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Rail chief pitches new high-speed plan

OFFICIALS PROMISE PRICE DROP
WITH BLENDED SYSTEM AT MV HEARING

By Daniel DeBolt

Leaders of the California High Speed Rail Authority said a new business plan will include fewer tracks on the Peninsula and a lower price tag for the controversial project.

New CHSRA director Dan Richard and board member Jim Hartnett told a near-capacity crowd in the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts Tuesday evening that the Authority has embraced a blended system.

A yet-to-be-released business plan calls for sharing Caltrains' existing pair of tracks on the Peninsula — mostly — as proposed last spring by state Sen. Joe Simitian, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo and state Assemblyman Rich Gordon.

"The new direction for high-speed rail is a system that is dependent on a blended approach both in the north and in the south," Hartnett said.

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State Senators, from left, Lou Correa, Joe Simitian, Alan Lowenthal and Mark DeSaulnier, listened to testimony during a hearing on high-speed rail at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts.

MICHELLE LE

New teaching system a hit

By Nick Veronin

With the first day of spring drawing near, Craig Goldman says there are signs all around that his school district has been re-energized. And though it is possible that the unseasonably warm weather is helping his mood, the Mountain View Whisman School District's superintendent says his jubilation is due to the

success of a new district-wide teaching system called Explicit Direct Instruction.

"We did not have this a year ago," Goldman whispers on March 8 from the back of Brook Broadway-Stiff's math class at Crittenden Middle School. He is referring to the level of attention apparent in all of the students, even in this far-flung corner of the classroom.

Since the EDI program was

introduced at the beginning of this school year, Goldman says that teachers all over the district have reported a significant increase in student engagement and interest in lessons.

How it works

The improvement, he says, is due to the highly systematic approach of Explicit Direct Instruction — a program the district was able to initiate thanks to

a \$1 million grant from Google.

The district used that money to hire DataWorks, an education company based in Fowler, Calif., which came in over the summer to teach the EDI program to a group of teachers, who then passed on their knowledge to other teachers throughout the district, until all had at least a working understanding of the system.

Each EDI lesson begins with an explanation of the skill that will be taught; teachers are required to call on all of their students

at random (not just upon those who raise their hands); white boards are often used, which allow teachers to better manage their time by quickly determining who understands the lesson at hand and who needs extra help.

All of these components may seem like common sense — and they are, to a degree. However, according to Karen Robinson, principal of Crittenden, the EDI program does a great job of

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Eateries can't compete with Google's free food

By Daniel DeBolt

Since he started his North Bayshore sandwich shop with his brother 21 years ago, Victor Jadallah saw the neighborhood double in size, Sun Microsystems and Silicon Graphics rise and fall and the dot-com boom become the dot-com bust. But nothing really prepared him for Google.

Over the last five years the flow of customers to Country Deli has

steadily declined by 10 percent a year, which Jadallah attributes to the displacement of his customers as Google comes to dominate the North Bayshore neighborhood.

"They feed their employees," Jadallah said of Google and its growing number of workplace cafes. "It's hard to compete with free."

From the car traffic, Jadallah estimates there are at least as many employees in the neigh-

borhood as there were during the late 1990s dot-com boom, but he's only seeing a third of the business he saw then.

Illustrating the problem, the Country Deli had been catering regularly to the former Microsoft campus on Villa Street and Shoreline Boulevard, but that stopped last year when Google bought that campus too. And Google has not placed any orders

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Victor Jadallah rings up longtime Country Deli customer Barbara Gress.

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Should high-speed train tracks be raised onto an aerial platform over Castro Street?



"I think it would be a good idea if traffic could go underneath. It would be like the monorail in Vancouver, which is a great system."

Jasmine Johal, West Lafayette, Indiana



"I like it as it is. It brings the old and the new together. There's something romantic about it. Then again, you do have to cross that track, and it gets jammed."

Oguz Olcay, Sunnyvale



"It wouldn't be an eyesore because (they) could make it look classy. It would save time for cars wanting to cross."

Adrienne Hasan, Mountain View



"I think it would be a benefit, actually. It seems that the other options would be too expensive. I don't see where we would get the money for that."

Salina Romero, Mountain View



"I don't like the idea. Right now it feels a bit like a small European city."

Elena Demenchukova, Moscow

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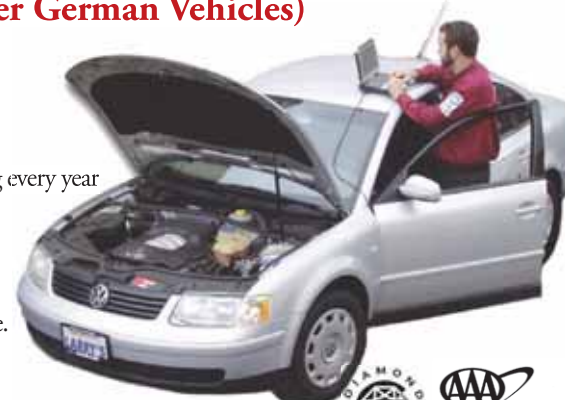


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■ CRIME BRIEFS

GARCIA GETS 21 YEARS

The man accused of the 2008 shooting and killing of Mountain View teen Jose Merales will be sentenced to 21 years in prison on May 3, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

On March 12, Hugo Garcia pleaded no contest to the charge of voluntary manslaughter with a gun enhancement, said Sean Webby, public information officer for the DA's office.

Merales was shot to death on Feb. 26, 2008, in the 100 block of Higdon Ave. He was 17 years old.

Garcia, a San Jose man, was arrested for the murder of Merales two weeks later.

Wylie, a spokeswoman for the Mountain View police. The home was in disarray and appeared to have been rummaged through, Wylie said in an email to the *Voice*.

The home had an alarm system, but it was not armed, Wylie said.

Investigators said they do not believe the crime is related to a March 9 burglary, when a safe containing more than \$40,000 was taken from a Mountain View apartment.

\$40K IN CASH TAKEN

More than \$40,000 in cash was stolen from an apartment in the 1800 block of Ednamary Way on March 9, police said.

According to Mountain View police spokeswoman Liz Wylie, a burglar (or burglars) broke a window in order to get into the ground-floor unit. The only thing that was taken was a small safe.

The exact amount of cash kept in the safe is unknown, Wylie wrote in an email to the *Voice* — "but it's safe to say it was over \$40,000."

Police are "actively investigating" the case, said Wylie.

HOUSE BURGLARY

A safe containing an assortment of jewelry and more than \$20,000 in cash was taken from a house in the 1600 block of Villa Street on March 12, police said.

Sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., someone forced open a rear door leading into a bedroom, according to Liz

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/7
 1400 block Plymouth St., 3/8
 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/10
 1600 block Villa St., 3/12

BATTERY

Charleston Rd. and Shoreline Bl., 3/7
 300 block Escuela Av., 3/8
 600 block Escuela Av., 3/11
 300 block Castro St., 3/12
 800 block Leong Dr., 3/12
 Costco, 3/12
 1900 block Rock St., 3/13

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

100 block Pioneer Wy., 3/7
 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 3/8

GRAND THEFT

100 block Calderon Av., 3/8
 800 block California St., 3/9

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1700 block Ednamary Wy., 3/9

STOLEN VEHICLE

200 block N. Whisman Rd., 3/7
 1900 block Rock St., 3/12

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Sophia Barron rehearses her role as Veruca Salt with her classmates at Crittenden Middle School for a production of "Willy Wonka."

Creativity thriving at Crittenden

By Nick Veronin

Students at Crittenden Middle School are preparing to tell the story of a magical factory run by a mad man in a top hat. Next Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, the school will stage *Willy Wonka*, a musical adaptation of the famous Roald Dahl book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

The play marks a major achievement for the sixth-,

seventh- and eighth-grade students who have been rehearsing the musical for the past four months — many of whom have never participated in such an elaborate project. But for Leanne Rzepiela, music and performing arts director for Crittenden, the production represents much more.

This year Crittenden boasts three concert bands, two orchestras, two choirs, a jazz band, barbershop clubs and an

annual spring musical production. "That's a lot," Rzepiela says — especially considering that more than 55 percent of the students at the school come from families on the lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum.

That's nearly 20 percent more than the number of low-income children attending Graham, which is often considered Mountain View's performing

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Lieber's focus: Prop. 13, budget

FORMER ASSEMBLY MEMBER
 IS SEEKING SIMITIAN'S SENATE SEAT

By Daniel DeBolt

Former Mountain View mayor and state Assembly member Sally Lieber is known for being a Democrat further to the left than most in Sacramento, but she still has a desire to cut the state budget.

