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Technicians demonstrate the satellite-based airport traffic control simulator at NASA Ames on March 17. The project is meant to replace current, land-based radar technology.

Ames' flying robot and airline traffic projects in spotlight

NASA CHIEF'S VISIT TO MOUNTAIN VIEW DRAWS ATTENTION TO INNOVATIONS

By Daniel DeBolt

In a tour of NASA Ames on Monday, NASA chief Charles Bolden stopped to listen to engineers discuss several projects that apparently needed some attention:

a flying smart-phone based robot to do inspections on the International Space Station and NASA's work on a new satellite-based flight control system for U.S. airports, to replace World War II-era radar technology.

Bolden suggested that such a system would have kept Malaysia airlines flight 370 from disappearing over the Pacific Ocean on March 8.

"Everybody is wondering,

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Overdose sparks plans for forum on 'designer drugs'

By Nick Veronin

After the suspected overdose of a high school student, local education and law enforcement officials are planning a forum to tell the community about recent trends in recreational drug consumption.

At the event, tentatively planned for early April, police and drug experts will discuss DOC, the drug authorities

believe the Mountain View High School student ingested before he was found unresponsive on Stevens Creek Trail on March 11 and rushed to the hospital.

The student has fully recovered, a spokesman for the Mountain View Police Department said. However, things could have easily taken a grim turn, according to Barry Groves, superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District.

DOC and other so-called "designer drugs" have "very dangerous and potentially lethal effects," Groves said. Yet, many in the community are not aware or know very little about DOC and other similar substances. Groves said the forum will help the community better understand these drugs, which have risen in popularity in recent years.

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Council puts brakes on pod car plan

CITY NOT READY TO FUND UNPROVEN TECHNOLOGY

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View officials may like the pod car concept, but don't mistake them for angel investors. After several years of not getting off the ground on its own, the City Council decided not to help fund a pod car system that council members endorsed in 2010 as a potential cure for traffic congestion.

Council members at the March 18 meeting made strong comments against potentially allowing Mountain View's streets — in a route between the downtown train station and Google headquarters — to be a test site for SkyTran, the NASA Ames-based company developing a system to float automated pods on electro-magnetic overhead rails. It's a technology that has yet to be proven but whose advocates claim has the capacity of several freeway lanes and would cost much less than a light rail system.

"It's an R&D project," said council member Jac Siegel. "I've participated in too many (research and development) projects that went nowhere. I've been talking to them 3 to 4 years. They haven't sold a project and that makes me nervous. If it were viable, people would be beating their doors down."

Council member Ronit Bryant said she didn't want Mountain View to serve as a test case.

"We do not have any direction from our residents that pods hanging from the sky going to and from downtown is our solution to this (traffic) problem," said Bryant. "This is really premature. The proof of concept should happen at NASA Ames."

Self-described "pod car guy" and council member Mike Kasperzak was the last member still advocating for pod cars by the end of the meeting. He had

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MICHELLE LE

Robert Baertsch, vice president of software engineering for Unimodal, shows off a SkyTran pod prototype at NASA Ames Research Center in 2010.

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Interviews and photos by Katie Straub

What is your favorite outdoor activity in the spring?



"The Pinnacles (National Park) in the spring. It has beautiful wildflowers. Everything is green and new, although this year may be drier. You can hike up in the rocky areas and be above the hawks to see them flying around. It's a spectacular place."

Gina Earle, Los Altos



"The hiking trail, near South 85. I hike that every weekend."

Jorlen Li, Mountain View



"I play golf around the Bay Area. I go out as a single — I don't have a regular partner, so I go anywhere from Shoreline in Mountain View to some courses in San Jose."

Joel Zdepski, Mountain View



"The weather is so good that, as soon as you get up early in the morning, you have so much to do! We go for tennis every morning, and on the weekends we go out to the beaches."

Shivendra Singh, Sunnyvale



"We usually go to a park. Or ride bikes downtown to go check out some shops and hang out outside."

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CRIME BRIEFS

HOME SACKED, SET ABLAZE

Police are searching for a stolen vehicle linked to a fire in a home on the 1700 block of Fordham Way. The house was burglarized and a car was stolen from the garage before it was intentionally set on fire March 16, according to investigators.

Arson is suspected to be the cause of the of the two-alarm fire that broke out in the early morning hours last Sunday, according to investigators from Mountain View's police and fire departments.

The fire, which was reported at about 2:25 a.m., left a house seriously damaged and uninhabitable. It is believed to have started inside the residence, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the MVPD.

None of the occupants were home at the time of the fire and no one was hurt. The flames were extinguished by about 3:30 a.m. and no other homes were damaged by the blaze.

The person in possession of the stolen vehicle is wanted in connection with the arson and burglary of the residence, Jaeger said Monday afternoon in a press release.

Police are asking for the public's help in tracking down the stolen vehicle, a light blue 2003 Audi A4, license plate No. 5HJM491. "If you see this vehicle, call 9-1-1 immediately, or 650-903-6395 and refer to case number 14-1411." Anonymous tips may also be sent via text to 274637 — include 'mvtips' in the body of the message.

TWO HOMES ABLAZE ON WORTHAM COURT

A two-alarm fire broke out on Wortham Court in Mountain View on the afternoon of March 19.

At press time, the fire was burning two homes, according to Jaime Garrett, public information officer for the Mountain View Fire Department. All of the residents of both of the homes are accounted for and safe, Garrett said, and no one has been injured by the blaze.

As of 3:45 p.m., fire fighters were still trying to put out the flames and the roof over the garage of one home had collapsed. Fire officials said they have no idea what caused the fire at this time.

PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS ARREST

Police arrested a man on suspicion of being drunk in public in the parking lot behind a Castro Street bar, about an hour before last call for St. Patrick's Day libations.

The man had a bloody nose when officers came across him at about 12:30 a.m. on March 18, while investigating a report of a fight, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. The man told police he had been beaten up "by unknown subjects for unknown reasons," Jaeger said.

He was unsteady on his feet and showed other signs of intoxication, Jaeger said.

Jaeger said police attempted to find a friend of the man — someone who might be able to take care of him, because he was "unable to care for himself." They couldn't find anyone to help him, however.

The man, identified as 24-year-old East Palo Alto resident Elvin Posada, was booked into jail on a charge of public drunkenness.

Nick Veronin

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 300 block Sylvan Av., 3/12
 700 block View St., 3/16</p> <p>STOLEN VEHICLE
 1 block Starr Wy., 3/14
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 100 block W. Dana St., 3/14</p> |
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Ill Nhy Nguyen, an employment counselor at the North County Social Services building, talks to a client.

New home for North County Social Services in MV

WHEN OLD BUILDING SOLD, OFFICE NEARLY MOVED TO SAN JOSE

By Nick Veronin

The North County Social Services Agency is settling in nicely to its new digs, according to the organization's director.

However, the agency, which had to move from its former location at 100 Moffett Blvd., to its new offices at 1330 W. Middlefield Road near Shoreline

Boulevard, almost had to pack up everything and move back to the county seat in San Jose — which would have been a serious loss for the less-fortunate north county locals, according to Mountain View's representative on the county Board of Supervisors.

The county agency charged with helping low-income mid-Peninsula residents find work, feed themselves and their fami-

lies, and get access to financial assistance, fell on hard times toward the end of 2013.

