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Permanente Creek runs through Shoreline Park on its way to the Bay. A \$10 million cleanup effort will remove selenium contamination from the waterway.

Lehigh agrees to huge cleanup

COMPANY WILL SPEND MILLIONS TO CLEAR SELENIUM FROM PERMANENTE CREEK THAT FLOWS THROUGH CITY

By Daniel DeBolt

After being sued by the Sierra Club for dumping toxics from its mining operations into the upper reaches of Permanente Creek,

Lehigh-Hanson Inc. has agreed to pay for a toxic cleanup valued at over \$10 million.

The Sierra Club blames Lehigh-Hanson's cement quarry operations in the Cupertino foothills for the high levels of

selenium in the creek's water, which is detrimental to fish and other wildlife, and may be why steelhead trout no longer spawn in the creek in significant num-

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High school cover-up: debate over students dress code

PARENTS NOT AMUSED AS MVLA DISTRICT TRUSTEE POKES FUN AT CALLS FOR STRICTER GUIDELINES

By Nick Veronin

Temperatures were tested at a recent meeting of the local high school district's board of trustees, as one of the

governing body's elder statesmen gave a passionate, playful and at times sardonic speech, suggesting calls for stricter enforcement of dress code policy was contributing to "rape culture."

The speech drew a sharp rebuff from the three mothers at whom it was directed.

On May 13, Tabitha Hanson,

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Figo restaurant is almost cool

WEEKEND | SECTION 2



New plan for McKelvey Park

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINTS TRIGGERED REDESIGN

By Daniel DeBolt

In a major turning point following years of discussion, the City Council approved a redesign for McKelvey Park Tuesday to allow it be used as a flood basin for Permanente Creek.

The design was the result of several community meetings this year to find a way to lower the two large baseball fields that dominate the park — by 18 feet — and leave room for parking. It also includes a long-desired mini-park with playground and preserve dozens of large trees around the edge of the park previously proposed for removal.

After it was widely touted as the best compromise possible, council members were finally persuaded to approve the favored design option, "B-1," in a 6-1 vote. Member Jac Siegel was opposed, saying he wasn't sure the flood basin was necessary.

"I think the water district is at a point where it can say, 'If you don't want the (flood) protection, we've been working on this for three years, fine, we did what we could,'" said council member Mike Kasperzak. "I really think we're at that point. Somebody was complaining that they've spent \$20 million designing (the entire flood protection project) — it's because we had them go back to the drawing board so many times."

The new design provides a mini park the size of Mercy Bush park (.62 acres), retains a row of redwood trees along the back

fence (20 of 37 large trees would still be removed), includes all-new Little League baseball field facilities, a community room, bleachers, dugouts, batting cages and concession stands and bathrooms.

All of it will be paid for by the Water District, which estimates the cost at \$9 million.

Neighbors threatened a lawsuit over a previous design which rotated the larger field to more efficiently use the site but increased noise impacts, they said, and would have removed a row of redwood trees that buffer their backyards.

One of those neighbors was Tapan Bhat, who told the council Tuesday that the approved design "makes the best out of a bad situation — everyone has given a little bit."

Nevertheless, he said, "I don't think it's good

enough." The project would reduce the number of parking spaces in the lot and on the street. He complained that on Saturday one Little League baseball game had filled the entire parking lot and cars were parked on Mountain View Avenue, Park Drive and Miramonte. It was later explained that this was an unusually big game.

"We are trying to solve three different competing needs in one piece of land. How much is it really going to protect for floods? I think there's still a gap in knowledge," Bhat said.

'We are trying to solve three different competing needs in one piece of land.'

TAPAN BHAT
NEIGHBOR

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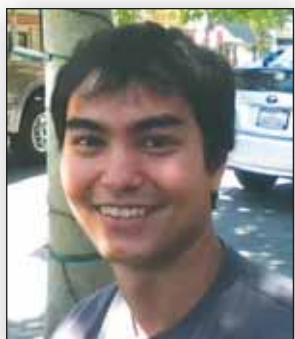
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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Samson So.

What's your most vivid memory of P.E. class?



"In my school, we had the option that if you played a competitive sport in high school, you were able to waive the P.E. requirement. So I would say my most vivid memory was going to state championships for swimming."

Edward Schmerling, Palo Alto



"I had to go leave my school, walk to the gym and go across the street to the community center where there was a bowling alley. We would have to play strings of bowling for physical education and I have to say, it was pretty awesome."

Tina Ambrogio, Mountain View



"I dreaded it most of the time. Afterward, when I graduated high school, I realized I had gotten very little physical activity in my day and I realized I was very thankful for the physical education that I had gotten."

Emily Chamberlin, Mountain View



"One of my most vivid memories of physical education is learning how to swim in high school. I remember mostly the strokes and getting comfortable in the water."

Ida Woo, Sunnyvale



"What I like most was that it introduces you to a whole bunch of new sports. It opens your mind to a whole bunch of possibilities, especially when you get older. It made life a lot more fun."

Charles Giang, Sunnyvale

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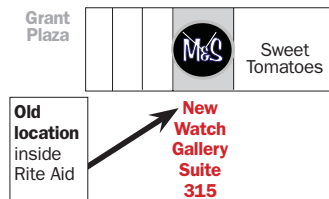
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

CHINA CAFE ROBBED AT GUNPOINT

An employee of the China Cafe restaurant located near the Safeway on Miramonte Avenue was robbed at gunpoint as she prepared to close the store on May 11, according to police.

No customers were left inside the restaurant, and the 55-year-old woman was closing down the cash register, when a man entered the store, pointed what looked like a black handgun at her and demanded money, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

The woman handed the man money and he fled the store, Thompson said. The woman described the robber as a 5-foot-8-inch Hispanic man, around 30 years old, of average build and wearing a light-colored sweatshirt.

There was no security footage and police do not have a suspect, Thompson said.

ARMED ROBBERS HIT MARKET

Two men — one of them armed with a silver handgun — robbed the Mercado Merlen on Wednesday night, according to Mountain View police.

The victim, a 46-year-old Mountain View woman, told police that the two robbers entered the store, located near the corner of California Street and Showers Drive, at about 8:30 p.m. on May 9, according to Sgt. Dan Vicencio, public information officer. One of the men waved his gun around, pointing it at customers and other employees of the store, while the other man emptied the contents of two cash registers into a bag.

It is unknown how much money the men stole, Vicencio said. The robbers were described as black men in their mid-20s, Vicencio said. Both wore white bandanas to obscure their faces. One of the men was about 5 feet 8 inches and 200 pounds, while the other was about 6 feet 1 inch and about 250 pounds.