Lieber wants to "put the entire state budget online" in detail so people can see for themselves how their tax dollars are spent. And she is considering



Sally Lieber

a contest for citizen budget proposals called "there oughta be a budget cut," a play on outgoing state Sen. Joe Simitian's contest, "there oughta be a law."

Lieber believes there are a "multitude" of state departments "that need to have the light shone on them," particularly Corrections and Rehabilitation which oversees state prisons. It turns out that even legislators have a hard time getting the information that's in the budget to make those decisions, Lieber said.

Lieber recalled a request by East Bay state Sen. Lonnie Hancock for the Department of Corrections' line-item budget. The department "went into this wild dance and said, 'Why are we being victimized here?'" It took a while for them to give up the information," Lieber said.

Lieber said it was probably not a coincidence that the department "also put in a request to cut 150 positions" as it released its budget.

An unusual expense found by state Assemblyman Jim Beall in a separate information request was \$60,000 a month for pizza to be delivered to a Central Valley prison. Apparently, staff "didn't want to eat the food made by the inmates even though there's no way to tell who the food is going to go to," Lieber said. "I'd like to know whose brother-in-law owns a pizzeria, because no one can eat \$60,000 in pizza a month."

Small cuts add up

Lieber believes there are lots of such examples that add up, but it's difficult to get attention on any wasteful spending that's not many millions of dollars.

"We have a lot of people in the Bay Area that love to sit down on a Saturday night and go through a budget," Lieber said. "The numbers are there for them to identify and pounce on"

"Maybe we'll offer a prize," Lieber said. "If you can find something to cut that adds up to \$20 million, we'll let you have lunch with the governor."

Lieber said budget cuts were one "meaningful way" to better fund education, along with reform of the state's vaunted Proposition 13, which allows longtime property owners to have their property taxes based on 1975 property values if the property has not changed owners.

"I talked to one woman in San Carlos who, for her 1,400-square-foot home, is paying more in property taxes than the Trader Joe's" nearby. "It needs to be adjusted but it will be a really awful fight to get it done."

Self-proclaimed underdog

Lieber faces San Mateo-based state Assemblyman Jerry Hill and Mountain View teacher Christopher Chiang in the race for the newly formed 13th state Senate district, which stretches from Brisbane to Sunnyvale, covering 29 municipalities and nearly 1 million people. As in her race for Mountain View City Council and the state Assembly, she is out-gunned financially and lacks endorsements from the establishment.

"That's where I'm really comfortable, in the underdog position," said Lieber. "I would be really uncomfortable as the Humpty-Dumpty."

Lieber said a reason why women only make up 18 percent of the legislators in Sacramento is because they are attracted to issues that "don't attract fund-raising capacity." For example,

'Glowing ash' sparked Dana Garden fire

By Nick Veronin

Mountain View fire officials said they believe the four-alarm apartment fire that displaced 50 residents of the Dana Garden apartments was caused by "glowing ash from discarded smoking material."

The fire caused about \$1.5 million in damage to the apartment complex, located at 200 E. Dana St., said MVFD spokeswoman Jaime Garrett in a March 9 press release.

The fire in the two-story apart-

ment complex began around 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, the department said.

No one was severely injured in the fire, but two firefighters suffered minor injuries.

Moving forward

The contractor in charge of repairing the damage caused by the fire said it will be "many months" before all of the units in building C — the block of apartments consumed by the four-alarm blaze — will be inhabitable.

"There will be some significant

demolition required," said Jeff Farley, vice president of Four Star Cleaning and Restoration, the Fremont-based contractor hired to repair the damaged apartments.

None of the 26 units in building C are inhabitable right now, Garrett said. The roof collapsed in many of the most-affected units. Seven of the 26 units in Building C have been red-tagged and 19 were yellow-tagged — designations which indicate severe or moderate fire, water or smoke damage.

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arts middle school. It's not that it's a contest. For Rzepiela, what matters is that schools offer opportunities for kids to participate in the arts free of charge. Unfortunately, arts programs are being cut all over the country, and low-income communities are being hit the hardest.

"I think every kid needs arts programs," Rzepiela says. "It doesn't matter what their background is or where they come from."

That's why she is so happy to work at Crittenden. Schools with similar demographics in the Central Valley have been forced to cut arts programs for lack of funding, Rzepiela says. However, the Mountain View Whisman School District — with the help of its parcel tax and the Mountain View Educational Foundation — has managed to keep arts programs very well funded.

"Mountain View is a great arts community," Rzepiela says.

Community support

Since starting at Crittenden eight years ago, she has found that the community has been extremely supportive of her efforts to grow Crittenden's performing arts program. Rzepiela says she has received no shortage

of parent donations and volunteers offering a helping hand. "It's kind of unusual for a lower- and middle-income school to have that level of support for the arts."

It is precisely that kind of support that has allowed Crittenden to bring on people like Rzepiela, as well as Arlene Miyata — who oversees the middle school's string orchestras and concert bands — and Jennifer Packard, who is directing Willy Wonka.

Packard is education and outreach director for the Tabard Theatre Company in San Jose. She was hired to head up this year's musical.

According to Packard, theater has the potential to transform a child's life. During the production of Willy Wonka, the children have learned the basics of reading sheet music, improved their singing voices and refined their motor skills; they've built sets and learned about lighting and sound production; the theater has given them a place to be goofy and release energy in a socially acceptable manner; they have gained public speaking experience. "The biggest thing that children of this age group learn is self-confidence and self-esteem," she says.

"If you don't have self confidence, it's pretty hard to be good at anything at school," Rzepiela notes.

Fortune 100 Company eyes MV site

By Daniel DeBolt

City planners will begin working on a project that could bring another Fortune 100 company to Mountain View, the City Council decided.

The council last week narrowly approved the gatekeeper request on a 4-3 vote, allowing developer TMG Partners to plan a building as high as eight stories at 625-685 Clyde Avenue, near Highway 101 and the Sunnyvale Golf course in Mountain View's Whisman neighborhood.

"We are working with a Fortune 100 company that does have a timeline and wants occupancy by mid 2014," said TMG's Richard Watkins.

Watkins said TMG was aiming for six stories on the 82.7-acre site. Early designs show "two buildings over partially submerged parking garages, and two separate parking decks with an open space area near the curve in Clyde Avenue," zoning administrator Peter Gilli said in an email. The buildings could house 1,500 employees.

A city staff report said the possible zoning for up to eight stories is "identical" to the council-approved gatekeeper requests for Symantec at 350 Ellis Street and for developer Dostart at 690 East Middlefield Road.

Council members Laura Macias, Jac Siegel and Ronit Bryant opposed the request

over the possible eight-story height of the building, but were unsuccessful in a motion to cap the height at six stories.

Macias called the gatekeeper approval "a knee-jerk reaction to what the developer says it must be," and said the project should wait until the city's general plan is complete later this year before allowing such projects to be designed.

City staff members say the Fortune 100 company interested in the building does not currently have a presence in Mountain View.

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Art for all

Packard credits both Rzepiela and the school's principal, Karen Robinson, for the school's strong performing arts programs.

"Every child has talent," Robinson says, explaining why she has made performing arts a priority at Crittenden. "And we want to look for all kinds of talent in chil-

dren and be able to give the other side of their brain the education they deserve. The whole child deserves to be given opportunities."

As such, Robinson says, while Crittenden does charge rental fees for instruments, no child is ever discouraged from joining a band due to their inability to pay

those fees.

"We all need to focus on putting arts programs back into schools in need," Rzepiela says. "Lower income schools especially, because those students don't have the same opportunities as other students whose parents have the ability to put them into private arts programs." ▀



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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ROUNDTABLE ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

After successfully hosting a roundtable discussion about Google's impacts on the city, the human relations commission will host its second such talk next Thursday, and the subject is undocumented workers in Mountain View.

On March 22, Mountain View residents are asked to join an "active demonstration of civility" with five speakers, including Jose Antonio Vargas, the former Mountain View High School Student and Pulitzer-prize winner who revealed his story of being an undocumented immigrant in The New York Times magazine.

The discussion will also be led by Maria Marroquin, director of the Mountain View Day Worker Center, Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce CEO Oscar Garcia and Dan Barich, former Congressional candidate and Tea Party member.

If the event goes as the previous one did, the five speakers will sit in a circle and discuss the topic for an hour and then break out into groups with residents for further

discussion.

Organizers hope to have an interesting discussion about a divisive national issue, and say they couldn't have put together a better group of participants.