In December, the North County Social Services Agency got word that it would have to find a new home. The agency's landlord, Prometheus Real Estate Group, planned to knock down the building that housed

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Prometheus can add up to 526 apartments

By Daniel DeBolt

On Tuesday, Prometheus Real Estate Group got the City Council's stamp of approval for 66 more apartments for its Manzanita complex on El Camino Real.

To be built at the corner of Mariposa Avenue and El Camino Real, the four-story building adds 66 units to the 162 unit complex recently approved for the former site of Western Appliance and Tropicana Lodge, which Prometheus is also building. All told, Prometheus is now set to build another 526 apartments in the city, including 184 units at 100 Moffett Boulevard and 134 units at 111 North Rengstorff — not including its proposal for 306 apartments at the former California Street Safeway site.

Demand is so high for housing in Mountain View that Prometheus' recently completed 203-unit complex at 455 West Evelyn Avenue has been advertising rents as high as \$8,000 a month for a two-bedroom unit.

At 1616 El Camino Real, the approved building tapers down to two stories at the rear, which turned out to be too high to comply with city policies because of the proximity of single-story rental homes. City Council members approved the project with an exception to the rule, voting 4-3. Members Jac Siegel, John McAlister and John Inks were opposed.

Inks opposed a requirement proposed at the end of the meeting by Mayor Chris Clark. Prometheus would need to contribute \$100,000 to the city for yet-to-be determined improvement to the neighborhood, which members approved in the 4-3 vote.

"That's not the way we do budgeting around here," Inks said. "If you are going to make it a \$100,000 (donation) why not make it a million? How do you arrive at that?"

Council member Mike Kasperzak complained that the requirement was being proposed at the last minute, but other members said it was the first time they'd seen the project and so it was fair game.

Council member Jac Siegel suggested that Prometheus give even more, saying his opposition was partly due to "the very meager public benefits that are being offered."

Several residents advocated for a pedestrian path through the project, connecting to the end of Chiquita Avenue, as well as a safe El Camino Real crossing in front of the project for kids in the area going to Graham Middle School and Los Altos High School.

But there was just one problem — a private driveway stood in the way of a convenient connection to Chiquita Avenue just north of the Prometheus site, belonging to

► See **PROMETHEUS**, page 10

Last-minute rush to enroll in health plans

AS AFFORDABLE CARE ACT DEADLINE APPROACHES, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SIGN UP

By Nick Veronin

As the March 31 deadline to sign up for a health insurance plan under the Affordable Care Act draws near, millions of Americans who had put off enrolling in a state or federal health care exchange have rushed to register.

By the end of February, Covered California, the state-run health care exchange, had registered 880,000 individual plans after four months of open enrollment, according to a press release from the exchange. That breaks down to about 220,000 for each

month the system has been up and running.

On March 14, it was announced that the state had broken the 1 million mark, and by the end of March 15 — just one day later — Covered California had logged 18,315 additional plans.

The last-minute dash to sign up for health care has put stress on the system, according to Larry Hicks, a spokesman from Covered California. Phone wait times are currently as long as 30 minutes, Hicks said, and during peak enrollment hours, CoveredCa.com can run sluggishly.

Wait times are expected to get

longer, Hicks said. "We do anticipate that here, in the final days, the volume will increase." Representatives say they are encouraging people to enroll as soon as possible and to consider the multitude of options available to sign up.

"There are many paths to the final destination of getting enrolled in health insurance," Hicks said.

In addition to CoveredCa.com, and the enrollment hotline — 800-300-1506 — people can also find local enrollment counselors and insurance agents that can help with the enrollment process. To find a person to help with the

process nearby, Hicks said, go to CoveredCa.com and click the "Find Local Help" button.

Mountain View residents can also get help by calling or visiting the North County Social Service Agency's office. Denise Boland, director of Santa Clara County's Department of Employment and Benefits Services, said her office can answer people's questions and help locals in the ACA — also known as Obamacare.

In fact, it may be quicker to sign up for a plan through the county. "It is sometimes faster to talk to your local county than to talk to Covered California," Boland said.

There are multiple methods for signing up through the county: in person (an option Covered California does not offer), over the phone, on the county's web portal or by filling out the

required forms and either mailing them in or turning them in at a county social services office.

The North County Social Services Agency office is located at 1330 W. Middlefield Road. It's open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The agency's phone number, which can be accessed during business hours, is 408-758-3800. The agency's website for signing up for health care is mybenefitscalwin.org.

Beyond the possibility that her agency might be quicker than Covered California, there are other reasons to consider enrolling in the new national insurance system at the county office, Boland said.

Boland said her staff is trained to determine whether individuals are qualified for other county

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Medical community rallies around injured Egyptian woman

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMPANY MAKES PROSTHETIC ARMS FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM

By Sue Dremann

When Gehane Guirguis set out for a short vacation on a bus from Cairo, Egypt, to the Red Sea in July 2012, she could not have foreseen how the trip would change her life in unthinkable ways.

Guirguis, now 37, was traveling with her mother, aunt and two young daughters when the bus driver briefly stopped in a wooded area. When he returned, fueled by drugs, he began speeding down the precarious roadway. Passengers were yelling for him to slow down, but he did not.

When the bus flipped, Guirguis was holding her 2 1/2-year-old daughter tightly. Moments later, her daughter was killed in the crash, and the arms that had tried to protect her were smashed beyond repair.

Guirguis had both amputated above the elbow, rendering her unable to care for herself in any way. With a major skull injury as well, she went into a coma.

But she survived.

Her husband, Essam, has been her constant companion and caregiver, closing his travel business to feed, bathe and dress his

wife and care for their 5 1/2-year-old child, Carole.

But from that tragic trip has come an unexpected journey. From the moment Guirguis was critically injured by the side of the road, she has seen the hand of God guiding her, she said. That divine hand led her to a Bay Area entrepreneur who would help her receive prosthetic arms.

Dozens of local medical professionals — at Stanford University Medical Center and in Palo Alto, Mountain View and surrounding communities — have donated their time and facilities at little or no cost to help Guirguis and her family. After three weeks in the U.S., she can play with her daughter again.

On Tuesday morning, occupational therapist Natalie de Leon hung nearly a dozen colorful plastic rings on pegs in a corner of the therapy room at Covenant Care's Palo Alto Sub-Acute and Rehabilitation Center on Bryant Street. Guirguis, sporting new mechanical arms, reached for the rings with the hooks that now serve as her hands. Using shoulder movements to extend the elbow joint of her new arms, which are moved with springs and pulleys, she hooked a red ring and



VERONICA WEBER

Carole Guirguis holds tightly to mother Gehane's new prosthetic arm as she sits with husband Essam at physical therapy in Palo Alto.

dropped it into a plastic basin.

Guirguis smiled with each successful effort, often laughing.

"I want to learn," she said.

A year and eight months after the accident, Guirguis is still being treated for a severe head injury and infection, despite skin grafts from her thigh. She wears a knit cap to cover the head wound where her hair is still missing and to keep the area clean as it heals. When she first arrived, her arms were like jelly, rehab specialists said. Now she can open doors and perform other daily living activities.

Sameh Michael, co-founder of a software startup, Mobilque, watched as Guirguis has learned to use her new arms. Her journey has been his too, with God's guidance, he said.