The few customers in the store when the robbery occurred did not stick around to give police an account of what they saw. The accounts from store employees did not include a description of any getaway vehicle, nor did it indicate which way they fled from the store.

TWO BIKES STOLEN FROM GARAGE

A man living on the 2700 block of Diericx Drive woke up Sunday to find two bicycles and a TV had been taken from his open garage overnight.

The man, who told police his recently installed garage door has been malfunctioning, last checked the garage at around 10:30 p.m. on May 10, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department. When the man woke up the next morning and went outside at around 8:30 a.m., he discovered that a 42-inch flat screen TV, and two road bikes were missing.

Thompson said the man did not know the brand of the missing TV, but told police that the bicycles stolen included a Specialized brand "Roubaix" and a Trek brand "700c."

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■ POLICE LOG

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11-day fast for immigration reform

NATIONAL PROTEST KICKS OFF IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Daniel DeBolt

The first in a series of such actions nationwide, advocates for immigrant rights in Mountain View made their point this month by going without food and speaking to church congregations up and down the Peninsula.

Leading the effort was Maria Marroquin, director of Mountain View's day worker center, one of 10 Mountain View residents who went without eating over an 11-day period to bring attention to the 11 million immigrants who still do not have a legal status in the United States.

Marroquin estimates that the

group was able to reach over 2,000 people between May 1 and May 12 while stopping overnight in churches of various faiths from Los Altos to East Palo Alto and Foster City.

Speaking on March 14, she said the fast was "difficult" but "we touched many many people, we learned about the way that they worship."

"It was an incredible incredible experience — pretty much all the pastors fasted with us," she said.

Following prayers on May 8 at St. Athanasius church, the group spoke to church members about their experience and what Marroquin called, "our humble request to spread the word and



MICHELLE LE

Maria Marroquin (center), on the eighth day of her fast, holds hands during a prayer at St. Athanasius Church on May 8.

stop the deportations," which now occur at a rate of more than 11,000 a day nationwide.

The fast was a "deeply spiritu-

al" experience, Marroquin said.

"What I admire about Maria and others" is their inclination to "not just appeal to a sense of

justice but what our faith calls us to," said St. Athanasius church

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Hangar One seeks tenant: no NASA ties needed

By Daniel DeBolt

In an unprecedented move for NASA Ames Research Center, historic Hangar One at Moffett Field is being offered up for any use akin to its original purpose — no ties to NASA's mission required.

Federal government officials say they are using a legal provision in the National Historic Preservation Act, section 111, to allow such a deal. The General Services Administration is expected to officially request proposals this spring for the restoration and long-term lease

of Hangar One from NASA as well as the option to operate the Moffett Federal Airfield, which NASA officials have complained is a drain on its budget, to the tune of several million a year.

So far only Google's founders have offered to pay the estimated \$30-plus million it would cost to restore the 1930s home of the massive U.S.S. Macon airship — stripped to a bare frame last year in a toxic cleanup by the Navy — in exchange for parking their fleet of private planes inside.

"Section 111 gives us unique authority," said David Haase, branch chief of the GSA, in a

presentation to members of the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board on May 9. "Unlike enhanced use leasing authority NASA has used in the past, this will allow tenants to use the property for any use (they) would want to see within (section 111). Before partners would need to have some direct connection to NASA." He added that "if 111 does not work, I don't know what Plan B is. Because of environmental constraints, community constraints, and the expense, it's going to be tough."

Members of the RAB expressed concerns about who might be

allowed to bid on Hangar One under the law and member Bob Moss proposed a hypothetical scenario: "What if I want to restore Hangar One and I want to use it as a massive office building that's got nothing to do with NASA. I'm going to move Google in there or Facebook. That could be a historic use and be very lucrative in terms of rent. To what extent are you going to limit use of Hangar One?"

Federal officials did not say whether such an office use would be allowed, but NASA Ames deputy director Deb Feng said a use of Hangar One for any

aerospace related purpose would be considered legal under NHPA section 111.

"If someone is thinking of re-skinning Hangar One and using the airfield, that makes it an original purpose," Feng said.

The use of the law addresses the controversial deal Google's founders have had with NASA up until this point that allows their fleet of planes to be parked at Moffett's Hangar 211. NASA claims that the fleet is used for NASA's scientific research, having mounted atmospheric sensors on

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P.E. credit for marching band?

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSIDERS CHANGE IN POLICY, MEETS SOME RESISTANCE

By Nick Veronin



SHIRLEY PEFFLEY

LAHS Marching Band and Color Guard perform their field show "Senses" at Diablo Valley College in October.

Everyone seems to agree that marching up and down a football field while banging on drums or playing the horn is hard work. But while parents and band members think they should get P.E. credit for participating in the activity, physical education teachers take a different view.

Pointing to similar policies at high schools around the Bay

Area, a pair of local parents want the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District allow students to ditch P.E. class in favor of performing with the marching band or color guard after freshman year.

The proposal has been met with criticism from P.E. teachers at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, who argue that while the students may be getting plenty of exercise, they

are not getting the same type of instruction they would get in a physical education class.

Gaye Heck, co-president of the Los Altos High School Instrumental Music Boosters, and Bill Heye, president of the Mountain View High School Instrumental Music Parents Association, made their case for giving P.E. credit for marching band and color

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them and used them to observe meteor showers, for example. But some have called the deal a form of favoritism, including Paul Asmus of Humanitarian Air Logistics, which has expressed interest in using Hangar One to house a fleet of aircraft that could be used for disaster relief.

While details of the what NASA is offering will be in a request for proposals this spring, Haase said, "It's going to be a long-term lease — more than likely a 25-year lease." There will be a limit on how many flights will be allowed in and out of the airfield — 25,000 a year, as outlined in an environmental impact study for NASA Ames, Feng said. About 1,600 is the average number of flights a year now, which are mostly flights for the military, NASA and Lockheed Martin deliveries.

'We don't want to revisit the times we were talking about air cargo coming in and out of (Moffett).'

DEB FENG,
NASA AMES DEPUTY DIRECTOR

"Someone who is going to attempt to fly 80 million flights a year, it won't work unless they have teeny-tiny air emissions and noise," Feng said. "We don't want to revisit the times we were talking about air cargo coming in and out of there," she said, referring to a proposal made in the 1990s that drew ire from Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

After a bidding period ends this fall, it could be nearly a year before a deal is announced, Haase said. A website is going to be set up by the GSA.

RAB members asked that the community be involved at some point in the process, especially members who have who formed the Earth, Air and Space Educational Foundation, hoping to build a large museum in a portion of the hangar, something Google's founders have also expressed interest in accommodating.

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member Phillip Cosby, speaking to the crowd on May 8. "You have not given up hope."

