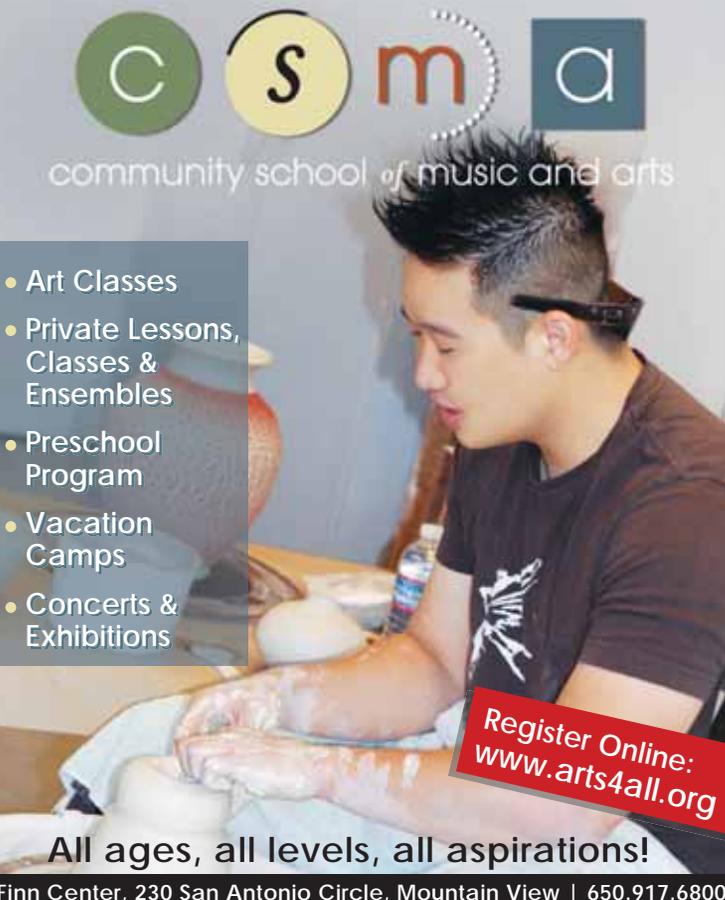


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Chef Mara Ferrar and **Ooshma Garg**, the CEO of Gobble, center, discuss dishes with taste-testers (from left): **Ryan Romanchuk**, **Dixie Xue**, **Lucy Sarmiento** and **Donna Pereira**.

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FOOD FEATURE

What's for dinner?

GOBBLE OFFERS SAME-DAY ORDERING FOR HEALTHY, HOME-COOKED MEALS

By Carol Blitzer

Ooshma Garg has fond memories of coming home from school to find her dad, an endocrinologist and head of nutrition at a medical school in Dallas, singing and cooking in the kitchen.

Healthy, home-cooked meals were the norm in her household — and something she missed when she went off to college. At Stanford University, while earning a degree in biomechanical engineering, she found herself more often snacking on chicken nuggets at 2 a.m. Longing for those home-cooked, more healthful meals — with fresh ingredients — she posted an ad on Craigslist, looking for people

willing to cook an occasional meal.

“I got a flood of responses,” Garg said. She held chef tastings for a month, inviting her friends to sample.

Soon she created a master calendar, matching chefs with friends. And the rest, she says, is history.

In mid-2011, Garg founded Gobble, a web-based food home-delivery company. People can go to gobble.com, check out “What’s for dinner?” and choose from five or six entrees (ranging from \$10.95 to \$14.95) plus a \$2.95 delivery fee. There’s always a child’s meal, such as Chef Tricia’s Whole Wheat Sliders & Cake Pops or Chef Mara’s Chicken

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Garg is no stranger to startups. A 2009 Stanford grad, she sold her employer-student match service Anapata to LawWorks in 2010 and earned an Inc. 30 Under 30 award by 2011.

In February, Gobble expanded its online meal-ordering to same-day service, Gobble Instant. "You can order up to 7:30 p.m. and we'll have dinner on your doorstep within half an hour," she said.

Meals can be delivered from Mountain View to Atherton.

As founder and CEO, or what she fondly calls "chief eating officer," Garg spends much of her time with customers or future customers, checking out what's working.

"It's a very well-known mantra in Silicon Valley to make something people want. One thing that should take priority is to talk to customers. That's more important than meeting with an investor, solving a design bug on a website," she said.

Responding to customer comments, Gobble is now offering GobbleUP, where \$14.99 covers unlimited delivery for a month.