For him, it began with a phone call from his brother-in-law, a volunteer at St. Mary of Zeitoun hospital where Guirguis was treated in Egypt. He felt immediately moved to act, he said. He began raising money through the nonprofit St. Samuel the Confessor, a Coptic relief organization in Egypt, and he phoned all over the U.S. to find

a place to get her arms.

Few organizations work with bilateral amputees. People with bilateral amputations above the elbow comprise less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the amputee population, according to prosthetic professionals involved in the project.

Michael contacted the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, which could help, but the estimated cost was \$200,000. "Obviously, it was extremely out of reach," he said.

But looking closer to home, he found Norell Prosthetics Orthotics in Mountain View, where Charlie Kelly volunteered to help. He worked with Campbell-based company Hosmer, which manufactures prostheses. Hosmer supplied the prosthetic arms at low cost, he said.

Kelly and Guirguis worked from 5 p.m. until 1 a.m. to properly fit and work the arms, he said. When the family and Michael insisted on paying him, he made up a bill and instead wrote they should make the check payable to Carole's college fund, he said.

"My mom was a trauma nurse. I grew up in a trauma ward and in the emergency room. I've seen a lot of bad things happen to good people," he said.

Kelly said he will remember this project for the rest of his career and his life.

"She had nothing but gratitude. There was just a fire in her that you could see was driving her," he said.

Michael saw Guirguis for the first time through Skype during her interview with Kelly.

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The Mountain View City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adopting amendments to the City Code related to water conservation and declaration of a water shortage emergency condition.

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Dated this 21st day of March, 2014.

Lorrie Brewer, MMC
City Clerk

SUV hits trees, ties up traffic in early morning police chase

By Nick Veronin

A suspected drunk driver hit multiple parked cars, bounced off of two trees on Shoreline Boulevard, ran a red light and drove the wrong way in an effort to escape police on Wednesday morning. The suspect was finally caught while attempting to flee on foot after his car lost a tire and got stuck on a median near the intersection of North Shoreline Boulevard and Terra Bella Avenue on March 19, police said.

No one was injured in the chase, but the incident did add to rush-hour gridlock in the area Wednesday morning.

It all began around 7:30 a.m., according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger, public information officer for the Mountain View Police Department. An officer making a traffic stop first saw the driver making a U-turn from the southbound lanes of North

Shoreline Boulevard to the northbound lanes at the intersection of Montecito Avenue.

According to Jaeger, the driver took the turn too fast and ended up going off the road, over the sidewalk and onto a patch of grass and dirt. The driver accelerated, passed back over the sidewalk, crossed over the two lanes and hit a tree on the median.

At this point, Jaeger said, the driver of the car backed up the vehicle — a dark gray Ford Explorer — made eye contact with the witnessing officer and then drove north on North Shoreline Boulevard.

The officer pursued the driver at relatively low speed, Jaeger said — observing as the suspect pulled into oncoming traffic near North Shoreline Boulevard and West Middlefield Road, in order to drive around other vehicles in his way. While on the wrong side of the road, the man ran a red light at the

intersection of North Shoreline and West Middlefield.

At the next intersection — Terra Bella Avenue and North Shoreline Boulevard — the man ran the car up on the median, where it became stuck, Jaeger said. He tried to flee on foot, but didn't make it far before he tripped and fell on the sidewalk. That's where the officer arrested him.

Police identified the driver as 30-year-old Jesus Haro of Mountain View. He was taken into custody on suspicion of DUI, Jaeger said, noting that more charges will likely follow.

Upon further investigation, Jaeger said, police believe Haro may have hit multiple parked cars in the parking lot of the Safeway located at 570 N. Shoreline Blvd. prior to making the wild U-turn that initiated the chase.

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Zimbabwe fair, race seeks to inspire

By Katie Straub

This weekend brings together fitness and philanthropy at the Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair, set for Sunday Mar. 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's school. The run, now in its 15th year, is a charity event put on by the Mountain View-based Sustainable Living Foundation to directly benefit the Makumbi Children's Home in Zimbabwe.

Promoted by the foundation as "cross-country with a cause," the run will feature competitive races for runners of ages, ranging from a 220-yard race for preschoolers to a mile-long race for adults.

"It doesn't matter if you're an elite runner, or a novice runner, or somewhere in the middle," said foundation president Ellen Clark. "Everybody gets a time and a place. Everybody gets a ribbon, the top three get trophies, and there are posted results."

Around 350 runners are expected to participate in this year's run, according to Clark.

The races will be surrounded by a lively African-inspired fair, which will include performances from Zimbabwean musical groups, a display of local children's African-style artwork, and an array of "cultural booths."

"These are to show off the culture of Zimbabwe," Clark

said of the cultural booths. The booths will offer games and activities to teach children and adults alike about the geography, culture, and art of Zimbabwe, she said.

All funds raised go directly to the orphanage and are used to underwrite a specific capital project each year, according to Clark.

Past years' projects have provided a roof for the orphanage, plumbing and livestock. This year's goal is to build a cottage for girls in Makumbi Children's Home who have "aged-out" of the orphanage.

"These are girls who are in the orphanage from infancy to age 18, and unfortunately, they have to leave," said Clark. "We are building a little cottage for eight of them, and the orphanage will attempt to help find employment for them."

Unemployment rates are currently over 90 percent in the poverty-ridden country, making additional support and resources for Makumbi orphans attempting to build lives for themselves especially important, said Clark.

To make this year's project a reality, the foundation hopes to match or raise last year's donation of \$34,000, she said.

The event is designed to be low-cost: participating runners pay \$5, and the fair is free. The majority of the money raised is

collected through donations, she said. For those who cannot make a monetary contribution, there is also a shoe drive for the orphanage.

According to Clark, this design allows children and families of all income-levels to participate.

"Our thought is, we need to be especially welcoming to low-income kids here in the Bay Area. Why have an event for poor children in Africa, if we are not equally welcoming to kids of all economic levels here?" Clark said.

This notion is reflected in the Sustainable Living Foundation's "dual mission" for its Zimbabwe project, which is to benefit orphans in Africa while inspiring all kids here in the Bay Area to "be fit, create art, and help others."

"The temptation is to think of it as a successful event only if you raise 'X' amount of money," Clark said. "I think if people can come to this event and learn to create art, be fit, and help others, it's already a success."

St. Joseph's school is located at 1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Race registration and information on the Zimbabwe run and the Sustainable Living Foundation is at zimbabweparaguay.net or by contacting Ellen Clark by email at zpclarks@sbcglobal.net.

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the agency and replace it with a 184-unit luxury apartment complex of one- and two-bedroom units that could be rented for as much as \$8,000 a month if rents at the developer's Madera complex are any indication.

"These things happen in real estate," said Bruce Wagstaff, director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, which runs offices in Mountain View, San Jose and Gilroy.

It was a particularly challenging time to cut loose from a lease — even for an organization backed by the county. Wagstaff said "it wasn't easy" to find a location in the Mountain View. "It's a competitive environment."

At the time, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian said he was concerned that the agency would have to relocate to San Jose — effectively leaving the northern portion of the county without access to a local social services office. There was a precedent for it, after all. The same thing almost happened in the late 1990s, during his first tenure as supervisor of the fifth district, which includes Mountain View and Palo Alto, and runs all the way down to Saratoga.



Eric O'Dell, an employment counselor at the county's Employment Connection Center in Mountain View, helps a client on Tuesday, March 18.