Crosby said he became an American 67 years ago when he was born in Washington, D.C.

Marroquin drank only juice and water to sustain herself over the 11 days. "The purpose of this is not to get sick or die," she said.

As immigration reforms are being debated in Congress, the campaign calls for President Obama to stop all deportations and for Congress to pass "comprehensive" immigration reform that provides a path to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S. while protecting workers' rights and civil rights and to reject militarization of the border.

Despite having not eaten for eight days, Marroquin had a glowing smile on her face throughout the evening of May 8, while translating for the audience. Several undocumented immigrants talked about struggling with the fear that they could be deported at any time, wondering if they should answer the door when someone knocks.

"Through these trainings, I learned not to be afraid anymore," said Leticia Rios before a workshop on immigration rights advocacy held at the church. "Enough is enough. God is our best judge, and he is on our side."

While the church visit had a relaxed tone, Marroquin's message was more fiery in a video posted on the National Day Labor Organizing Network website.

"Definitely the message to the president is that he use his power and do the right thing and that he stops the deportations," Marroquin said in the video. "(The president's daughters are) no different than our own. He must love them the same way we love each one of our own children. Every day that passes, and every 1,100 families that are separated every day, that he think about what is happening when he puts his daughters to bed every night. I say that with respect and also with all the strength and the urgency that demands immediate action."

Marco Antonio Cedillo, a day laborer who said he found community at the Mountain View's Day Worker Center, explained his motivation to fast with Marroquin in a youtube video. "I understood that only by doing



MICHELLE LE

Prayers for immigration reform during Mass at St. Athanasius Church in Mountain View.

this we could reach the hearts of the people, the people from the communities, the people who have the power, and the people that co-exist with us on a daily basis," he said. "I reasoned and I thought, 'If I don't become part of this movement, now that I have the opportunity to do so, I will lose this valuable opportu-

nity to prove to myself that I am part of the human race.'"

Marroquin took her first bite of food after the fast ended on Mother's Day, fed to her by her son. "That was really moving for me," she said. "Usually mothers feed their kids. It was really hard for me to contain the tears."

With some help from the

National Day Laborer Organizing Network, the "rolling fast" action is set to continue in Florida, New Jersey, Portland, Ore. and Boston. For more information, see the "take action" page at notonemoredeportation.com. ■

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Mountain View police are seeking the public's help in identifying a man and woman in connection with a lottery scam theft. A man and a woman reportedly stole cash and jewelry from a victim who was promised a share of lottery prize money in exchange for helping cash in the winning ticket, police said.

Police released sketches of the suspects on Thursday, May 9. The male suspect is described as a Hispanic man in his 20s, about 5-foot, 7-inches tall, weighing about 150 pounds with short black hair. He was last seen wearing a blue, long-sleeved plaid shirt and blue jeans.

The female suspect is described as a Hispanic female in her 30s, about 5-foot, 2-inch-



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es tall, weighing about 190 pounds, with long black hair. She was last seen wearing a short-sleeved black shirt with a white print, and black cotton pants.

The victim was approached outside the Chase Bank at 749 W. El Camino Real in Mountain View on April 16, at about 11 a.m., said Sgt. Sean Thompson. He was approached by the male suspect, who claimed he had won the lottery and needed help cashing the ticket because he

had entered the United States illegally, according to Thompson. The female suspect joined the conversation and the pair allegedly convinced the victim to return with cash and jewelry as a "good faith gesture in exchange for a share of the lottery winnings, Thompson said.

Both suspects spoke Spanish, he said.

Once the suspects had the cash and jewelry in hand, they reportedly fled in a newer-model black Ford SUV.

Police are seeking other victims as well as help in identifying the suspects. Anyone with information is asked to contact police Det. Fernando Maldonado at (650) 903-6344 or fernando.maldonado@mountain-view.gov. ■

—Andrea Gemmet

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

ASSEMBLYMAN SEEKS INTERNS

State Assemblyman Richard Gordon is accepting applications from high school and college students for part-time internships. The office will be looking for students who are community-oriented and have a genuine interest in public service.

Interns will have the opportunity to develop useful job skills, learn about state government and the legislative process and network with professionals in all levels of government, non-profit organizations, and community groups, according to a statement from Gordon's office.

The internship will be unpaid, although, depending on the high school or college program, students may receive school credit.

The deadline to apply is May 27, with an expected start date of June 17. Internships will be based in the Los Altos district office.

Application information is on Gordon's website, www.asmdc.org/members/a24/internships.

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BRING ME A BOOK FUNDRAISER

Mountain View-based Bring Me A Book is hosting the Mad Hatter's Tea event in Atherton on Saturday, May 18, to support its programs.

"Bring Me A Book is an award-winning literacy non-profit organization that is committed to ensuring that all children are exposed to high quality literature," said Mialisa Bonta, the executive director.

Bring Me A Book works with childcare centers, preschools and elementary schools to provide access to quality literacy materials and read-aloud workshops for parents and teachers to advocate reading with children.

These workshops include the Bookcase Library Program, First Teachers Workshops, Take Home Books Programs and Trainings that inspire parents and children in underserved communities to read aloud on a daily basis.

"In the state of California, the numbers of prison cells are determined by how many children are reading at grade level by the third grade," said Bonta. "We cannot deny that there is some correlation between early literacy rates and whether a child's future path will include walking into a prison cell or a college dorm room. We want children to be inspired to read and build foundational literacy skills so that their future is filled with promise."

According to Bonta, Bring Me A Book provides services to approximately 885 classrooms in Santa Clara County. Their programs and services have served over 500,000 children and families throughout California and internationally.

Tickets are \$75 adults and \$40 children. The event will be held at the Stein Family garden from 2-4 p.m. at 61 Monte Vista Avenue, Atherton.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.bringmeabook.org.

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Please send your proposal by June 21, 2013 to Michelle Coral, Visual Arts Committee Staff Liaison, at michelle.coral@mountainview.gov. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. All submittals will become the property of the City of Mountain View.

■ OBITUARY

STEWART EARLE CLEGG

Stewart Earle Clegg died April 29 in Redding, with Anna, his wife of 61 years, at his side. He was 87.

Born in Chino to Earle and Edna Clegg, he graduated from Sequoia High School in 1948, received his teaching degree from San Jose State University and earned a master's degree in physical education from Stanford University.

In 1950, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He returned to Mountain View, where he was a teacher and principal for 35 years in the

Mountain View School District, including at Landels Elementary School, before retiring in 1986, his family said.

He is survived by his wife Anna Clegg; daughters Valerie Hollister and Susan Fitzgerald; his brother Richard Clegg; four grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and a nephew. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Catherine vander Paardt.