The event runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mountain View Senior center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

—Daniel DeBolt

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL HOLDING COMMUNITY FORUMS

El Camino Hospital will hold two community forums next week — one at each of its campuses — that aim to familiarize the public with the health care organization's plans to expand its board of directors and committees.

The meetings are set for 6:30 p.m. on March 19 in Los Gatos and March 21 in Mountain View.

Over the past few years, the hospital has been criticized for a number of its decisions and policies. Layoffs, financial troubles, the firing of a CEO, challenges to its executive pay scale, and a grand jury report questioning

the hospital's handling of taxpayer dollars have all worked to tarnish El Camino's reputation in the community.

While the hospital has had its share of troubles, it is also the victim of misunderstanding, said spokeswoman Chris Ernst.

"There are a lot of misperceptions out there," Ernst said.

For example, Ernst said she often hears people ask how the hospital will afford the board expansion. "All of our board members are unpaid," she said.

According to Ernst, she was approached outside of the Nob Hill market on Grant Road by a petitioner who told her that the administrators from the hospital were being paid with money collected from taxpayers living within the hospital district.

On the contrary, Ernst said, all taxes collected by the hospital district goes to the hospital's capital improvement fund and the community benefit fund, which funds a grant that pays for school nurses in the Mountain View Whisman School District, a children's dental center in Sunnyvale and Rotacare — the free healthcare service for low-

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NICE TO MEET YOU, KID

The first of three Spring Farm Tours at Deer Hollow Farm is this weekend, Saturday, March 17. Beginning at 10 a.m., visitors can get up close and personal with its denizens, "visit the livestock in their pens, stroll through the grounds, tour century-old farm buildings, and admire the bounty of the garden" at the historic farm. Located at 22500 Cristo Rey Dr. in Los Altos, within the Rancho San Antonio Open Space, the farm is funded by the City of Mountain View, and serves as an operating and interactive memorial to the region's pastoral, agrarian past.

Admission is \$5 and children under age 1 are free. All proceeds support the farm. More information is available at www.fodhf.org.



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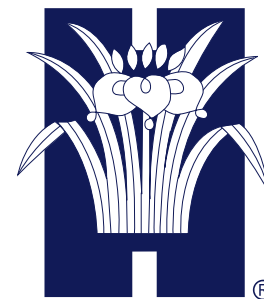
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Games are a way of life

By Angela Hey

Are you ready for some serious fun? Gamification is affecting every area of life, turning personal life and work into games.

IMVU (pronounced "imm-view"), a Mountain View company, has created a three-dimensional world where you can meet people online, share interests and play games if you are over 13 years old. Represent yourself with an avatar, typically looking like a Japanese anime character.

On IMVU's website, CEO Cary Rosenzweig shows his avatar CaryJay as a dreamy, wide-eyed youth. Quite different in person, Cary is a mature, seasoned Silicon Valley executive. He is passionate about tapping into people's emotions to make online encounters exciting.

I signed up for a free IMVU account and received credits, virtual money. I didn't like the free clothes offered to my avatar. To get better fashions I had to pay with credits. You can buy credits with real money. "That's our business model," said Cary.

If you watch adverts, answer surveys and subscribe to services like Netflix, you get more credits. Get more by making and selling clothes, stickers, rooms, furniture, games and other items. IMVU lets budding designers experiment with ideas.

With vibrant ads and intuitive navigation, I found IMVU more engaging than Second Life, a virtual world competitor. Unlike Facebook, where you use your real name, IMVU lets you play anonymously. Vice president of marketing, Jenny Rutherford (aka luludazzle), explained this encourages people with illnesses to share their feelings honestly. She related how a weak, bald chemotherapy patient felt more valued in IMVU's world than in real life because her avatar looked healthy. She also said hearing impaired people like the system.

Half a million people use IMVU daily, there are 6 million 3D items on sale and 50 million registered members, of which two-thirds are female and 50 percent live in the US. IMVU

is hiring and has \$50 million in revenues, with 80 percent of revenues coming from consumers' credits. It is funded by Best Buy Capital, Menlo Ventures, Allegis Capital and Bridgescale Partners.



Another Mountain View company, Innovation Games, is hiring. It provides group gaming experiences. It helps organizations unleash creativity and discover customer needs. The City of San Jose used Innovation Games to set budget priorities. Intuit held a gaming session for over

500 people. I attended a training class for facilitators conducted by CEO and founder, Luke Hohmann. To get our creative juices flowing, we constructed name badges from card, glitter, stickers and pipe cleaners. The idea was to warm up our brain by telling stories about our badge and ourselves.

The game Start Your Day helps you think about product use. Customers describe how they would use a product daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. They then think beyond recent experiences that might bias their thinking. A game for setting priorities is 20-20 Vision. Luke pointed out that asking someone "What will be..." as in "What will this product be for?" is radically different from "What will I have done?" as in "What steps will I have done when the product is ready?" The initial concept is more creative and avoids dependent steps that can impede progress.

In 20-20 Vision you list each priority on a sticky note or card. Then you get customers or decision-makers to place them on a wall in order of priority and argue their ranking. The discussion helps discover the most important priorities. Anyone over 13 can play innovation and instant-play games online at www.innovationgames.com.

Games are radically changing behavior. Think how you can use games to improve communication and have fun in your company, nonprofit, school, team or family. ▣

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EDI PROGRAM

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merging the techniques in a very “cohesive way” that is easily replicated.

Teachers come from a variety of backgrounds and schools of education, Robinson says. Therefore, there are often many different ideas of what the ideal lesson plan looks like — even among those teaching the same subject at the same school.

“I think EDI gives us a precision tool to instruct,” she says. “It gives us a common language.”

With an increased emphasis on “mainstreaming” — moving children from special needs classes and into regular classrooms — and with English learners accounting for 40 percent of the Mountain View Whisman School District’s student population, that common language is proving to be especially helpful, according to Jeannie Son-Bell, a fourth-grade teacher at Monta Loma Elementary School.

“I think it makes it equitable for a diverse population,” Son-Bell says of the EDI program. “It’s a very good way to keep the kids engaged in math concepts that, in some cases, are really quite challenging.”

Everyone’s accountable

Robinson says she has noticed that the kids like that everyone is held accountable through being randomly called on in class.

Students in middle school know how to tune out while looking as if they are tuned in, Robinson says. However, even those students tend to appreciate being forced into engaging, she says.

“It really ups the level of accountability,” Robinson says. “The students like that everyone is accountable.”

As a teacher, Son-Bell likes choosing non-volunteers — which keeps all of her students on their toes and paying attention — as well as the requirement that her kids answer in complete sentences.

“That’s really important,” Son-Bell says of the full-sentence mandate. “You are teaching them to speak properly, and you are getting a sense of how they arrived at their answer. And when kids say things out loud they learn it more effectively.”

She is also a fan of using individual white boards. As she teaches her students about fractions on March 8, she asks them to show her their answers on their white boards. The children furiously scribble numbers with erasable markers and hold up

their responses.

“You can tell immediately how much of your room has that concept and how many don’t,” she explains. Sometimes she will call on a student with the right answer, asking him or her to explain how the problem is solved. Other times she will call on someone who got it wrong, in an attempt to discover where he or she took a wrong turn.

It is immediate feedback, Son-Bell says. Where before she would simply talk at her students for 40 minutes, with the white boards she can instantly check on her class’s understanding and adjust her lesson accordingly.

When asked whether there has been any push-back from teachers, both Goldman and Robinson say they haven’t noticed much.

Although it is a highly structured system, “you don’t have to be robotic,” Robinson says. “You can put your own personality into this and everything, and it doesn’t take the place of a lab, a special project or a simulation.”

Although no hard data yet exists to prove that EDI has worked, both Goldman and Robinson expect they will soon have the numbers they need to validate their investment in the DataWorks program.

The district will soon begin administering the California Standards Tests to students at the end of April, and Robinson said she is confident that she will see an improvement over last year’s scores. ■

‘The students like that everyone is accountable.’

PRINCIPAL KAREN ROBINSON

Con man Gann loose in Bay Area, police say

By Sandy Brundage

Good Samaritans beware: A traveling con man has returned to the Bay Area, and may be only too eager to help relieve you of your money and peace of mind, according to police.

Simon Gann, one of the notorious Gann twins, returned to the attention of Menlo Park police officer Felicia Byars after his parole date arrived. “Knowing what I know about him, I double-checked,” she said.

Gann violated parole by departing for areas unknown, according to police, or at least unknown until people who had the misfortune of encountering the man under one of his well-worn aliases turned to Google and unearthed a trove of newspaper stories about his past activities.