Both times Simitian advocated to keep a location in Mountain View. "The folks in Mountain View and the greater north county area need this help," Simitian told the *Voice*.

"People think that because it's a prosperous area, there is no need for social services," he said. In fact, the opposite is true in his view. The cost of real estate, food and transportation is high in Silicon Valley. "All of those things combine to make it very tough on people of modest means in north county."

If the agency pulled out of Mountain View, that would have meant locals in need of its services would have to get down to San Jose — a difficult task for

those who don't have a car.

Simitian said he is happy that the agency was able to stay in Mountain View. The new building on West Middlefield Road has more space and is easily accessible to public transit. "A lot of folks need help, and I'm glad the help is where it's needed right there in the heart of (Mountain View)," he said.

Keeping the agency in Mountain View means that a more diverse population can continue to carve out a life in the heart of Silicon Valley. To Simitian, "diversity" doesn't just mean a variety of different races and ethnic backgrounds. "When we talk about a diverse community, we ought to be talking about economic diversity, (too)," he said. ■

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“What if?” Bolden said. “What if?” won’t help Malaysia airlines but we may not have another case like this. Satellites, without a doubt, will help. The system we have now is ground-based. There are no ground-based systems over the ocean.”

Engineers said that the new system could save airlines at 35 major airports \$100 million to \$200 million in fuel costs because the more efficient computer-based system would mean airplanes would not have to push back from the terminal and wait for takeoff with engines idling.

“It really is an unprecedented contribution of NASA technology,” said John Robinson, lead engineer for the project, known as ATD-1. He asked Bolden to spread awareness about the work with the Federal Aviation Administration.

Robinson said that when he tells people he works for NASA in aeronautics, no one knows NASA does aeronautics. That sentiment wasn’t lost on Bolden, who remarked, “The big A in NASA is for aeronautics, not administration.”

Flying robots to aid astronauts

Bolden made a stop in the Ames Intelligent Robotics department



Charles Bolden, the NASA administrator, tours NASA Ames accompanied by the media on March 17.

to check in on the “Spheres” program, which is developing a free-flying robot to be used to monitor, and maybe even someday repair, spacecraft. It’s one of many projects at NASA that are making use of smart phones, such as the PhoneSat program which turns them into

satellites. It has many elements needed for a free-flying robot, including its camera.

“The smart phone is a really powerful platform — just add propulsion to it and you’re good,” said one NASA researcher before Bolden arrived. “You’d be hard-pressed to find a flight processor that actually has the power of this cell phone,” said another NASA engineer.

“Spheres is just a testbed to help us figure out what do we need to do to build a robot that can fly anywhere in the space station,” said lead engineer Chris Provencher.

A prototype was shown floating over a large precision granite table, pushing itself around with computer controlled air jets on its spherical body.

Provencher told Bolden that the prototype uses a typical Android phone and operating system (Apple was said to be uninterested in helping NASA) with the SIM card removed for ‘ultimate airplane mode’ to prevent electronic interference. Other modifications include a coating over its glass to prevent shattering and alkaline batteries that won’t catch fire on the space station.

“If there is a radiator leak or some type of damage you want to inspect you could have a free-flyer go out and inspect it,” Provencher said. Or even further into the future: “Have a robot doing the repairs for you.”

Google and Moffett

In a press conference, Bolden



Zachary Moratto, software lead research engineer at NASA Ames, demonstrates how a smart phone can be used to operate a free-flying satellite.

was asked how NASA benefits from its partnerships with Google at Ames.

“I think the city of Mountain View, hopefully, and the surrounding communities are going to be really happy,” he said about the pending lease with a Google subsidiary for Moffett Field’s airfield and hangars, including restoring Hangar One. “We’re not giving over the federal land, but what people here will find, I hope, is they won’t know the handover has been made because the operations that currently go on here at Moffett Field will continue. I’m sure there are

great advantages for the Google family, which the company that won is a member of.”

When asked by the *Voice* how NASA itself would benefit from the sort of research Google plans to do in hangars on the airfield, he rebuffed the question: “You would have to address that with Google.” Bolden mentioned that he hoped that NASA funding that had been used to operate the airfield — estimated at \$7 million a year for Ames — could go toward other Ames projects.

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COMMUNITY BRIEF

CIVILITY ROUNDTABLE ON TRAFFIC, PARKING

In public city planning meetings, there are few issues as consistently contentious as traffic and parking, which will be the subject of the city’s next Civility Roundtable.

The motto the “Civility Roundtable” — a series of public roundtable discussions amongst key community members — has been, “We can disagree, but we don’t need to be disagreeable,” says series organizer and council candidate Ken Rosenberg. It aims to be a demonstration of civil discourse rather than a lecture.

While the city’s development patterns can be blamed for much of the city’s traffic, the discussion isn’t going to focus much on that, said city commissioner Lucas Ramirez, who is organizing the event. It is billed as a discussion of “the challenges residents face as the city implements its recently adopted General Plan, including bike/ped safety, parking availability, and transit accessibility.”

Sitting around the table for this event will be Google’s transportation manager Kevin Mathy, Jackson Park neighborhood advocate Karen Demello, Mountain View bike and pedestrian commissioner Josette Langevine, Friends of Caltrain founder Adina Levin, former Mountain View mayor Tom Means and former Santa Clara county supervisor Rod Diridon Sr.

Chris Block of the American Leadership forum of Silicon Valley will moderate.

A roundtable on development and housing will be the topic of another roundtable in October or November, Ramirez said.

The public is welcome to attend the event and will be invited to discuss the issue in break-out groups. It is set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, in the Mountain View Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue.

Daniel DeBolt



COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

This rendering shows a west-facing view of the apartment complex and its small public plaza at the corner of El Camino Real and Mariposa Avenue.

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a homeowners association.

"I'm president of the HOA that people keep referring to," said Lorie Gibson. "(People) want us to give them access through our land — it's not going to happen. I'm sorry people have children, I'm sorry they have to get to school, but it's not our problem. It's our land — it's not public land."

McAlister raised the issue of the project's rear heights not conforming to city policies, which alarmed neighboring property owner Jack Holman, who rents the adjacent homes to four households.

"I question where the exception was required because it's

never been discussed, it's never come up in (planning commission meetings). I'm not aware of an exception," Holman said.

The project includes a small public plaza at the corner of El Camino Real and Mariposa Avenue with tables and chairs.

"If Prometheus thinks it's attractive and Prometheus wants to do it for its residents, that's fine with me," Bryant said of the plaza.

Prometheus will have to pay fines for removing two large trees from the site without permission. The trees were removed to build a two-level underground parking garage with 86 spaces.

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A view of the apartment project looking north from El Camino Real.

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services, such as the Medi-Cal program, CalFresh (food stamps), and CalWORKs, a state-run welfare program.

Plenty of locals already know they can turn to Boland's agency for help. Since the first day of the year, Boland said, her "offices have seen an incredible surge in people coming in."

Many people have been asking officials at El Camino Hospital for help, as well, according to Brenda Taussig, government and community relations manager for the hospital.

In an effort to educate the community, El Camino held an event in February focused on the Affordable Care Act and Covered California, Taussig said. "We are also actively assisting uninsured patients, such as those who come in for emergency care, to get coverage," Taussig said.