A service was held at Hoyt-Cole Chapel of the Flowers in Red Bluff. The family prefers memorial donations to be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

LAHS tennis courts to get facelift

By Nick Veronin

Now that the project to build new classrooms at Los Altos High School is nearly finished, officials with the district are looking ahead to the next project at the school — revamping the tennis courts.

In the first week of June, crews are scheduled to begin tearing away the old, cracked and discolored surface of the courts — last resurfaced in 2005 — and start laying down a brand new court surface, according to Joe White, superintendent of business services with the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

The district held a bidding contest between three contractors, with the winning bid coming in at \$292,350, White said.

The cost of revamping the courts is going to cost more than the cost of a recent upgrade to the courts at Mountain View High School for a number of

reasons, according to White. First, there are five more courts at LAHS than at MVHS. Secondly, there is a fence running alongside the courts that needs to be removed. And finally, the amount of asphalt that needs to be torn out below the court surface is about 5-1/2 inches thick — twice as thick as underlying asphalt at the MVHS courts.

The new surface of the courts will feature a different color scheme than before, White said. Instead of the traditional green with white lines, the main playing area will now be blue — “Los Altos Eagle blue,” as MVLA Superintendent Barry Groves called it. The blue center rectangle will still be divided by white lines, and will be ringed in green.

“It will look sharp,” White said.

The district will pay for the project with deferred maintenance money, White said. ■

CRIME BRIEFS

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STORAGE UNIT BURGLARY

An employee of the China Cafe restaurant located near the Safeway on Miramonte Avenue was robbed at gunpoint as she prepared to close the store on May 11, according to police.

No customers were left inside the restaurant, and the 55-year-old woman was closing down the cash register, when a man entered the store, pointed what looked like a black handgun at her and demanded money, according to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department.

The woman handed the man money and he fled the store, Thompson said. The woman described the robber as a 5-foot-8-inch Hispanic man, around 30 years old, of average build and wearing a light-colored sweatshirt.

There was no security footage and police do not have a suspect, Thompson said.

BURGARS NAB IPAD

An iPad Mini was stolen when a home on the 700 block of Emily Street was burglarized on May 10, police said.

The victim left the house at around 6:30 a.m. and returned at 4:34 p.m. to find that the rear patio door was open, items were strewn about her bedroom, and the iPad Mini was gone. According to Sgt. Sean Thompson, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department, the woman told police she had secured the house before leaving in the morning.

There are no suspects in the case, according to police.

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The McKelvey Park plan is a compromise between parking, playground and ball field space and tree preservation.

MCKELVEY PARK

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A few neighbors said the city should block the flood basin and fund the new park itself. Council member Ronit Bryant replied, "Wanting a park badly is one thing, getting one is another. Down town, we waited for a park for years. It's almost an insult to the process that our residents and the groups have engaged in wholeheartedly, to say, 'No, I don't think so.'"

Water District Board member Brian Schmidt urged council members to approve the park design, saying it was an opportunity to keep hundreds of local property owners from having to pay an average of \$1,200 a year on flood insurance. "An opportunity to fix this is rare," Schmidt said.

Paid for by the voter-approved Clean, Safe Creeks Natural Flood Protection Plan, the McKelvey basin is part of a project designed to protect 2,720 local properties (2,440 in Mountain View) from a so-called 100-year flood, an inundation that has a 1 percent chance of happening any given year.

There is also a flood basin planned at Rancho San Antonio Park, which has yet to be approved by Santa Clara County's Board of Supervisors. Flood basins at Cuesta Annex and Blach School in Los Altos were found unnecessary after Water District staff found errors in its flood prediction model. There is \$34 million left for the entire project, which also includes widening the creek in some areas.

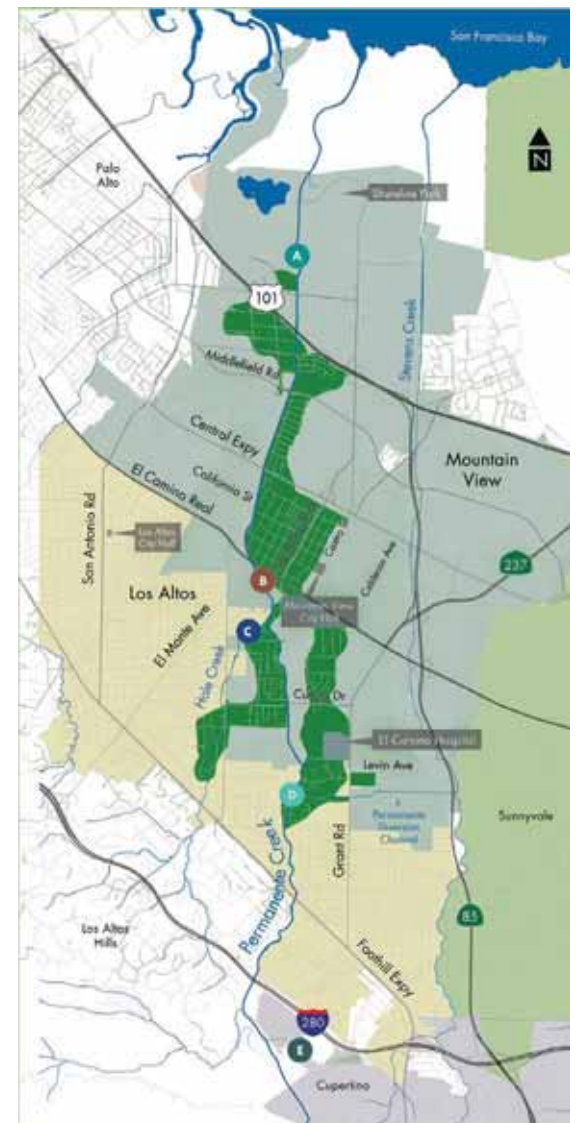
Fewer neighbors spoke than in previous meetings, with one neighbor, Jonathan Herbach, speaking for several supporters.

"What we have is a very good compromise," Herbach said. "It offers baseball facilities that are sufficient (and) a field orientation like what we have today, which will minimize noise, and a mini-park with restrooms."

He urged council members to approve it. Although the large baseball field is reduced in size by 5 feet, youth baseball leagues supported the plan to replace the decades-old baseball facilities in the park.

"I think it's a great plan and our board thinks it's a great plan," said Elaine Spence, president of the local Babe Ruth baseball league. "I live in Mountain View and I'm not looking forward to a flood."