He’d been sighted in Arizona, Oregon, Washington, and Las Vegas, said Officer Byars, who started getting telephone calls. He was allegedly up to “the exact

same thing.”

“The exact same thing,” for Gann, usually involves posing as a math savant and business tycoon who just needs a helping hand to recover from losing his passport and wallet.

In December 2010 he admitted sweet-talking a Menlo Park woman into a relationship and out of approximately \$1,900 by pretending to be a millionaire MIT graduate named “Saleem Dutante” who could count cards “like Rainman,” and pleaded no contest to multiple felony charges in San Mateo County Superior Court. He was sentenced to 16 months in state prison.

From behind bars, the con man wrote two letters to the Menlo Park victim threatening to broadcast her sexual history unless she refused to take the stand. He also offered money, the district attorney’s office said.

Unimpressed, the victim reported the letters to police, which earned Gann additional charges of witness tampering on

top of grand theft.

Authorities had tripled his initial bail to \$100,000 after discovering Gann’s multiple convictions for fraud in Canada in 2009.

A penchant for ripping people off appears to run in the family. His identical twin brother, Jordan, is serving five years in Florida prison for conning a woman out of

Thousands of dollars by posing as an Ivy League oncologist and real estate mogul in 2008.

“They’re professional con artists,” Officer Byars noted. “They could convince you to give up your grandmother if they wanted to.”

While it’s nice to help someone out, she urged everyone to first make sure that the person asking for assistance really needs the help.

Anyone with information about Gann’s activities can call the Menlo Park police department at 330-6300 or email FFByars@menlopark.org.

Hill urges support of Caltrain electrification plan

Local lawmakers and transit officials are calling on the public to get behind a proposal that would allocate \$1.5 billion in public funds to convert Caltrain to an electrically powered commuter system by the year 2019.

Assemblyman Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo, on Tuesday joined Caltrain officials and San Mateo City Council members to preview a new Caltrain electrification proposal that will be released next week by the Metropolitan

Transportation Commission.

Standing trackside at the San Mateo Caltrain station, Hill had to speak over engine noise from a train that arrived and departed during the news conference.

“Hear that noise?” Hill asked. “You won’t hear that noise with electrification.”

The Caltrain electrification investment proposal comes at a time when the California High-Speed Rail Authority is looking to allocate funds to transit sys-

tems in northern and southern California that will eventually connect with the statewide high-speed rail system.

Hill said that electrification would allow for quieter, faster trains with more trips and more stops, making the commute between San Francisco and the South Bay much faster than the current schedule or having to drive on gridlocked roadways. ■

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COUNTRY DELI

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to replace the lost catering business, Jadallah said.

He says he regularly hears from his customer that Google has bought their employer's building and they'll be leaving soon, such as the woman employed by Neuropace who gave him some bad news last week. The medical device company is on Shorebird Way where Google has bought most of the land for redevelopment into new Google offices.

"As you drive up and down the street these are all Google buildings now," Jadallah said. "All the businesses that used to be here, a slew of biotech companies, tech companies — some have moved out on their own but Google is basically inhabiting all these buildings."

Jadallah had some hopes that things would turn around until the "nail in the coffin" happened early last year. Google bought the building housing the Country Deli at 1674 North Shoreline Blvd. He said he was told by Google to relocate — his lease will not be renewed when it expires in four years. Jadallah said he asked a Google representative, his contact for the lease, if the Country Deli could serve as an official Google cafe.

Jadallah said the reply was, "Not on my watch," from a Google real estate rep.

City records have since indicated Google's intent to build a cafe for employees directly behind the Country Deli at 1015 Joaquin Road.

"We've put our heart and soul into this, my brother and I," Jadallah said. "It's disheartening."

Moving out

Jadallah said he asked Google to "help us relocate in some way," perhaps by lowering the rent, but received "no cooperation whatsoever." Because of this story, Google has resumed talks with Jadallah and he hopes to be able to get out of his lease before it expires in 2016, as it would be "a miracle" if he stayed in business until then, he said.

A Google spokesperson told the Voice that on more than one occasion Google has offered relocation assistance in the past for businesses in "similar situations."

"It's an expensive proposition to move and very difficult to find a location," Jadallah said. He has five employees, all of whom have families to support.

"This neighborhood was good to us for many, many years," Jadallah said. "It doesn't seem

right that a landlord can just empty out all your customers and collect your rent."

It's not just the Country Deli that's noticed a decrease in business.

"Google is really killing us," said Dervis Yuksel, owner of Falafel and Kebab on Plymouth Avenue, which he says has seen a decline in business over the last three years as Google expands. He said he's spoken with nearby eateries Hon Sushi and Sunny Bowl, and "all of us want to move out." But Yuksel has 10 years left on his lease.

A new downtown

The situation illustrates the challenges of planning a second downtown on North Shoreline Boulevard with outdoor cafes among the inviting spaces, as proposed by Google representatives and others during the city's general plan update. If the area continues to be dominated by Google, Jadallah said he doesn't see how restaurants, arguably the heart of any such community, could stay in business without a lunch crowd. Even if another 1,500 homes were built in the area, as Google has advocated, Jadallah notes that those residents would be mostly

Google employees, who now number over 10,000 in North Bayshore.

A Google spokesperson said Google continues to be interested such a redevelopment plan

for housing on North Bayshore with retail on the bottom floor.

"More than 2,000 Googlers and their families live and work in Mountain View, participating in the community and supporting local businesses and schools," said a statement from Google. "In addition to supporting the community through a variety of grants and sponsorships, we regularly engage with local vendors and contractors that are essential to helping the business run smoothly. As we continue to hire in Mountain View, we are committed to working closely with the city and the community through our growth."

The Google spokesperson added that Google cafes mostly serve breakfast and lunch, though dinner is also available at some of Google's cafes. Jadallah was skeptical that North Bayshore restaurants could survive on dinner business alone.

"How would I survive on a customer base that would not come in my store?" Jadallah said. ■

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Abraham Magna of Operating Engineers Union Local 3 demonstrated with other union groups in support of High Speed Rail outside the Center for Performing Arts.

HIGH-SPEED RAIL

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Work has stopped on planning a four-track system on the Caltrain corridor, he said.

Hartnett called it a “rethinking of the whole high-speed-rail approach.”

Richard said it was “logical” that the price of a blended system with fewer tracks would be lower than the \$98.5 billion estimate in the rail authority’s last business plan. That estimate was high enough to spur Palo Alto officials to pass a resolution calling for a stop to the project because its price tag has more than doubled since voters approved a \$9.95 billion bond for the project in 2008, and analysts found the ridership projections questionable.

“We believe that the ultimate ridership projections will be sufficient so we will not need a subsidy to operate,” Richard said Tuesday.

Electrify Caltrain

Rail officials said the Bay Area could see money to electrify Caltrain, a \$1 billion project allowing faster service and infrastructure for high-speed rail.

Cash-strapped Caltrain has been planning electrification for more than a decade, but hasn’t been able to fund it. The project,

LIEBER

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Lieber took on issues related to women in prison while in the Assembly because no one else would, she said.

Her husband, a tech executive, is her biggest financial supporter so far, recently loaning her \$100,000 for her campaign, bringing her campaign funds at the end of the 2011 to \$164,262, while Hill raised \$205,266. Before winning her state Assembly seat, Lieber’s husband loaned her \$200,000.

Campaign finance records also show two donations from Chevron for \$2,200, which Lieber said

which agency officials see as key to raising ridership numbers and achieving long-term financial stability, also includes a new stock of electric trains and positive train controls.

The rail authority’s new vision for the high-speed system could change that. The authority is preparing a “memorandum of understanding” with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) that would identify “early investment opportunities” that the authority can make in the Bay Area. Though the document is still in the works, Caltrain electrification is widely expected to top the list of the Bay Area’s transit priorities.

“We are very responsive to this notion there must be immediate benefits for the region and long term benefits of high speed rail,” Richard said.

Central Valley doubts

Simitian expressed concern that the business plan is to be released at the end of the month, just eight weeks before state legislators must approve \$2.7 billion in Prop 1A bonds if a 130-mile segment is to start construction in the Central Valley.

Rail officials on Tuesday defended the authority’s decision to begin the line’s construction in the Central Valley. This

she returned after considering the impacts of the oil giant’s business.

When asked how she differs from Hill, Lieber highlighted the fact that she publicly opposes the Saltworks project in Redwood City, which could mean money spent against her by the developers. Saltworks developer DMB admitted to spending \$30,000 against Palo Alto’s Yoriko Kishimoto when she ran for state Assembly because of her opposition to the massive project, and vowed to spend against other opponents. Lieber notes that many elected officials in San Mateo County do not have a position on the

decision had prompted many critics of the \$98.5 billion project to refer to the system as a “train from nowhere to nowhere.”