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called on the council to approve \$75,000 from the city's Shoreline Fund to go towards a U.S. Department of Transportation-led development program for the technology. Kasperzak said DOT officials wanted to see that businesses and cities were interested in the concept.

"There's a feeling the city manager needs to be there to negotiate with the secretary (of transportation), understanding

that they're going to be asking for something" in terms of funding, Kasperzak said. "All you got to do is look at DARPA and others like that to see the government does do R&D."

Kasperzak said SkyTran would not be the only company involved in the program but council members zeroed in on it, as the company has made big claims.

"I am not interested in committing myself to technology that isn't there and has a carrying capacity that I find hard to believe," Bryant said.

Other pod car companies (also

known as automated transit networks and personal rapid transit) exist and have technology that is proven, such as ULTra, with a system that has been operating at Heathrow Airport since 2009. But the carrying capacity appears to be much less than what SkyTran promises.

Bryant said she went online to find concrete examples of such systems and found a report written by the city of San Jose for a system serving San Jose Airport and Diridon Caltrain station. "They thought the carrying capacity wasn't there to do just

that, and that was in 2012," Bryant said.

"If we send our city manager to Washington D.C. it looks like we've bought into it," Bryant said. In effect, the city would be saying, "Yes, we will be the test case. I am not interested in being the test case."

In 2010 it was estimated by city officials that an 8.5-mile-long pod car system connecting downtown to Google and Moffett Field with 24 stations would cost between \$60 million and \$130 million.

Several council members said

they would be for such a system if several major Mountain View companies were interested in it.

Vice Mayor John McAlister said he had been told, "This is not the type of venture people put money into." He suggested it would be an ideal task for the city's Transportation Management Association — a newly created group of major Mountain View companies that includes Google — dedicated to managing traffic congestion and sharing employee shuttle services. "That would be an excellent group of people to put into it," McAlister said.

No companies have come forward to offer support for pod cars since 2010, not even Google, whose founder Larry Page said in 2009 that he once wanted to build such a system for the University of Michigan.

"I'm not willing to support something that doesn't have support from corporations out there," said Mayor Chris Clark.

A Google representative suggested Tuesday night that the city partner with Google to study a range of alternatives for reducing North Bayshore traffic "to get people biking, carpooling and using transit today."

Google has touted its self-driving car technology as a way to solve traffic problems.

Council members have already taken a position that Google must come up with ways to sharply decrease the percentage of its employees who drive to work if it is to be allowed to develop new office buildings in North Bayshore. Council members are considering zoning to allow 3.4 million square feet of additional office space north of Highway 101 — space that would accommodate 15,000 to 20,000 new employees who would have to commute, as no significant housing development is planned within walking distance.

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Recalling that moment brings him to tears.

“I asked her what she would like to be able to do, and she said she wanted to comb her daughter’s hair again,” he said.

Michaïel called Deirdre Ruvolo-Walker, housing coordinator at Stanford Medical Center Social Work & Case Management, to find affordable accommodations for Guirguis and her family. Through the Assistance League of Los Altos, she arranged a \$35-a-night stay in an apartment the organization owns across from the hospital, she said. Barbara Ralston, the vice president of International Medicine at Stanford, assigned an Arabic-speaking representative, and the primary-care clinic got the Santa Clara Valley Medical Burn Center to treat her head injuries, Ruvolo-Walker said.

“When I met her, I was just blown away. ... I expected to meet a very sick, depressed person. This beautiful spirit came out of

her, and you could see it come out of her eyes.

“This whole community came together on this. It was a remarkable communal effort that demonstrates what I like to think of in life: that people are basically good,” she said.

Ruvolo-Walker called Heidi Stone, area director of sales and marketing for Covenant Care.

“Heidi helps us a lot. We call her when we have very sensitive issues and difficult cases,” she said. The company’s board immediately offered Guirguis all care and treatment free of charge, she said.

Guirguis can soon leave with her family for home, perhaps in a few weeks, said Jonathan Fusilero, facility rehab coordinator. She can read a newspaper and use the computer to look at her Facebook page — something that has given her great pleasure, she said. She is thankful for all that Americans have done for her, and faith that has made it all possible, she said.

“This looks as if this is an extremely difficult life experience. Since the very, very beginning, we have felt God’s presence.



Gehane Guirguis works with occupational therapist Natalie de Leon on exercises using her arm prostheses at the Palo Alto SubAcute and Rehabilitation Center on March 13.

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It doesn’t feel as difficult because this is the act of God, and we are handling it with peace and resilience,” she said.

Carole sat beside her mother and pressed inward, holding the

hook that is now her mother’s hand. Guirguis reflected on what the new arms have given her family after so much loss.

“One of the first things I wanted to do is to hug my

daughter and comfort her, and now I can hug her. And I am looking forward to comforting her,” she said.

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DOC

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DOC (2,5-Dimethoxy-4-chloroamphetamine) “is a highly potent psychoactive substance,” according to Dr. Mark Stanford, director of the Addiction Medicine and Therapy Division of the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System.

Stanford told the *Voice* that

DOC is a type of amphetamine with hallucinogenic and psychedelic properties. Unlike simpler amphetamines, which act mostly as a stimulant, DOC can cause users to have “open- and closed-eye visuals, increased awareness of sound and movement, and euphoria.” Users have also reported many negative effects, such as nausea and chest pains. Its effects can last anywhere from 12 to 24 hours, he said.

DOC is called a “designer drug” because it was developed, or designed, to mimic the effects of other, better-known drugs, Stanford said. One of the best-known designer drugs is MDMA — a modification of methamphetamine — which is commonly referred to as ecstasy or Molly.

Because it is relatively uncommon, not much is known about serious health risks associated

with DOC. Stanford said he knew of one case in which a person died due to respiratory depression after taking the drug. However, he noted, it is unclear whether that individual’s death was due solely to DOC, as there may have been other substances in the person’s system that interacted negatively with the drug.

Officials from the police department are convinced the drug is very dangerous.

“It has very long-lasting effects and is extremely dangerous,” a police department press release warned. “Signs and symptoms vary depending on the individual, however, if you suspect they have ingested DOC immediately call 9-1-1.”

The police department and the school district will publicize the community forum once a firm date has been established, Groves said. ▀

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EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Time to address jobs-housing imbalance

Mountain View is in the midst of a tremendous growth spurt that in the next 15 years is likely to bring thousands of new employees to town unless the City Council decides to rein in what seems like an out-of-control phenomenon.

One need only look around the city's main thoroughfares or visit the city planning department to see that housing and office construction projects are moving full speed ahead at many locations. The San Antonio Center's developer is planning to build more than 400,000 square feet of office space plus a hotel and movie theater near the corner of San Antonio Road and California Street. More retail space is planned as well.

And at Castro Street and El Camino Real, a 134-unit housing complex is scheduled to replace local shops like the Rose Market, although in some cases the developer will reserve space for those displaced to return. There are other large projects on El Camino and elsewhere in the city, but all of these developments will be dwarfed by construction of massive office buildings in the North Bayshore commercial area if the City Council authorizes construction of 3.4 million square feet of office space over the next 15 years. If permitted, it would mean another 15,000 or more jobs would be added in North Bayshore alone, on top of the 66,768 jobs citywide that were here in 2011, the last year for which records are available.