The Water District will be responsible for finding temporary baseball facilities while construction begins in summer 2014, possibly using local school



LEGEND

Project alternatives:

- A Floodwalls
- B McKelvey Park detention
- C Channel widening
- D New diversion structure
- E Rancho San Antonio Park detention
- 100-Year Flood

fields. New baseball fields approved for Shoreline Park have been delayed until 2015, said public works director Mike Fuller. ▀

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CREEK CLEANUP

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bers. The creek runs through much of Mountain View, along St. Francis High school and through the middle of Google headquarters and Shoreline Park.

“By removing mining wastes and stopping selenium discharges on the Lehigh property, the Sierra Club plans to bring Permanente Creek a giant step closer to a recovered steelhead run,” said a statement from the Sierra Club.

More than 10 times the allowable limit of selenium was found in the quarry’s discharge water and the downstream water at Rancho San Antonio Park. Mike Ferreira, a Sierra Club executive committee member who managed the legal fight, said that the focus has been on cleaning the upper reaches of the creek, outside of Mountain View, where the naturally occurring toxin dissipates to lower concentrations.

Tests were conducted by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Sierra Club.

No trial

“We’re quite satisfied with our settlement,” Ferreira said.

It avoids a court trial that was set for the summer and requires the cement quarry to come up with an acceptable plan for the cleanup, which could cost as much as \$12 million, and install a filtration system that may cost between \$31 million and \$127 million to keep the selenium out of the creek.

“It’s no simple thing to get selenium out of water,” Ferreira said.

“The problem is that selenium in the concentrations we were finding is bad for microbial and insect life,” Ferreira said. “It would affect the ecology of the creek upstream and reduces the potential to get the fish back and migrating up there.”

“We are pleased that the company and the Sierra Club were able to work collaboratively on resolving the litigation in a manner that is mutually acceptable to both parties,” said Kari Saragusa, Lehigh Hanson’s west region president.

“We started from a common baseline, which was to restore Permanente Creek in a manner that is environmentally sound and, importantly, scientifically valid. The work that we have been doing in that regard — which includes erosion and sediment controls, and frequent monitoring and testing — can now be accelerated and built upon as part of an overall site reclamation plan that was unanimously approved last year by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors,” Saragusa said.

The lawsuit also orders Lehigh to restore 3.5 miles of creek damaged by “quarry overburden” and “mining waste.”

“The (quarry) pit is enormous and very, very deep,” Ferreira said. “As you might expect, groundwater coming from there picks up a lot of stuff from the floor of the pit, to the degree that some of it is in the creek water. Lehigh has been treating it somewhat — they weren’t being completely negligent in the matter.”

Cleanup “not feasible”

Prior to the 2011 lawsuit brought by the Sierra Club, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors had passed a resolution saying the cost of removing the selenium made it “not feasible” for Lehigh to clean up.

“The Lehigh site has been a priority to us for years, but compliance with water pollution standards has been elusive,” said Dyan Whyte, the Water Quality Control board’s assistant executive officer. “We are gratified that the pollution monitoring and analysis required by the Water Board provided key evidence to the Sierra Club to leverage today’s success.”



MICHELLE LE

A cleanup of Permanente Creek is hoped to clear the way for a restored steelhead run.

The settlement requires Lehigh to pay fines if an interim water treatment system isn’t installed by Oct. 1, 2014, and if a final system isn’t installed by Sept. 30, 2017. It also requires that Lehigh come up with a draft restoration plan for the creek by July 30, 2014, including changes to several parts of the creek to allow “sustainable fish passage.”

Before the settlement can go into effect it must be approved by the federal court and the Environmental Protection Agency. ▀

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MOUNTAIN VIEW NGO HELPS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
THROUGH PLASTIC SURGERY

By Nick Veronin

Though burn victims in this country may emerge from the hospital with significant scars, chances are they will ultimately be able to return to their day-to-day routine — even if people's stares make them uncomfortable.

But according to Susan Hayes, president and CEO of the Mountain View-based ReSurge International, burn victims in the developing world may not even be able to do that. When people are severely burned all over and they do not receive the right kind of burn treatment, their skin may heal in ways that ultimately make normal movements impossible.

Since 1969, ReSurge International has worked to establish better burn clinics all over the developing world. They've also worked to give doctors in the developing world the tools to perform reconstructive surgery on those born with a cleft palate.

"In developing countries where stigma is rampant, correcting disfigurements and disabilities is sometimes a matter of life and death," according to Sara Anderson, a spokeswoman for ReSurge.

That's why ReSurge held a conference from May 11

through May 14 — inviting plastic surgeons from all over the world to come to Mountain View and share their knowledge on repairing cleft palates, performing plastic surgery on burn victims and following up on surgical procedures with physical and occupational therapy.

Amy Laden, ReSurge's director of international service organized the conference, which was held at the organization's headquarters at 857 Maude Ave. Laden said the idea was to get people sharing ideas with each other, with the hope that fewer and fewer people will suffer from easily correctable maladies in the developing world.

Dr. Shankar Rai of Nepal, one of the speakers at the conference, said that cleft palate surgery is rather simple — often taking only 45 minutes to perform. However, in those 45 minutes a child's life can be transformed forever. "The children who have cleft lips and deformities are sometimes discarded" in Nepal, he said. Surgery is perhaps the easiest way to ensure that a baby is not given up to either die on the streets or grow up in a crowded orphanage.

Perhaps most importantly, it contributes to a country's economy if someone can return to the workforce instead of living on the streets or staying

hidden away inside. Hayes said they figure that for every \$1 they spend on reconstructive surgery in the developing world the local economy gets as much as \$17 in return.

Established in 1969 at Stanford University, ReSurge was based in Palo Alto for a time, but has been in Mountain View for 13 years.

According to Hayes, having their non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Silicon Valley is both unusual and incredibly beneficial.

Most NGOs are based in Washington, D.C. or New York City, Hayes said. "You would think as an international organization, that it wouldn't make all that much difference to be here. But it makes a huge difference that we're in Silicon Valley."

The tech entrepreneurship has helped the organization network and streamline operations all over the world in innovative ways and being in the Valley helps attract lots of venture capital as well as young globally minded millennials that have a different approach to problem-solving than NGO veterans.

"Board room conversations are different here than they are on the East Coast," Hayes said. "It's almost in the air and the water." ▀

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MARCHING BAND

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guard participants at the May 13 meeting of the MVLA board of trustees. The pair said it's highly athletic, pulling numbers from scientific studies to support their claims, and called marching band participants to speak to the board about just how hard they work.

Allowing marching band and color guard participants to receive P.E. credit would allow those students to pursue other interests through elective courses that they could take in place of a physical education class.

Trustees asked the district administration to come back at a future meeting with a study on the pros and cons of the idea, and to make a recommendation on which way the board should vote.