Will Kempton, of the California High-Speed Rail Peer Review Group that oversees the rail authority, described the Central Valley segment that could start construction this year as “not connected to anything.” Simitian said it was his impression that it would save commuters in the Central Valley 45 minutes on their commute times.

But Richard insisted that the plan would be financially viable. He said a connection between Merced and Sylmar could provide service to 2.5 million riders who commute on trains every year in the region. “We only need 2.2 million (riders) 10 years from now with superior service to break even,” he said.

“It will be capable of operating a high-speed rail system, but not immediately,” Richard said of the Central Valley segment.

Richard, who was recently appointed to the board of directors by Gov. Jerry Brown, said that starting the rail system in this region will allow the agency to test the new 225 mph trains. On the Peninsula, the trains could reach speeds of up to 125 mph, or 110 miles per hour where grade separated street crossings don’t exist.

The CHSRA has a \$3.3 billion federal grant to build the Central Valley segment, but the state Legislature must approve the \$2.7 billion in 2008 voter-approved bonds to be spent as matching funds. Kempton said the federal funds would be put in jeopardy if the Central Valley focus is ditched for improvements to the Bay Area and Los Angeles area “bookends” first.

Richard said the agency’s new plan was to build the system in “more bite-size and achievable chunks. It was just taking too long before anybody saw any trains. It was going to be 10 years before anybody saw a high-speed train in California.”

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project.

“I think it’s absolutely the wrong thing to do, to fill in restorable Bay wetlands for a new city of 30,000 people, far away from mass transit and protected only by levies,” Lieber said. Because the wetlands could be destroyed, “I do not support the idea that it’s a local issue for Redwood City,” Lieber said. “We can’t go to other parts of the world and say, ‘Don’t gobble up your resources,’ if we can’t save the world-class resources here, in a place where we are financially able to stop ourselves.”

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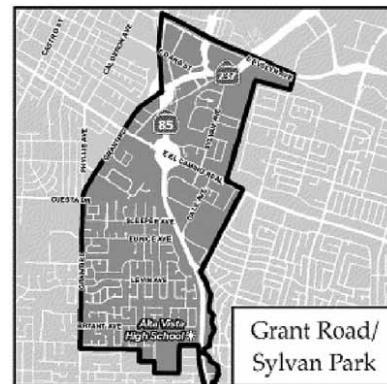
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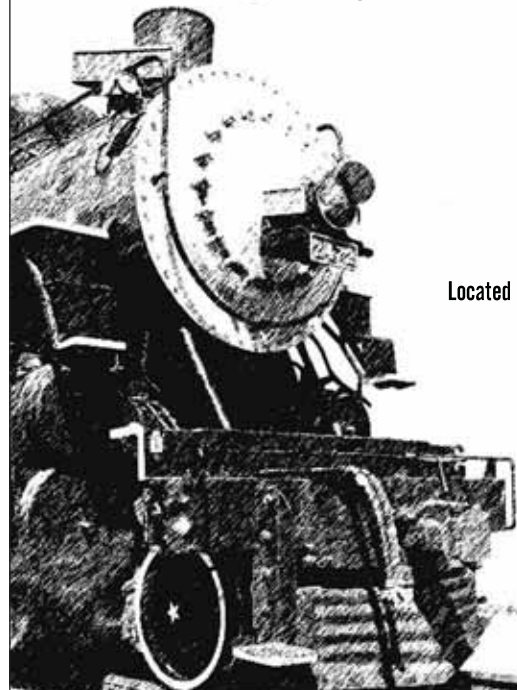
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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income people.

She and other hospital administrators hope that the upcoming community forums will help “clarify any misunderstandings and misperceptions.”

Hospital officials hope to hold three or four similar meetings every year in the future, said Ernst. The idea is to work toward having a more open dialogue with the surrounding community.

The first community forum will be held March 19, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at El Camino

Hospital’s Los Gatos campus, 815 Pollard Road, Los Gatos, in conference rooms 1, 2 and 3.

The second will be held March 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Mountain View campus, 2500 Grant Road, in conference rooms E and F.

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA
REFINANCING BONDS

Mountain View property owners will soon be paying lower taxes, thanks to a recent action taken by the Foothill-De Anza Community College District’s board.

The board voted March 5 to refinance portions of two of its general obligation bonds — Measure E and Measure C. The move will save property owners who live within the district about \$690,000 each year, or \$13 million through 2030, according to district spokeswoman Becky Bartindale.

Rates for tax-exempt bonds, such as Measure E and Measure C, are currently at or near all-time lows, Bartindale wrote in a press release.

“While these savings do not come to the district, they will benefit property owners who

support Foothill-De Anza’s bond program,” board President Joan Barram said in the release. “We are delighted to have this opportunity to return money to our local taxpayers.”

The \$248 million Measure E was approved in 1999 and the \$490.8 million Measure C was passed in 2006.

A second Measure E — which was a parcel tax, not a general obligation bond — and which asked for \$7 million over six years on the November 2010 ballot, fell short of the votes needed to pass.

—Nick Veronin

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Council should pass fee on new housing

As Google brings more and more jobs to Mountain View, it is no surprise that rents for office and residential space are going up.

And for those who will be lucky enough to land one of the well-paid jobs at Google, a rent increase is not the end of the world. But anyone hoping to rent a home in Mountain View can expect it will cost more this year than last year, although developers are rushing to meet the need. And the City Council has been very open to approving many more housing complexes, and will soon have the opportunity to add another 1,250 units that are in the pipeline now.

A similar phenomenon is taking place in the commercial rental market, with the vacancies at near record lows downtown, prompting developers to put many more projects on the drawing board.

Meanwhile, in attempting to ride herd on this mini-boom, the City Council is searching for a way to sponsor more affordable housing projects so that workers who have not been lucky enough to land big jobs at Google or other tech companies can find a place to live. A major source of cash for the city's below-market-rate (BMR) housing fund was a 10 percent fee on rental housing development, but it was recently eliminated by a Los Angeles court case.

Then last week an effort by Mayor Mike Kasperzak, supported by council members Laura Macias and Ronit Bryant, to pass a new, 3 percent in lieu BMR fee on such development, ran into a roadblock in the person of council member Margaret Abe-Koga. (Jac Siegel was also opposed.) The councilwoman said she is hesitant to bring back a rental housing fee due to a concern that it is more jobs, not housing developers, that is putting increased pressure on the rental market. In addition, she said the city could generate \$9 million from a housing impact fee assessed on commercial developments, such as office projects.

The underlying message from Abe-Koga seemed to be, "Why add a fee to rental housing projects when the city receives millions of dollars from construction of new commercial buildings?"

This certainly is a challenging question, but we urge Abe-Koga to rethink her position. Here's why:

■ Until last year, the city charged residential developers a 10 percent in-lieu for BMR units. Three percent would be a bargain in the eyes of most developers.

■ The \$9 million the city expects to collect from office development projects is appropriate, but that doesn't mean residential developers should get a free ride. In our view, a fee on one type of development should not preclude a fee on the other.

■ A survey of neighboring cities, as shown in the city staff report, clearly shows that a 3 percent fee would be significantly less than what most others charge.

Mountain View has a history of approving more multi-family housing projects than any of its neighbors. In a rising market flush with the promise of more good jobs coming, the city must recover a reasonable fee from these projects. We doubt that rents in any project are set by the amount of BMR fees assessed by the city. In Mountain View, as elsewhere, rents are set by market forces.

Two more votes are needed to pass the BMR in-lieu fee for new rental housing. It would be shameful if two more votes could not be found to pass the modest, 3 percent assessment, which will bring \$12 million to the city's BMR housing fund.

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DUMP DERELICT BIKES AT TRAIN STATION

There are lots of abandoned bikes taking up precious bike parking at the Mountain View Caltrain station. Who is ultimately responsible for their removal?

I have been seeing some of the same bikes for over two years now. Locked up and disintegrating, part by part. They need to be removed. Someone should do something.

Martha Dehnw
Sleeper Avenue

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS AND THE LAW

Undocumented students are breaking the law. They think that while the rest of us are expected to obey the law, they are superior to us and don't have to obey our laws. I don't feel sorry for those who intentionally break the law.

Konrad Sosnow
Trophy Drive

WALKER APPRECIATES SMOKING BAN

I want to voice an opinion in appreciation of the efforts of City Council to promote cleaner air in the main sidewalks along Castro Street.