All of these jobs might be acceptable if a commensurate amount of housing was built to house at least some of the new workers. But at this time, there is very little new housing on the horizon, and certainly not affordable housing, a sorely needed commodity when so many long-time residents who rent are being priced out of their homes.

In last week's *Voice*, reporter Daniel DeBolt asked council members how they are thinking about adding so many new jobs in the North Bayshore. Only Jac Siegel argued that the council should have discussed the strain new office space is putting on the city's housing supply and rapidly escalating rents.

"The fact is that in North Bayshore we are proposing 3.4 million square feet of office in the same city where working people are being displaced in large numbers, rapidly," Siegel told his colleagues. "I'd like some discussion with council about what this is doing to the housing market in our city."

But while some council members last week shared Siegel's concern, Margaret Abe-Koga appeared to be in a bind, saying she hears the community say that job growth is good, but the public does not "... want us to be higher density (housing)," she said. "I am trying to understand better what the people really want," she said.

Part of the housing bind was created when Siegel, Abe-Koga and

council members Ronit Bryant and Laura Macias voted in 2012 to block any residential housing development in North Bayshore. Bryant made the controversial comment comparing the proposed North Bayshore housing to Chinese factory dorms where workers "do not live happily ever after." Bryant has explained her opposition to the fact that the proposed 1,100 units in North Bayshore would have fallen short of the housing needed to support a community. She said that, "It is generally accepted that a neighborhood must have about 5,000 people to make a local grocery store viable. The limited number of units proposed would not create a neighborhood capable of supporting retail, a grocery store, a school, the kind of services that our residents expect," she said.

Also playing into the defeat of North Bayshore housing was the council majority's fear that the few remaining endangered burrowing owls would be threatened by a residential community there, as would a substantial colony of egrets.

But at this critical time, we believe the first priority is to slow or halt, at least for a year or two, the amount of office space that can be added in North Bayshore. Mountain View is choking with commercial growth that is playing havoc with the price of rental and single family housing, and is causing near gridlock on local streets. If the council can throttle back office development in North Bayshore, then time can be devoted to a good discussion about once again considering a number of housing projects there, as proposed by Lenny Siegel (no relation to Jac Siegel).

The council's reluctance to build housing near the jobs in North Bayshore resulted in the three of the same council members plus John McAlister voting against permitting an environmental study of a proposed bridge across Stevens Creek for Google shuttle buses and pedestrians and bicyclists. The road would provide access to a 1 million-square-foot Google office building on Moffett Field, and provide another access point to North Bayshore.

It is time for the council to be much more proactive as it considers approval of 3.4 million square feet of office space in the Baylands. How will the additional employees get to and from work? How will the thousands of new employees affect the residential housing market? If the office space is delayed, what can the city do to increase transit options for workers who need to get to the North Bayshore? Would pod cars or another "out of the box" mass transit mode help solve the problem?

It will be truly disappointing if the council fails to understand the consequences of adding 15,000 or more jobs here in the next 15 years, without making extensive plans to counter the impact on the city's residents. We urge council members to reconsider their decision on housing for North Bayshore, and postpone any decision on authorizing 3.4 million square feet of office space for at least a year or two.

LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

STOP THE LIGHT TRAP AT CASTRO, MOFFETT

If any of you have driven through the intersection of Castro Street and Central Expressway lately, you may have noticed some significant changes to the traffic lights and signal order.

These "improvements" have eased the flow of traffic from Moffett Boulevard into downtown but have inadvertently created gridlock leaving downtown. Worse yet, the Mountain View police have exploited a major change in the signal order to cite motorists for running a red light that had been a flashing red light for the last several decades. What we have here is poor traffic plan-

ning and opportunistic revenue generation, both of which should be corrected posthaste.

In the current configuration, traffic from Castro to Moffett piles up in the far right lanes. Those turning right onto Central Expressway are unable to do so because of the new solid red at the tracks and those waiting to go straight. When the light does turn green, all of the right-lane traffic is held up by pedestrians in the crosswalk. This jam also affects VTA, which often is unable to approach the bus stop at the tracks. All the while, the two left dedicated turn lanes sit nearly empty, as not many people

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MVELLER

City should plan to redress the jobs-housing imbalance

By Lenny Siegel

Mountain View, along with other industrial suburbs on the Peninsula, has suffered from a jobs-housing imbalance for decades, and if our City Council moves ahead with its tentative plan for North Bayshore, that imbalance will be aggravated. The city is planning for the construction of high-tech office space designed to house more than 15,000 workers, with no housing allowed on that side of the freeway.

What is the jobs-housing imbalance? Simply, it describes a situation in which many more people work in Mountain View than there are employees who live in Mountain View. Here are the numbers for 2011 (the last year for which data is available), and the imbalance has visibly worsened since then.

What's wrong with the jobs-housing imbalance? It drives up the cost of housing and threatens the economic, social, and cultural diversity of our community. It

makes traffic more congested. It creates longer and longer commutes, wasting energy and generating vast quantities of greenhouse gases. And in the long run, it even undermines the vitality of the Silicon Valley economy.

Instead of promoting uncontrolled high-tech employment growth, Mountain View can plan North Bayshore to create a desirable new, medium-density residential neighborhood in one of the world's most dynamic centers of employment.

I am not suggesting that everyone who works in Mountain View should live in Mountain View. Currently under 8 percent do. As many Mountain View workers live in Sunnyvale, and nearly three times that live in San Jose. Besides, city boundaries are an imperfect measure of proximity. Many homes in Palo Alto and Sunnyvale are closer to Mountain View's high-tech complexes than homes in southern Mountain View.

People make housing and job

■ 2011 JOBS-HOUSING STATISTICS

Population	74,618
Jobs	66,768
Housing Units	33,945
Employed Residents.....	39,500
Jobs/Housing.....	1.97
Jobs/Employed Residents.....	1.69
Jobs minus Housing	32,823
Jobs minus Employed Residents	27,268

choices based upon many factors, and those factors change over time. The primary goal of providing housing near employment is to give people the opportunity to live close to work, reducing their commute times and to allow parents to be closer to their schoolchildren should emergencies arise. Even if people other than local employees live in workplace-centered housing, the new land-use pattern can open up reverse-commute capacity in roadways and create a critical mass of travelers to make better public transit cost-effective.

Earlier this month the Cam-

paign for a Balanced Mountain View was formed to promote the following principles for North Bayshore development. We propose:

■ Enough residential units to accommodate new employees and create an opportunity for a better balance of jobs and housing in the area.

■ A mid-rise, medium-density, compact community with a good balance of jobs, housing, and local services, including cafes, shops, and educational facilities, as well as at least one supermarket, to serve local needs.

■ A mix of housing that serves

diverse income levels and family sizes.

■ A vibrant neighborhood that stays alive when major employers close for the day or the week.

■ Comfortable, convenient personal mobility within North Bayshore, including walking, biking and public transportation.

■ Permanent connections from North Bayshore to the regional transit system via the downtown Caltrain station and the VTA light rail system.

Mountain View needs to reform more than its North Bayshore plan, and Mountain View cannot do it alone. But in the absence of concerted action by local residents and employees outraged by our deteriorating quality of life, things will only get worse.

Lenny Siegel is the executive director of the Mountain View-based Center for Public Environmental Oversight (cpeo.org).

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turn left onto the expressway.