Opposing views

Participation in the high schools' marching band and color guard "requires a high level of physical fitness," according to Heck. Marching band and color guard practices and performances involve many hours of intense physical activity, Heck said in an interview with the *Voice*. The activity warrants physical education credit, she said.

P.E. teachers at both district high schools spoke out against the proposal at the district meeting. According to Barbara Kaufman, physical education department coordinator and teacher at MVHS, while playing the tuba and executing choreographed movements may offer quite a workout, that doesn't mean the high school students who participate in marching band and color guard ought to be given physical education credit.

"I get really upset when people ... think they are providing physical education, when they are just providing physical activity," Kaufman said, saying that P.E. is about more than raising heart rates and breaking a sweat.

Students in her classes are taught about the mechanics of their bodies, instructed on the importance of regular exercise and pushed to live active lifestyles.

"How many people go on to just march in a band after high school?" Kaufman asked rhetorically. "We want to give them concepts that they can take with them for the rest of their lives."

On the contrary, Heck said, marching band and color guard instructors teach students many of the same things they would learn in P.E., such as stretching, working as a team, proper posture to avoid injury, breathing techniques, the importance of staying hydrated and other skills to maximize their performance on the field. This is knowledge that the students carry with them into adulthood, she said.

Carole Stepp, a parent of a LAHS student in marching band, supported Heck's assertion. "There are a lot of people who are not athletic, who come to marching band and become athletic," she said, addressing the board on her daughter's behalf.

Stepp said her daughter was concerned about attrition from marching band, and believes that if the board changed the policy, it would encourage more students to take up instruments and join the band.

Change in law

During the board meeting, Brigitte Sarraf, MVLA's associate superintendent of educational services, said that the recent changes in California's education code, in her view, clearly allow the district to give P.E. credit to marching band and color guard participants.

For a short period of time in the late 2000s and early 2010s, the state's education code forbid local school districts from allowing teachers with non-P.E. credentials from teaching physical education. Sarraf said she was unsure why the authority was



SHIRLEY PEFFLEY

Los Altos High School students practice at summer band camp in August, a week before school started.

taken away from school districts.

Nevertheless, the law changed back in early 2012, and local districts were once again given authority to allow non-P.E. teachers to teach classes for P.E. credit.

After the law changed again, Saraff said, districts all over the state began giving P.E. credit to students who participate in athletics, cheer squads or dance classes — just as the MVLA district has done.

"Our position is that there is no difference between band and athletics and rally (cheer)," Saraff said. "Athletics and rally have already been approved to generate P.E. credit."

She said it would be unfair to prevent marching band and color guard participants from earning P.E. credit, given that some of these other activities are far less strenuous than marching band, but can earn credit.

Kaufman, who has fought back each time the board has considered awarding P.E. credit to non-P.E. classes or extra-curricular activities, told the board of trustees that this was faulty logic. "Because cheerleading got it, we should do, is not sound thinking," Kaufman said. "Our course is not labeled a physical activity, our course is labeled physical education."

Devaluing teachers?

That word — "education" — was stressed by a number of P.E. teachers who addressed the board on May 13. And Saraff said she believes it was stressed for good reason.

"We have very strong P.E. programs and highly skilled, highly professional P.E. teachers, who are working very hard," Saraff said, adding she suspects teachers like Kaufman may feel they are being slighted — that the administration is somehow saying, *anyone can teach P.E.*

"That's not at all our intention," Saraff continued. "I can see it from their perspective ... but we also feel that students should have choices."

Saraff said it was too soon for her to say what the administration's recommendation would be. "We're going to do what we think is best for kids," she said. ■

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DRESS CODE

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Christy Reed and Sarah Robinson — who have asked Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District officials to step up enforcement of behavioral guidelines — told Trustee Phil Faillace that they felt slighted and ridiculed by his address.

"I find it extremely disrespectful when you pick apart parent concern — of the dress code, for example — and people laugh and chuckle on the board," Hanson

said in a public comment to the trustees, directing her gaze at Faillace.

The women have complained that dress code has only been sporadically enforced and have focused most of their attention on female student violations — such as backless shirts, low-cut blouses, short shorts and skirts, and midriff tops.

Faillace drew snickers from the audience, the board and district administrators, when he held up a copy of the April 30 edition of the Los Altos High School Talon student newspaper. Drawing

attention to a girl pictured on the cover, Faillace observed that the teen was wearing shorts, "which I'm sure are in violation of the current dress code."

"Look at the disruption this young lady is causing," he said, facetiously. "What's it say she's doing? Oh! 'Students and tutors listen as sophomore — and I'm not going to repeat her name — explains a math problem during a tutorial session,'" Faillace continued, reading from the photograph's caption. "Wow! What a disruptive activity — explaining a math problem. She ought to be arrested."

Ongoing battle

Faillace's comments came during an agenda item discussing what the district administration had been doing to address the concerns first raised by Hanson, Reed and Robinson at a board meeting at the beginning of the year.

At the Jan. 14 board meeting, the three women gave a presentation on what they saw as lapses in enforcement of the district's code of conduct. They charged that students were drinking and doing drugs at dances and during the school day, dancing inappropriately at school dances, swearing in class without reprimand and violating the district dress code with impunity. To top it all off, the MVHS Oracle student newspaper was running articles that promoted student drug use, they said.

"We feel it's worth a second look at how effectively the behavioral standards are being enforced" at district schools, Reed wrote in an email to the *Voice* back in January. "No doubt there is some enforcement, but the consistency and level of that enforcement we feel is worth the district board examining."

In February, the issue exploded after the Oracle published a series of articles under the banner "Sex and Relationships." Parents were incensed — calling on district administrators to censor the Oracle and censure the paper's adviser, MVHS teacher Amy Beare.

Some progress

Five months on from the initial complaint, and after a massive board meeting on the "Sex and Relationships" articles at MVHS' Spartan Theatre, the district board was revisiting the enforcement issue to see what progress has been made.

District administrators have taken some steps suggested by Hanson, Reed and Robinson. Perhaps most notably, the district will once again give the California Healthy Kids Survey — which the mothers recom-

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mended as a measure to combat drug and alcohol abuse among students.

Additionally, during the May 13 meeting, trustees had an open discussion with the three women and the principals of MVHS and LAHS — Keith Moody and Wynne Satterwhite — on how to increase reporting and investigation of teens suspected of being under the influence.

They also discussed what might be done about tightening enforcement of “grinding” — dirty dancing — at school functions. On that score, the Moody and Satterwhite said there wasn’t much more that could be done.

Faillace, who noted that when he was in high school sex was ever present in his thoughts, seemed to agree that not much could be done about inappropriate dancing, though he did say he was concerned about students feeling left out, sexually harassed or ostracized by their peers, as a result of feeling uncomfortable with dancing too closely or provocatively.