Whether they are doing it in response to a few complaints registered, or because they got a grant to fund the effort, I love to see it. I walk back and forth to work on Castro Street every day, and though I have never filed a complaint with the city nor the police, the smoking there affects me every day.

I feel itchy eyes, nose, and an unpleasant smell and taste when exposed to the smoke, and I am not a smoker. I will cross the street if walking behind and downwind of a smoker, it's that unpleasant.

My mother died of cigarette-induced lung cancer so I have an axe to grind about people I care about, and me, feeling free to stay healthy and not inhale second-hand smoke. If the main street gets cleaner air, I will not mind at all, and I would have little reason to ever walk the rear parking lots, so shifting the smokers there will not bother me.

We all pay the increased health insurance premiums from smoking-related disease, so anything to discourage and isolate this habit seems like a sensible compromise between the smokers and clean-air people. Thanks for providing this forum for our opinions.

Steve Cutcomb
Ernestine Lane



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A taste of Ireland

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, PUBS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW AND PALO ALTO ARE CELEBRATING THE IRISH WAY

By Tyler Hanley

Several years ago I traveled to Roscommon, Ireland, to explore my Irish roots with my father, uncle and twin brother. Together we traversed the quaint town where my great-great-grandfather was born, and absorbed the Celtic culture. The enchanting community was rich with pleasant residents, small shops and intimate pubs that served traditional cuisine and, naturally, Guinness stout.

Upon returning home I set out to find a place that most reminded me of those pubs we had discovered in

Ireland. I wandered into St. Stephens Green on Castro Street in downtown Mountain View, and the search was over. The inviting restaurant/bar is authentically Irish from its management to its menu.

The bar is on the right just past the first set of tables and hooks to the left like a shillelagh. Irish soccer matches play on flat-screen televisions and there's a plethora of Irish-themed decor.

Owner Erik Barry and general manager Des Whelan both hail from County Wexford, and operations manager Gwen

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Corned beef and cabbage is a St. Patrick's Day specialty at St. Stephens Green.

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Gwen Browne, operations manager of St. Stephens Green, pours a beer at the bar.

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Browne hails from County Dublin. Barry bought St. Stephens in 1999 and brought Whelan aboard as manager in 2003. St. Stephens is one of several spots on the Peninsula celebrating St. Patrick's Day the Irish way — serving a cornucopia of Irish-themed food and drink to ring in the popular holiday.

For Whelan, celebrating St. Patrick's Day at St. Stephens Green is more than

just a business opportunity. It is a reminder of the times he enjoyed the holiday in his native Ireland, when the tantalizing scent of his mom's cooking would drift through the house.

"My mother would always make fresh Irish soda bread, and you would smell it and know dinner was nearly ready," he said.

Voice restaurant critic Dale Benson dubbed it a place where "everything is sturdy inside St. Stephens Green, from the tables

and chairs to the hearty fare turned out by the kitchen," he said in his May 2011 review. "Lest anyone forget where they are, there is a digital countdown to St. Patrick's Day that starts March 18 and subtracts every day, hour and minute until the next shamrock celebration."

Well, the countdown is nearly

over, and that "shamrock celebration" is right around the corner.

Friday night, March 16, fans of Irish liqueur can stop by St. Stephens to rub elbows with the Bushmills and Baileys girls from 11 p.m. to midnight. Bushmills is an Irish whiskey with a 400-year history and Baileys is a popular Irish cream

sold in more than 180 countries, according to their respective websites. St. Stephens will rise to the St. Patrick's Day occasion early Saturday morning by serving a full Irish breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. The restaurant also features a wealth of regular menu items that give eager eaters an array of traditional Irish options.

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“Two of our favorites are staples in any good Irish pub,” Whelan said. “Our fish and chips are one of our top sellers, which we make with our own recipe beer batter, and the obvious corned beef and cabbage, which we have on the whole month of March.”

St. Stephens also offers potato and leek soup served with homemade Irish soda bread; Guinness steak pie with fresh vegetables and mashed potatoes; Irish-style chicken curry with a choice of rice or fries; and Irish stew, among other choices (including fresh corned beef rolls served at the bar until 11 p.m. on St. Patrick’s Day). And what would a good Irish meal be without a fresh brew to complement it? St. Stephens features several Irish beers, including Guinness (stout), Harp (lager) and Smithwick’s (ale). Those who celebrate a tad too much can stop by St. Ste-

phens Sunday morning, March 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Bloody Mary that’s \$4 with a breakfast purchase.

‘My mother would always make fresh Irish soda bread, and you would smell it and know dinner was nearly ready.’

DES WHELAN

While St. Stephens might be the most authentic Irish restaurant between Mountain View and Palo Alto, there are other places ringing in the holiday with similar enthusiasm. Standing just a skip down

the road from St. Stephens like an Irish sister (although unrelated) is the popular Irish pub Molly Magee’s.

The Castro Street entrance to Molly’s is like a tunnel that leads visitors to the bar on the right and an assortment of tables — and a billiard table — on an upper platform. The pub includes a back patio with its own separate bar and more seating (particularly inviting when the weather is nice). Molly’s will serve green beer from 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, March 17, and always has Guinness, Harp and Smithwick’s on tap, not to mention a host of others.

Even Palo Alto’s long-standing English bar/restaurant, the Rose & Crown, is getting in on the Irish action — an annual tradition. The Rose & Crown is a solid representation of Britain’s classic pubs and includes an outdoor patio,

expansive bar and dartboards. On Saturday, March 17, the Rose & Crown will offer corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots “until it runs out,” owner Kasim Syed said. And Rose & Crown will be trying something a little different this year by giving the overseas taste of Ireland a local flair.

“(We want) everybody enjoying good drinks and having a good time,” Syed said.

Rose & Crown will feature 10 craft stouts — Ireland’s most popular style of beer — from West Coast breweries “for the people that are really into the beer,” Syed said. Stouts from Palo Alto Brewing Co., Drake’s Brewing (San Leandro), Firestone Walker Brewing Company (Paso Robles) and Green Flash Brewing Co. (San Diego) will be among those available on tap.

St. Stephens Green, Molly Magee’s, The Rose & Crown are

proudly providing patrons a taste of Ireland on St. Patrick’s Day and beyond. And you won’t have to travel all the way to Roscommon to get it.

—Tyler Hanley is the online editor of the Voice’s sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly

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2 For 1 - The Artist/The Iron Lady Century 20: 12:10, 2:25, 4:45, 7 & 9:20 p.m.

21 Jump Street (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; noon, 1:40, 2:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 8:50 p.m.; Mon.-Thu. also at 8:30 p.m.
Century 20: 11:40 a.m.; 1:10, 2:20, 3:55, 5, 6:35, 7:45, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.

A Separation (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Century 20: Fri.-Tue. at 2:40 & 7:55 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 & 7:45 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 10:15 p.m.; Thu. also at 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:55 a.m.; 2:35, 5:10, 7:40 & 10 p.m.

Act of Valor (R) Century 16: Fri.-Wed. at 11:20 a.m.; 1:50, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m.; 2:10, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:20 p.m.

The Artist (PG-13) ★★★1/2 Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:20 & 7:25 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:45 p.m.

Being Flynn (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:30, 4 & 7 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 9:50 p.m.; Thu. also at 9:30 p.m.

Can U Feel It: The UMF Experience Century 16: Thu. at 8 p.m.
Century 20: Thu. at 8 p.m.

Casa de Mi Padre (R) Century 16: 11 a.m.; 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 8:10 & 10:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8 & 10:10 p.m.

Casablanca (1942) Century 16: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m. Century 20: Wed. at 2 & 7 p.m.

Chronicle (PG-13) Century 20: Fri.-Mon. & Wed. at 4:40 & 9:10 p.m.

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

Friends with Kids (R) Aquarius Theatre: 4:15, 7 & 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sun. also at 1:30 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 2, 4:35, 7:15 & 9:55 p.m.

The Godfather (1972) (R) Century 16: Thu. at 2 & 7 p.m.

The Hunger Games (PG-13) Century 16: Thu. at 12:01, 12:02, 12:03 & 12:04 a.m. Century 20: Thu. at 12:01, 12:03 & 12:05 a.m.

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

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) Century 16: 11:30 a.m.; 2, 4:40, 7:20 & 9:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:25 a.m.; 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05 & 10:15 p.m.

John Carter (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 2:20 & 9:20 p.m.; In 3D at 11 a.m.; noon, 3:30, 6:10, 7 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:20 a.m.; 2:30, 5:35 & 8:35 p.m.; In 3D at 12:05, 1, 3:15, 4:05, 6:20, 7:10, 9:25 & 10:15 p.m.