The delivery fee is the same, whether one orders one meal or several, from one chef or more. "It's not unusual for family members to want different meals," Garg said, noting that the company can even accommodate some food issues, such as gluten-sensitivity.

She's also learned that offering eight to 10 entrees daily is too much, that people can be overwhelmed with choice.

Garg asserts that there's no excuse not to personalize every experience. "I know what you ordered last week. ... I know allergies, what hour you eat, what day you eat. All this information should be respected and used to help the customer have a seamless and happy meal experience whenever they want," she said. She contrasts that with calling for take-out where you have to repeat your order every time.

Gobble's model appears to be paying off. "We heard from our customers that they love the home-cooked food on Gobble. That's why we started, but it's wonderful to hear. They order multiple times per week because of the way the food is cooked, when the ingredients are purchased, the quantity they're cooked in," she said.

Gobble has meals left over at the end of the day, but that doesn't appear to concern Garg. "Olive Garden aims to have 9 percent waste every day. In the food world, the rule is, you should have leftover meals. If not, you have under-prepared for demand. The goal is not to

sell out, but figure out how many meals you'd like left over," she said. Leftover meals are donated to a local homeless shelter, she added.

Although the company isn't breaking even yet, Garg says that "every day we're selling more meals." For now, she's focusing on customer service and recruiting new chefs, constantly increasing the variety of food offerings. The chefs set the entree prices.

So far, she has recruited more than 40 chefs, who present their proposed dishes at chef tastings — now at the California Avenue office rather than her home. Most work part-time, creating their specialties in nearby commercial kitchens, delivering to hubs where drivers then drop them off to customers.

Among them is Chef Mara, whose real name is Mara Lisa Ferraro. The mother of two lives in Burlingame but cooks in a commercial kitchen in Redwood City two days a week.

Ferraro grew up with Italian family cooking. "My grandmother was an avid cook; she cooked for family and friends. As a little girl, I watched my mom and grandmother cook," she said. She augmented her love of cooking with travel to Italy, visiting different regions and checking out how they prepared different styles of Italian food.

Now she prepares 30 to 40 meals a week, shopping and cooking on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Among her favorite dishes is chicken parmesan, two large chicken breasts in a tomato sauce, served with peas and a slice of sourdough to sop up the sauce.

Friends told her they were looking for home-cooked meals, but not necessarily from restaurants where they are cooked in mass quantities. Gobble chefs offer small-batch cooking.

"It loses a little flavor in larger quantities," she said, noting that there's more control. "We're putting a little more TLC into our food."

Ferraro bakes her dishes, then packages them in airtight, microwaveable containers (with clear heating instructions), then drops them off at her California Avenue hub.

Besides the cooking, what she loves is setting her own hours, deciding how many meals she wants to make each day. "A lot of people don't have time to cook, or their kids' schedule — they run around and come home at 5:30. It's wonderful to have healthy choices." ▣

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A Separation (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:10 a.m. & 2 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 4:50 & 7:40 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2:30 p.m.

A Thousand Words (PG-13) Century 16: 11:50 a.m.; 2:30, 5 & 8 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 10:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. also at 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:55 a.m.; 2:35, 5:10, 7:40 & 10:05 p.m.

Act of Valor (R) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:30 & 7:10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:55 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. also at 9:40 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 2:10, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 2:10, 4:40, 7:05 & 9:35 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** 2, 4:20 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

Bachelor Mother (1939) **Stanford Theatre:** Sat.-Mon. at 5:55 & 9:30 p.m.

Ben-Hur (1959) Century 16: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m.

Chronicle (PG-13) Century 20: 3 & 7:50 p.m.

The Descendants (R) ★★1/2 Century 20: Fri.-Mon. at 11:10 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) Century 16: 2:20 & 4:50 p.m.; In 3D at 11 & 11:40 a.m.; 1:40, 4:10, 6:40 & 7:30 p.m.; In 3D Fri.-Sun. also at 9 & 9:55 p.m.; In 3D Mon.-Wed. also at 8:50 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m. & 3:50 p.m.; In 3D at 12:25, 1:30, 2:45, 5, 6:10, 7:20, 8:30, 9:40 & 10:45 p.m.; Sun. (standard 2D) also at 10:30 a.m.; Sat. & Sun. in 3D also at 10:25 a.m.

Friends with Kids (R) **Aquarius Theatre:** 4:15, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:30 p.m.