In a statement sent via email, Hanson said she was pleased to see the board and district administration taking action to step up enforcement of behav-

ioral guidelines.

“I am extremely proud of the parent efforts that I have been a part of this past school year to improve the learning environment at MVHS by ensuring that as a school community, we are all doing our part to support and sustain the school board’s behavioral guidelines,” she wrote. “I believe that in the bigger picture, some board members and Dr. Groves have made some positive efforts to address many of our concerns and to begin a dialog of how to best enforce their own guidelines in order to make campus a place where all students feel safe and respected.”

Prudish or prudent?

However, when it came to the issue of the dress code, Faillace clearly disagreed with Hanson, Reed and Robinson’s views.

At some length, Faillace went on to recount recent nationally publicized incidents of women in college and high school girls who were raped and then subsequently blamed for their sexual assault. “They were asking for it!” he exclaimed, paraphrasing those who blamed the victims for dressing too provocatively or being “all over” the men and boys accused of raping them.

The point of all of this, Faillace concluded, was that by punishing young women for wearing shorts or skirts deemed too short, school administrators are effectively saying that “boys will be boys” — that male students are incapable of controlling their sexual desires, and therefore it is the responsibility of the young women to cover up.

“I think if you’re fostering personal responsibility, you’ve got to tell young men that *they* are responsible for how *they* react to somebody’s dress,” he said emphatically. “Just as they are responsible for how they react to words. If they react with physical violence to words, they’re responsible. This is not to say that what you wear, what you say, is something you can be irresponsible about. It’s just saying that you need to have personal responsibility for your own actions. I like our board policies. I like our administrative regulations. I think we need to have guidelines that are consistent with them.”

Both Hanson and Robinson spoke up and called the tone of Faillace’s speech as offensive, and Reed said Faillace’s speech and the giggles it produced made it seem like the board was brushing their very valid con-

cerns aside.

“I publicly want to say I don’t appreciate my concerns being laughed at,” Hanson said.

“I think it’s very important to make a distinction between being respectful of a person’s right to express an opinion and being respectful of the opinion,” Faillace said in response to Hanson’s comment. “I certainly respect your right to express your opinions. However, that does not mean when you articulate an opinion that I find a threat to Civil Rights, that I have an obligation to respect that opinion.”

Addressing Faillace’s speech in her emailed statement, Hanson said she would not be deterred.

“I certainly won’t be discouraged by a singular board member’s need to get on a soapbox, or his highly unprofessional use of ridicule as a tool to express disagreement,” she wrote. “I am really looking forward the next school year — to the appointment of the new MVHS principal, the reinstatement of the California Healthy Kids Survey, an improved journalism program, and a renewed awareness and commitment on campus to providing the best learning environment we possibly can for MVHS students.”

After the meeting, Faillace told the *Voice* said he wouldn’t speculate about the trio’s motives for tightening behavioral guidelines.

Speaking more generally, he said, “I think there is a tendency for parents to want very much to have a world that conforms to their very particular worldview. And this worldview may not always be respectful of individual tastes, and behaviors and preferences, even though these tastes, behavior and preferences may within the bounds of the law and (are) constitutionally protected.”

He said that he felt the need to speak so forcefully at the board meeting because he doesn’t like the idea of legislative bodies making rules that end up stifling individual freedom of expression.

“Whenever I hear that a legislative body ... is being asked to make a rule that seems to fly in the face of a fundamental constitutionally protected right, I get very very nervous, because legislative bodies have a history of overreaching in those circumstances,” he said. “It’s not a pretty history.” ■

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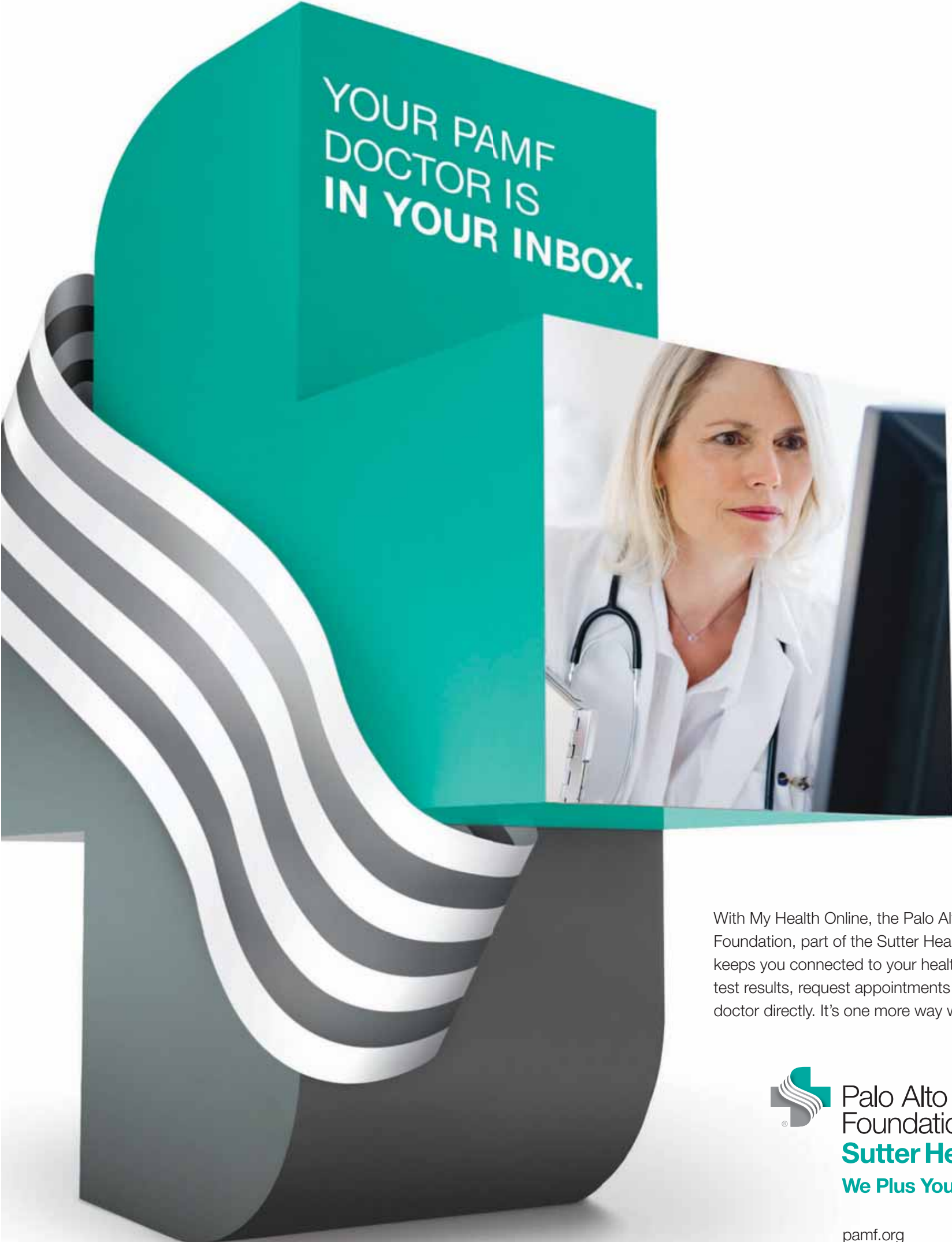
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■ COUNCIL BRIEFS