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) Century 20: Fri 11:10 a.m.; In 3D at 6:55 p.m.; In 3D Fri., Sat. & Mon.-Wed. also at 1:40 p.m.

LA Phil Live: Gustavo Dudamel and Herbie Hancock Celebrate Gershwin Century 16: Sun. at 2 p.m. Century 20: Sun. at 2 p.m.

Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake in 3D Century 20: Tue. at 7:30 p.m.

Pina 3D (PG) Century 16: 12:20, 3:10, 6:40 & 9:30 p.m.

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

Safe House (R) Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; 1:55 & 4:45 p.m.; Fri.-Wed. also at 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 11:15 a.m.; 1:55, 4:35, 7:30 & 10:10 p.m.

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) Palo Alto Square: 1:50, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. also at 9:50 p.m.

The Secret World of Arrietty (G) ★★★1/2 Century 16: 12:15, 3:15, 6:20 & 8:40 p.m. Century 20: 11:45 a.m. & 2:15 p.m.; Fri.-Mon. & Wed. also at 6:50 p.m.

Silent House (R) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri., Sat., Mon. & Tue. at 12:30, 3, 5:20, 8 & 10:15 p.m.; Sun. at 5:30, 8 & 10:15 p.m.; Wed. at 10:15 p.m.; Thu. at 12:30, 3, 5:20 & 8 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m.; 1:35, 3:45, 6, 8:15 & 10:35 p.m.

This Means War (PG-13) Century 20: 11:50 a.m.; 2:20, 4:50, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

The Vow (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 20: 9:20 p.m.; Fri., Sat. & Mon.-Wed. also at 4:20 p.m.

Wanderlust (R) Century 20: 10:40 p.m.; Fri.-Tue. also at 12:15 & 5:30 p.m.

★ Skip it
★★ Some redeeming qualities
★★★ A good bet
★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE REVIEWS

JOHN CARTER ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) In dire need of a cinematic sugar rush? Look no further than Disney's blockbuster offering "John Carter," a fantasy extravaganza brimming with eye candy. The visual effects are, literally, out of this world. Based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' groundbreaking novel "A Princess of Mars," the film follows a Civil War-era cavalryman from Virginia who is whisked away to Mars courtesy of a mystical amulet. Meanwhile, a war is brewing between Mars' more human-looking denizens. A power-hungry soldier is taking the fight to the land of Helium in hopes of conquering it and marrying its battle-ready princess. The picture drags at times and at least 20 minutes could have easily been left on the cutting room floor. The film relies heavily on its visual elements, so it's a boon that that portion is so stunning. "John Carter" pays a nice homage to Burroughs and honors the novel while falling neatly alongside other Disney escapades such as "Pirates of the Caribbean" and "Prince of Persia." It might not be the healthiest dose of eye candy, but it certainly satisfies. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of violence and intense sequences of action. Two hours, 17 minutes.* — T.H.

SILENT HOUSE ★★1/2

(Century 16, Century 20) As cheap little chillers go, "Silent House" is one of the good ones. The haunted "House" may be built on a shaky foundation, but its scare tactics are sound, and its gimmickry is enough to stand out in a crowded genre neighborhood. It bears an unavoidable stylistic similarity to Alfred Hitchcock's "Rope," which stitched together just 10 takes to give the appearance of seamless action. "Silent House" uses digital technology to create a more convincing illusion of continuous action. Beyond the exploitable stunt appeal of realistic real-time, the approach well suits this things-that-go-bump thrill ride. The story begins just outside a summer home bordered by shoreline and woods, where college student Sarah meets her father and uncle who are renovating the house. But matters take a nasty turn when strange noises and a violent attack demonstrate to left-alone Sarah that she has everything to fear. The shaky-cam's proximity to Sarah solves the dullness problem that plagued the house-wandering longeurs in "The Woman in Black." When the directors run out of "Rope" towards the end of the film's hide-and-seek phase, the story freakishly breaks open its realism to reveal the psychological expressionism of symbolic horrors, the flatly possible suddenly in-your-face impossible. Just as a comedy can be judged by its laugh quotient, the bottom line for a horror movie is whether it's scary or just cause for eye-rolling. "Silent House" may disappoint in the end, but not before it serves up plenty of armrest-gripping situations. *Rated R for disturbing violent content and terror. One hour, 26 minutes.* — P.C.

MOVIE CRITICS

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'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. March 1-18. \$15-\$30. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. www.thepear.org

ART GALLERIES

'Marsh' Photography by Aki Mori Gallery 9 presents digital color photography by Bay Area artist Aki Mori. Mori seeks to capture the cycle of life through her photos. The reception is Thursday, March 8, 6-8 p.m. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 12-4 p.m. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

'Tote-ally-Art' Mixed-media artist Jane Ferguson is exhibiting new wall artwork and tote bags that feature figures from her favorite paintings. The gallery is open Mon.-Sat. from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays until 3. Through March 31. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

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

BENEFITS

Fashion Show Quota International of Mountain View/Los Altos holds a fashion show to benefit deaf and hard-of-hearing infants and children, and disadvantaged women and children. Reservations required. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$40; \$35 before March 20. Michael's at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-967-5404.

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Mindful Parenting: Finding Grace Amidst Chaos Mindfulness an ideal antidote to the stresses of modern life with children. Dr. Amy Saltzman is a holistic physician with a Bachelor of Art from Stanford and an MD from UC Irvine.

She studied mindfulness meditation with Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn. March 22, 7-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6887. www.mountainview.gov/library

Sustainable Landscape Techniques Create an attractive home landscape with reduced water use, maintenance time, and garden waste. March 20, 6-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Library. www.bawsca.org

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Civility Roundtable' The City of Mountain View's Human Relations Commission presents the second Civility Roundtable discussion, on "Undocumented Workers in Mountain View." The event brings people with a variety of viewpoints together. March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

'Coffee, Art & Chocolate' Coffee, chocolate and art talk with artists and others. Fridays through Oct. 19, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto, . Call 650-321-3891. www.pacificartleague.org

CONCERTS

'How Studying Theory Makes You Musical' CSMA faculty members Carrie Campbell, Sara Moravej, Richard Roper, Lisa Sueyres and Daniel Wood perform works from Baroque to modern, and student compositions. March 23, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

'Romance of the Flute' CSMA faculty members Dawn Walker (flute) and Sandra Gu (piano) with guest Mark Walker (cello) perform flute, piano and cello compositions of the Romantic Era,

including works by Brahms, Elgar and Reinecke. March 22, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

DANCE

Jazz-Dance Class For the Love of Dance Studio is offering jazz-dance classes for teens and adults. Mondays through June 24, 7-8 p.m. \$60 per month. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. fortheloveofdancemv.com

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

FAMILY AND KIDS

'Willy Wonka' - The Children's Musical Crittenden Middle School Presents "Willy Wonka," the Kids Collection musical version of the Roald Dahl Classic "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." This 50-minute production for the family is a story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir. March 23 and 24, 7-8 p.m. \$2 Children & Students/\$6 Adults. Crittenden Middle School Multipurpose Room, 1701 Rock St., Mountain View.

FILM

'A Better Life' Film Screening Film description: "A gardener in East L.A. struggles to keep his son away from gangs and immigration agents while trying to give his son the opportunities he never had." Everyone is invited. March 21, 5-7 p.m. Day Worker Center of Mountain View, 113 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 6509034102. www.dayworkercentermv.org

HEALTH

'Ask The Doctor' Attendees can ask questions about cancer and cancer treatment in an informal setting. Facilitated by Mike Turbow, M.D., a retired oncologist and a consultant. March 20, 6-8 p.m. Free. Cancer Support Community, 455 N. Whisman Road, Suite 300, Mountain View. Call 650-968-5000. www.cancersupportcommunity.net

LIVE MUSIC

Soul Manifesto Soul Manifesto performs R&B, funk, blues and soul music. March 23, 10-noon. Free. Francesca's, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 650-799-1080.

ON STAGE

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 16, 17, 23 at 7:30 p.m.; March 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

OUTDOORS

'Guided Night Hike' For adults and families. Hikers should bring flashlights and be ready for a

back-country, moderately challenging trail. March 23, 7-8:30 p.m. \$7 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers lead a weekly Insight Meditation sitting followed by a talk on Buddhist teachings. 7:30-9 p.m. donations accepted. St. Timothy's/Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

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SUPPORT GROUPS

'Teens Who Stutter' The new TWST (Teens Who Stutter) group is for teens ages 14 to 19 to hang out; play foosball, ping pong and other games; snack and talk. Part of the National Stutterers Association. For fun, not therapy. Teen-run, adult-supervised. Meeting every fourth Tuesday starting Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Call 650-938-6356.