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In Darkness (R) **Aquarius Theatre:** 8:30 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 5:15 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 2 p.m.

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Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Century 20: 11:15 a.m. & 4:20 p.m.; In 3D at 1:40 & 6:55 p.m.

The Metropolitan Opera: Ernani Century 20: Wed. at 6:30 p.m. **Palo Alto Square:** Wed. at 6:30 p.m.

People Will Talk (1951) **Stanford Theatre:** Sat.-Mon. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. also at 3:55 p.m.

Pina 3D (PG) **Palo Alto Square:** 1:50 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. & Thu. also at 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

Project X (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 12:10, 1:30, 2:40, 4, 5, 6:30, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:10 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. also at 9 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m.; 12:45, 1:45, 3, 4, 5:20, 6:15, 7:45, 8:30, 10 & 10:45 p.m.

Safe House (R) Century 16: 11:20 a.m.; 2:05, 4:45, 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

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This Means War (PG-13) Century 16: 12:50, 3:40 & 7 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 9:45 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. also at 9:35 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:45, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

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Wagon Master (1950) **Stanford Theatre:** Tue.-Thu. at 7:30 p.m.

Wanderlust (R) Century 16: 12:40, 3:10, 6:35 & 9:20 p.m. **Century 20:** 12:30, 2:55, 5:30, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) ★★ Century 16: 12:20, 3:45, 6:50 & 9:30 p.m.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

THE SECRET WORLD OF ARRIETTY

★★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) Great things come in small packages. That's one of the lessons of "The Secret World of Arrietty," the charming animated adventure based on Mary Norton's kid-lit classic "The Borrowers." This is a tale of tiny people living underfoot of human "beans," and "borrowing" what they need to survive. But it's also a reminder that the seemingly small package of a hand-drawn animated film remains a warmly welcome alternative to computer-generated imagery. Director Hiro-masa Yonebayashi takes the story at a leisurely pace, which allows it to breathe. Along with the gorgeously detailed art, lush color and swoony music, the film is all but guaranteed to entrance children. The animation style, emphasizing meticulous design, perfectly lends itself to the source material. Everything about "Arrietty" is as vivid as it is (deceptively) simple, which places it in the top ranks of animated movies. With tenderness, the story brushes against big fears — Shawn grapples with mortality, Arrietty with losing her home — while retaining the view that friendship can mean mutually solving, or at least alleviating, problems. *Rated G. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

A SEPARATION

★★★1/2

(Guild, Century 20) Even as she defends her divorce filing, an Iranian woman says of her spouse, "He is a good, decent person." But "A Separation" — a film from Iran that just won the Oscar for 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 Terme (Sarina Farhadi) to 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. *Rated PG-13 for thematic material. Two hours, three minutes.* — P.C.

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Tony Grant Exhibition featuring 25 of Tony Grant's documentary photographic images printed on metallic paper. Through April 1, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 3. 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

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Ballet Class For the Love of Dance studio is offering ballet class for teens and adults. Students will stretch and learn ballet technique in a comfortable setting. Wednesdays through June 26, 7-8 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. fortheLoveofDance.com

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Tap Dance The studio For the Love of Dance offers a tap class for teens and adults. Students will learn routines to upbeat music. Fridays, Jan. 6-June 22, 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-961-6715. fortheLoveofDance.com

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.

ENVIRONMENT

Graywater Workshop Forrest Linebarger, principal of the sustainable-design firm Vox Design Group, will lead this GreenTown Los Altos workshop on the fundamentals of home gray-water-system design and installation. March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Private home, 161 Mountain View Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-383-7540. greentownlosaltos.org/news-events/upcoming-events/

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

HEALTH

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

LIVE MUSIC

The Scott Amendola Trio Drummer Scott Amendola brings his jazz cohorts to perform. All ages, no alcohol served. March 11, 7:30 p.m. \$15.