COUNCIL OKS \$2 MILLION LOT SALE

In a move that may reduce parking for nearby businesses, the City Council voted to sell a city-owned parking lot on Tuesday to a developer proposing to build 200 apartments at the corner of El Camino Real and Castro Street.

The council voted 4-3 to sell the .4 acre parking lot along El Camino Alley to developer Greystar for \$1.95 million, only if their project is approved. It was bought in 1968 for only \$69,000.

City Manager Dan Rich said the city had no compelling reason to keep the lot, and though several nearby businesses use it, none need it to meet parking requirements. Frankie, Johnny and Luigi's restaurant even paid \$150,000 to have the city pave it years ago, for which the city still owes \$37,500 to the restaurant. Greystar will pay back the money.

Opposing the deal were council members Margaret Abe-Koga, Jac Siegel and John McAlister. McAlister said the lot should have been offered to Frankie, Johnny and Luigi's. Abe-Koga and Siegel said the city should lease the lot, which Rich said would overly complicate the development process.

ZIPCARS TO COME TO DOWNTOWN

In what one member called a "no-brainer" on Tuesday, the City Council voted quietly

and unanimously to allow Zipcar to park four of its cars in downtown Mountain View.

The car-sharing service will have spaces for four of its cars available to anyone with a Zipcar account. Two will be in the garage at California and Bryant streets and two more in a city lot just south of the post office on Hope Street.

The city will see \$960 a year in revenue from permits for the four cars, each of which is estimated to remove five to 20 single occupancy vehicles from the road, according to a city report.

SAFER STOPLIGHTS OK'D

Two busy intersections should soon be much safer after the City Council unanimously voted to replace a pair of aging stoplights on Middlefield Road and California Street Tuesday.

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—Daniel DeBolt

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Look for middle ground on wage

As a city that has long supported union workers, it was surprising to see three City Council members indicate that they are leaning against paying the prevailing (union) wage on a contract to build 48 affordable housing units at 819 N. Rengstorff Avenue.

Last week John Inks, Mike Kasperzak, John McAlister and a conflicted Chris Clark managed to hold up making a decision, saying they are trying to get more value for the city by allowing non-union contractors to bid on the work. Those on the other side, Ronit Bryant, Jac Siegel and Margaret Abe-Koga, voiced strong opinions in support of paying the higher wages that match union scale.

Clark said he supports the prevailing wage in general, but has a problem when it comes to affordable housing. "That's where it gets a little bit trickier for me," he said last week. With the 3-3 split and Clark not ready to choose sides, the matter was referred back to staff for more study.

During the discussion, the council heard from one construction worker who supported the prevailing wage, saying he could not live in the area if it were not for the higher wages he received. Another said, "If I didn't get the prevailing wage, I wouldn't be able to provide for my three daughters."

Mayor Inks had another perspective. "I think wage laws are very problematic because you artificially inflate pay scales at the expense of someone else." He went on to say: "It's a political decision about who is favored over another. People talk about exploitation — maybe there's a fine line between exploitation and choice — where are you willing to work?"

Kasperzak said he would expect residents to ask, "Why are my tax dollars going to ensure that some can work a project in Mountain View so they can live in Mountain View? Nobody is helping me live in Mountain View, other than the market."

In response to Kasperzak, member Abe-Koga said "You say we don't owe anybody the right to live here, but with affordable housing units, that is what we are doing. What's the difference between that and paying people who live here already?"

During the discussion, no specific pay scale was cited as the prevailing wage for carpenters, or other trades. And no one suggested a compromise that could resolve the conflict.

Admittedly, the prevailing wage is higher than that paid by non-union contractors. But the council members who are holding out for lower wages should remember that the city requires contractors on all other city projects to pay the prevailing wage. That is why it is so difficult to understand why the affordable housing project is different.

This is a situation with no middle ground, which makes the decision difficult for Clark. But we suggest he cast the final vote in favor of the prevailing wage. There are ample funds for this, accrued from development fees that the city collects in the process of approving all housing projects. In fact, City Council members have complained that it is difficult to spend this money. There is more than enough on hand for the city's affordable housing projects while paying a prevailing wage to those who build them. They, too, should be able to afford to live in Mountain View.

■ TOWN SQUARE

HERE'S WHAT THEY'RE SAYING ON TOWN SQUARE

COUNCIL WANTS SURVEY FOR BOND MEASURE

In a study session last week, City Council members supported a survey to determine voter support for a bond measure to fund several large facilities the city needs, including a new community center. Members supported adding a large new community park to the list of projects a property tax measure or sales tax increase could fund, which include a revamped community center at Rengstorff Park (\$14 million to \$17 million), a new police and fire administration building (\$35 million to \$65 million), a new emergency operations center (\$7 million to \$8 million), a new Rengstorff Park aquatics facility (\$8 million to \$12 million) and a new fire station at 301 North Rengstorff Ave. (\$11 million to \$12 million), replacing the city's oldest one.

Posted by C'mon, a resident of the Cuesta Park neighborhood

Why is there such a huge delta between the low and high estimates of the police/fire admin building? \$35 million to \$65 million! Can we at least get the delta to within \$5

million so we actually KNOW what we're voting for before you ask us our opinion on it? Take this building out of the bond, it's obviously not thought out enough to warrant serious consideration.

Posted by GDM, a resident of the Blossom Valley neighborhood

The current Police and Fire Admin Building is less than 30 years old. What's wrong with it?

Posted by Heal KNOW, a resident of the Old Mountain View neighborhood

Sure, we would love more park space, but then you would give it away for low-income or high-density housing. No need for new buildings of any kind.

Posted by Nancy Morimoto, a resident of the The Crossings neighborhood

The city should dialog with the Los Altos School District to see where they could creatively partner with their potential bond for a new school site, for things like shared park space and community center facilities in the San Antonio area.



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