My suggestion: Dedicate the far left lane to left turns onto Central. Dedicate the center two lanes for straight traffic only. Dedicate the far right lane for right turns onto Central and for the bus stop. Most importantly, return to the flashing red signal at the tracks. This will allow right turning cars to clear the intersection when safe onto Central and not be hindered by pedestrians. This will allow the orderly stacking of cars going straight in the center lanes and allow up to eight vehicles to safely stage themselves past the tracks as they have done for decades. The end result is more vehicles clearing from downtown when a train comes and more orderly and efficient usage of space by those waiting for a green signal.

Once this trick signal is corrected, it will also reduce the undue financial burden being placed on motorists that frankly don't even realize they are making a mistake.

I hope there are others as frustrated by this intersection as I am. Please pass my idea and your own comments on to our city council members and let's see if we can fix this.

*Greg David
Fairmont Avenue*

ARTS SUPPORT CAN HELP STEM STUDENTS

I am an engineer, a strong supporter of STEM education and have volunteered in our schools in support of STEM. However, I must respectfully disagree with Steven Nelson's position that funding for performing arts undercuts STEM and students pursuing STEM careers.

Participation in group performances such as band or drama teaches students to work together as a team. Being able to work in a team is an extremely important skill for engineers and scientists. Participation in performing arts develops a student's ability to be comfortable in front of a crowd. This helps students pursuing STEM careers because they will need to effectively present their work to their peers, management and at conferences.

My older son's high school writing teacher recommended a drama class as a good way to develop the ability to take on different roles from one's natural personality.

There is also plenty of opportunity for the application of technology in performing arts such as taking and producing videos of performances and working with mixing and sound equipment. With the importance of video as a communication tool for everything from technology tutorials to marketing, it would

seem that such experience would also be beneficial for future engineers.

For the above reasons and more, I feel my sons' participation in music and drama pro-

grams at Mountain View middle and high schools has been of great benefit to them as they both pursue technical careers. I therefore support funding for performing arts facilities in our

schools because it will benefit future engineers as well as those pursuing arts careers.

*Yvonne Wilson
San Pierre Way*

■ GUEST OPINION

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

Why we need taller buildings

By Ania Mitros

The City Council's decisions on development baffle me. I see rents and house values skyrocketing, with longtime residents complaining that Googlers are pricing them out of the city, and even some of my Google friends choosing to live elsewhere due to house prices.

Yet the City Council blocks the sort of high-density development that would bring the housing supply and demand into balance. Google is a fantastic employer, providing good wages and benefits to its employees. In spite of complaints that Googlers don't eat out at lunch, they do buy groceries, pay rent, go out for dinners and drinks, and support families who don't eat every lunch at Google.

Surely Google adds to the local economy. Assuming we don't want to exile Google from Mountain View, the City Council should embrace the economic boom in North Bayshore. City policies should aim to improve traffic near Highway 101, retain a green, tree-filled ambiance and improve walkability.

To reduce traffic near Hwy. 101 at Google rush hour, the simplest solution would be to encourage more Googlers to live within walking or biking distance of Google. That means permitting at least as much residential development north of 101 as commercial development. A lot of Googlers would love to live closer to work and not use cars for their commute, but that is simply not an

option today. We just don't have the land to house everyone who may like to live in North Bayshore in the sort of two-story houses that the city likes to permit. Plus, that would require paving over a lot of the trees and green spaces that make the area pleasant. Simple math suggests that to retain green spaces while increasing housing you have to build up.

I'd much prefer a multi-story residential building next to a park over a dense highly-paved development of two-story condos. Yet, Mountain View seems staunchly opposed to building higher.

Higher density housing is also the key to walkability. For a restaurant to subsist on clientele who mostly walk in, the nearby housing density needs to be high. And again, high housing density without losing all our lovely trees means building up rather than filling in the city's green spaces with low buildings.

The city seems to be struggling to define what it wants to be and how to gracefully accept and integrate the economic boom within its limits, and the people most hurt by this identity crisis are those least able to pay for an individual fix. As long as the city continues to oppose vertical development in proximity to employers in North Bayshore and restaurant clusters like Castro Street, the city will continue to escalate housing prices, squeeze out its least-wealthy residents, limit walkability and retain traffic congestion.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

UNEXPECTEDLY
GOOD FOOD AND
ATTENTION
TO DETAILS AT
PAUL MARTIN'S
AMERICAN GRILL

BY DALE F. BENTSON
PHOTOS BY MICHELLE LE

Paul Martin's American Grill has pedigree along with serious money and know-how behind it. Co-founder Paul Fleming was also a founding partner of the Fleming's steakhouse chain, P.F. Chang's (which was sold in 2012 for \$1.1 billion), Ruth's Chris Steakhouses and others. Fleming's partner in this venture is Brian Bennett, another skilled restaurateur.

Fleming is regarded as one of the brightest restaurant concept developers in America and has won the Nation's Restaurant Group "Hot Concept" Award three times. While his creations have been financial winners, none of them appeal to the foodie in me.

I had my fingers crossed, hoping Paul Martin's in Mountain View wasn't another P.F. Chang's, wasn't another Fleming's and wasn't another glitzy oversized eat house. I wasn't disappointed.

The food was uniformly flavorful, the portions generous, the service excellent. The prices were not outlandish and the decor was smart and contemporary without being ostentatious. At capacity, the restaurant seats 170 and another 50 on the patio. Big, but not cavernous, and presentation details were noteworthy at every level.

Opened early December in the reconstituted San Antonio Shopping Center, there are a half-dozen other Paul Martin's around the state and one in Arizona. The place was jammed on the three weekday evenings I visited. Fortunately, I had reservations and I highly recommend you do the same.

The interior decor was warmed with woods and a polished floor. There were both booths and tables and the space was broken into two dining areas. There were a dozen

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Salt-and-pepper wild prawns are served with pesto aioli at Paul Martin's American Grill at the San Antonio shopping center in Mountain View.



The restaurant is divided into two dining areas and a bar that seats 20.

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stools at the bar and community seating for another twenty adjacent. Wood blinds dimmed the busy outside world.

Paul Martin's seemed to have a menu to fit every possibility — lunch, dinner, dessert, wine, cocktails, beer, bar food, prime rib Sundays, wine night Mondays, fried chicken Tuesdays, and soon, Sunday brunch. Yet none of the menus were overly lengthy, which allowed the kitchen to focus on about 30 items plus a few sides and desserts.

There were soups and salads, of which the baby kale caesar salad (\$8) with house-made croutons, Parmesan cheese, white anchovies and house-made dressing was fashionably good.

Many of the appetizers were meant to be shared. Spinach dip (\$14), for instance, was a hot oval baking dish filled with Bloomsdale spinach, aged white cheddar cheese, and sun-dried tomatoes. A stack of toasted, buttered French bread accompanied it. It was hot and gooey with enough for two to four people to share.

The jumbo wild shrimp cocktail (\$19) had five of the meatiest prawns I'd ever seen, served on an oversized tray of ice with a properly piquant and tomato-y

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Marinated skirt steak comes with maple-bourbon sweet potatoes and arugula.



The double-cut pork chop has a hoisin sauce glaze and comes with sauteed Brussels sprouts in a warm bacon vinaigrette.

cocktail sauce topped with fresh grated horseradish.

The crisp Town Dock calamari (\$13) had been buttermilk battered and served with chili aioli and house cocktail sauces. The salt-and-pepper wild prawns (\$17), served on a plank, were also buttermilk battered and served with pesto aioli. Both dishes fired the appetite.