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ON STAGE

'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. Through March 11. \$10-\$28. Lohman Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.foothillmusicals.com

'Familiar Strangers' A world premiere by Menlo Park playwright Margy Kahn and directed by Jeanie Smith and Diane Tasca, this play is about the struggle between an Iranian woman and her Americanized teen daughter. Through March 18, \$15-\$30. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. www.thepear.org

Los Altos Youth Theatre "Alice," by T.M. Camp has been adapted from the classic by Lewis Carroll. Recommended for ages 4 and up. March 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 at 7:30 p.m.; March 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 at 2 p.m. \$10-\$15. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. busbarn.tix.com/Schedule.asp?ActCode=74324

Rodgers & Hammerstein's 'Cinderella' Peninsula Youth Theatre celebrates its 20th-anniversary season with Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical adaptation of the classic fairy tale. March 3-11, \$16-20. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. www.pyt.net

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TALKS/AUTHORS

'Mind In The Making' Ellen Galinsky will speak on life skills for children. March 15, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. ptac.mvwsd.org/parented.html

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Ron Swenson, web publisher, former assistant professor at San Jose State and longtime solar energy and high tech entrepreneur, describes a solar powered personal rapid transit system his company Encitra is designing for a city in Sweden. March 13, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch is \$12. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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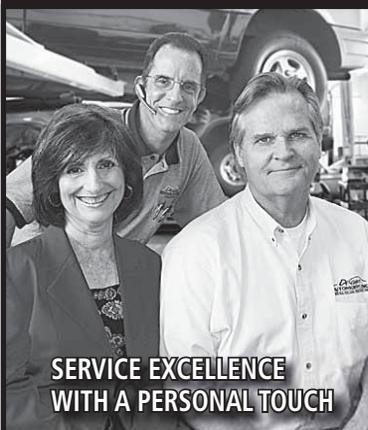
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein on 1/1/2012. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on 2/17/2012.
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STATEMENT
File No.: 561761
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This business is owned by: An

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The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SUSAN TWIETMEYER
617 Charmain Circle
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
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KINDERMUSIK WITH DOMINIQUE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 561782
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Kindermusik with Dominique, located at 100 N. Whisman Rd. Apt. 3216, Mountain View, CA 94043, 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):
MUSIC AND ME LLC
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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 February 24, 2012.
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DAVID R. ENGELBRECHT
Case No.: 1-12-PR 170225
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAVID R. ENGELBRECHT, also known as DAVID ROBERT ENGELBRECHT.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DOUGLAS CHISUM in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: DOUGLAS CHISUM be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 3 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Peter Bajorek
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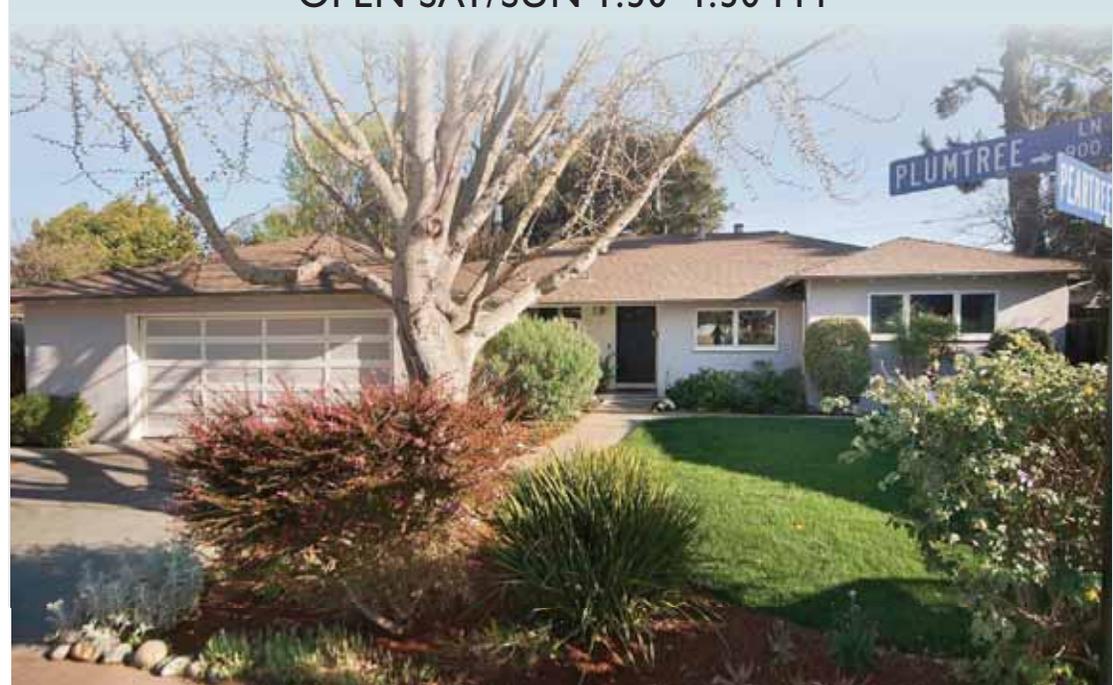
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