TALKS/AUTHORS

Cara Black The author speaks on her newest Aimee Leduc mystery, "Murder at the Lantern Rouge." March 21, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

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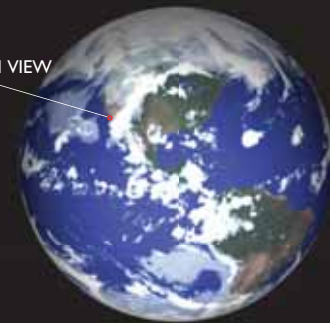
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STATEMENT
File No.: 561782
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File No.: 561780
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
File No.: 562293
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997 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 person-

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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
95 S. Market Street, Suite 300
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(MVV Mar. 9, 16, 23, 2012)

County of Santa Clara
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MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

FORMAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION BOND MEASURE JUNE 5, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Mountain View Whisman School District, County of Santa Clara, California, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code of California and Elections Code, a Bond Measure election will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at which election, the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors within the District, and VOTED ON:

MEASURE
"To protect quality education in Mountain View, provide safe and modern classrooms, and make schools operate more efficiently, shall the Mountain View Whisman School District remove hazardous lead/asbestos materials, improve earthquake safety, upgrade fire alarms/security, replace outdated and inefficient plumbing/electrical/heating/ventilation, update computers/technology, and upgrade, acquire, construct schools, sites, facilities and equipment by issuing \$198 million in bonds at legal rates, with independent oversight and all funds spent on local elementary and middle schools?"

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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that arguments for or against said measure may be submitted to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters, 1555 Berger Dr., Building #2, San Jose, California 95112, not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13, 2012. The governing board of the District or any member or members of the board, or any individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure, or bona fide association of citizens, or combination of such voters and associations may file a written argument for or against any School District Measure. No arguments shall exceed 300 words in length. No more

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The Registrar of Voters will send a copy of the selected argument in favor of the measure to the authors of the argument against, and a copy of the selected argument against to the authors of the argument in favor. The authors may prepare and submit rebuttal arguments not exceeding 250 words in length.
The rebuttal arguments must be filed with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office not later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2012. In accordance with Section 9600 of the California Elections Code, all arguments and rebuttals filed pursuant to this notice shall be accompanied by the following form statement to be signed by each author:

The undersigned author(s) of the ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF/AGAINST ballot Measure at the Special Election in the Mountain View Whisman School District, County of Santa Clara to be held Tuesday, June 5, 2012, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.
NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that processing of ballots in the Special Ballot Bond Measure Election to be counted will commence on Thursday, May 24, 2012 and that all ballots will be publicly counted at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building #2, San Jose, California, commencing at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

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912 LEIGHTON WAY \$825,000
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2 BR 2 BA Located near downtown SV & MV w/liv rm/din rm combination & granite kit w/adjoining fam rm.
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SAN JOSE

4580 SAMSON WY \$549,000
3 BR 2 BA Updtd Cambrian home. 8,276sf lot. Good for RV/Boat parking. Great schls. Close to freeway.
Michelle Chang 650.325.6161



SAN JOSE

1836 DALTREY WY \$875,000
4 BR 3 BA Spacious tri-level Shapell home. Central A/C. Near Cataldi Park, shops and schools.
Teresa Lin 650.328.5211



PALO ALTO

1129 TUOLUMNE LN #51 \$925,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Gorgeous South Palo Alto condo. Built in 2009! Model unit with over \$40,000 in upgrades!
DiPali Shah 650.325.6161



MOUNTAIN VIEW

179 HAMWOOD TERRACE \$869,000
3 BR 3.5 BA Large home, spacious, SFR w/wrap porches, fam kit, MBR suite, 2 car garage, priv Rd.
Lollie Gilbert 650.941.7040



MENLO PARK

10 MANSION CT \$1,295,000
2 BR 2.5 BA Size, condition, location, price! Larger than many single family homes for the price.
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LOS ALTOS

1905 QUAIL MEADOW RD \$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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ATHERTON

CENTRAL ATHERTON BEAUTY! \$13,888,000
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231 HAWTHORNE AVE 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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ONE-OF-A-KIND PROPERTY \$2,700,000
3 BR 2 BA Live like royalty on top of the world! One-of-a-kind property.
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530 SHELBY LANE SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,198,000
4 BR 3.5 BA Plus study. Classic 2-story traditional w/pool, yard, patio & deck, convenient to downtown.
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169 E. PORTOLA AVE SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,998,000
5 BR 3 BA Beautifully remodeled and expanded home is like new w/5 bedrooms, 3 baths.
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2015 CRIST DR SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,495,000
3 BR 2 BA Wonderfully remodeled with designer touches. Great flr plan. 1,936 sq ft, 10,389 lot.
Deborah Greenberg 650.328.5211

LOS ALTOS HILLS

VIEW HOME WITH PA SCHOOLS \$3,795,000
5 BR 4.5 BA Mediterranean Villa w/views of bay & valley. 4,900 sq. ft. on an acre and a half appx.
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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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VALLEY VWS W/PA SCHOOLS \$2,395,000
3 BR 2 BA Private hills living awaits your touch & imagination! Enjoy a generous lot of 1.170 acres.
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LOS GATOS

QUIET CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION \$1,879,000
4 BR 3 BA 12,200 sq ft lot. 4 bed 3 bath. Los Gatos schls. "Martha Stewart inspired" eat-in kitchen.
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MENLO PARK

WELCOME HOME! \$1,175,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Stunning contemporary in the heart of Menlo Park. Well maintained w/oak hrdwd flrs.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW

903 PLUMTREE LN SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,465,000
4 BR 2.5 BA This charming hm will capture your heart w/its expansive prk-like grounds featuring a pond
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BRIGHT HOME \$789,000
3 BR 2 BA Bright home w/updated kitchen & baths. Hardwood floors, separate living room & family room.
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195 GOLI CT SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$669,000
2 Bed + Den, 2.5 Bath with 2 car garage. Every upgrade possible including surround sound!
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TOP FLOOR CONDO \$199,000
1 BR 1 BA Well cared for. Large living rm. Dining with sliding door to balcony that overlooks pool.
Royce Cablayan 650.941.7040

PALO ALTO

4240 WILKIE WY SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,798,000
3 BR 3.5 BA 2,100+sf of living space on 6,500+sf lot. Convenient location close to Google & Gunn High.
Judy Shen 650.328.5211

3409 KENNETH DR SAT/SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,100,000
4 BR 2 BA Family kit, updated baths, new paint/carpets, lg backyard, 2 car garage, approx 1,674 SF.
Alan Loveless 650.325.6161

SAN CARLOS

1357 WOODLAND AV SUN 1 - 4 \$968,000
3 BR 2 BA Quality remodel w/attention to detail & decorator touches. Desirable White Oaks location.
Dorothy Gurwith 650.325.6161

SAN JOSE

1664 MULBERRY LN SUN 1 - 4 \$1,695,000
5 BR 3 BA Remodeled hm in Willow Glen w/family rm, French doors, updttd baths, lrg backyard & patio.
Tim Trailer 650.325.6161

STUNNING WG HOME \$1,350,000
4 BR 2.5 BA 2 block walk to Lincoln Ave. Home features: hardwood flrs, crown moldings, raised panel doors.
Ric Parker 650.941.7040

2785 CLARA SMITH PL

SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,198,000
5 BR 4.5 BA This exceptional residence epitomizes the elegance & grace of beautiful Silver Crk Area
Terrie Masuda 650.941.7040

SPACIOUS HOME

SALE PENDING \$535,000
4 BR 2.5 BA Spacious home w/hardwood flrs throughout. 1st flr of the home & new carpets on the 2nd flr.
Ron & Nasrin Delan 650.941.7040

STANFORD

733 ALVARADO COURT SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$1,749,000
5 BR 3.5 BA Stanford qualified only. Tranquility in Heart of Campus. Secluded cul-de-sac. Contemp. flair.
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LIVING THE DREAM! \$1,099,000
3 BR 3 BA Pristine Tuscan masterpiece built in 2007. Excellent Cherry Chase school. Awesome floor plan
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154 S BERNARDO AV SAT 1:30 - 4:30 \$725,000
3 BR 2.5 BA Located near downtown Sunnyvale & Mountain Vw features a liv rm w/fireplace & dining rm.
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WOODSIDE

PRIME LOCATION! \$29,000,000
Private prestigious location. 11+ acre property in central Woodside close to town.
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SUN 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,995,000
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