My favorite starter was the mesquite-grilled Castroville artichoke (\$12), with pesto aioli. The tender 'choke was buttery and lemony with smoky flavors.

The mouthwatering salmon tacos (\$17), also from the mesquite grill, featured handmade

flour tortillas, a squiggle of chili aioli, blistered tomatoes, arugula and pickled onion.

Tender marinated skirt steak (\$24) with roasted maple-bourbon sweet potatoes, and a pile of arugula was cooked exactly as ordered though it was hard to detect any maple-bourbon on the potatoes. The meat was fork-tender.

The hoisin-marinated double-cut pork chop (\$26) came with sautéed Brussels sprouts dressed with a warm bacon vinaigrette. Honeyed scents of the hoisin sauce wafted upward, leaving pleasant memories both pungent and slightly sweet.

Grilled salmon (\$23) with

Meyer lemon vinaigrette, chilled quinoa and bulgur wheat salad was healthy and hearty. The free-range brick chicken (\$21), a half of a flattened chicken, would have been healthy without the mountain of mashed potatoes and herb jus that accompanied — not that anyone forced me to eat it.

Desserts were not for dieters. The banana cream pie had layers of vanilla bean pastry cream, chocolate, bananas and whipped cream. Don't even think about the calories. Oh, but it was worth it.

The chocolate devil's food cake had three layers of rich creamy ganache made from Cordillera Colombian choco-

late. The plate was garnished with sour dark amarena cherries and whipped cream.

The pear-huckleberry crisp had a crumbly golden topping of oats, walnuts and brown sugar. It was served warm with fresh pears and vanilla bean ice cream. All desserts were \$9.

The wine list had a good selection of boutique wineries, most from the West Coast, but included some well-priced choices from abroad. Most wines were available by the glass (\$9-\$24 for a 7 oz. pour).

Despite initial misgivings, Paul Martin's American Grill was worth seeking out. I had no com-

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- Noise level:** loud
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plaints and the \$5 valet service made parking in the busy area easy. I was seated on time with my reservation. Otherwise, waits could have been lengthy. ▣



All desserts, including the banana cream pie, are \$9 at Paul Martin's American Grill.

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MOVIE TIMES

3 Days to Kill (PG-13)

Century 20: 1:20 & 9:15 p.m.

300: Rise of an Empire (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: 9:20 a.m., 2:40 & 7:55 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 5:20 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: noon & 5:20 p.m. In 3-D at 10:35 a.m., 2:40, 3:55, 6:30, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

Baby Face (1933) (PG)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat & Sun 4:35 p.m. also.

Divergent (PG-13)

Century 16: 9:05, 10:05, 11:15 a.m., 12:20, 1:35, 2:35, 3:40, 4:55, 6:10, 7, 8:15, 9:30 & 10:20 p.m. Century 20: 10:20, 11, 11:45 a.m., 1:40,

2:20, 3:05, 5, 5:40, 6:25 & 8:20 p.m. In X-D at 12:40, 4, 7:20 & 10:40 p.m.

Frozen (PG)

Century 16: 10 a.m., 12:55, 3:55 & 7:10 p.m.

Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:25 & 7 p.m.

The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)

Aquarius Theatre: 1:15, 1:45, 4, 4:30, 7, 7:30, 9:45 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 10:45 a.m., 12:10, 1:30, 2:45, 4:15, 5:25, 6:50, 8:05, 9:25 & 10:40 p.m.

Her (R) ★★★★★ Century 16: 10 a.m., 1:10 & 7:05 p.m.

Le Week-End (R)

Guild Theatre: 1, 3:30, 6 & 8:30 p.m.

The LEGO Movie (PG) ★★★

Century 16: 9, 11:35 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:25 & 10:10 p.m.

Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 4:05 & 6:45 p.m. In 3-D at 1:35 & 9:05 p.m.

The Monuments Men (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 10:20 a.m., 4:15 & 10:15 p.m.

Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:35 p.m.

Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG)

Century 16: 9, 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m. In 3-D at 10:15 a.m., 12:45, 3:15, 5:45 & 8:25 p.m.

Century 20: 10:40 a.m., 1:10, 3:45, 6:15 & 8:50 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.

Muppets Most Wanted (PG)

Century 16: 9, 10:15, 11:45 a.m., 1, 2:30, 4, 5:30, 7, 8:30 & 10 p.m.

Century 20: 10:30, 11:30 a.m., 1:20, 2:25, 4:10, 5:10, 7, 8, 9:50 & 10:45 p.m.

National Theatre Live: WarHorse (Not Rated)

Aquarius Theatre: Sun 11 a.m.

Need for Speed (PG-13) ★1/2

Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m. In 3-D at 11:50 a.m., 2:55, 6:10 & 9:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 3, 6:10 & 9:15 p.m. In 3-D at 1:05, 4:35, 7:40 & 10:45 p.m.

Night Nurse (1931) (G)

Stanford Theatre: 6:05 & 9 p.m.

Non-Stop (PG-13) Century 16: 9:10 a.m., 1:15, 4:10, 7:15 & 10:05 p.m.

Century 20: 12:20, 2:55, 5:30, 8:10 & 10:45 p.m.

Shawshank Redemption (1994) (R)

Century 20: Sun 2 p.m.

The Single Moms Club (PG-13)

Century 16: 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5:05, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

Son of God (PG-13)

Century 20: 12:55, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:30 p.m.

The Wind Rises (Kaze Tachinu) (PG-13) ★★1/2

Century 16: Subtitled at 10:25 a.m., 1:30, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m.

The Wolf of Wall Street (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: 9:50 p.m. Century 20: 9:35 p.m.

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MOVIE OPENINGS



Zero, (Tony Revolori, center), with Mr. Moshier (Larry Pine, Left) and Monsieur Chuck (Owen Wilson, Right) play the idiosyncratic staff of 'The Grand Budapest Hotel'

The Grand Budapest Hotel

★★★★

If there were a valid critique to be given of "The Grand Budapest Hotel" — writer-director Wes Anderson's latest, highly stylized ode to a place that might have been — it would be that Anderson has fallen victim to his own tropes. But you won't hear that here. The film is just too much fun; and the fact is, it wouldn't be nearly so enjoyable if it weren't for Anderson's over-the-top style. "Budapest," like the bulk of Anderson's work is a carefully crafted visual confection of dreamy nostalgia. The film's sets are lush and saturated with color. Every shot is carefully choreographed, every hue deliberately tied to an evocative palate. It's as if the character's costumes were plucked directly from a Victorian-era illustrated children's book: Prisoners wear striped pajamas, soldiers have epaulets on the shoulders of their tailored wool coats and jackboots on their feet.

The heart of this outlandish caper-comedy-murder-mystery takes place in 1939, on the eve of a fictional world war in a fictitious central-European country, the Republic of Zubrowka. It begins with the death of Madame Celine Villeneuve Desgoffe und Taxis (played by a latex-masked, liver-spotted Tilda Swinton). Madame D, as she is called, is the much-older lover of our story's protagonist, Monsieur Gustave H. (vibrantly portrayed by Ralph Fiennes), the head concierge of

the Grand Budapest Hotel, which rests high in the idyllic mountains of Zubrowka.

Upon learning of her demise, Gustave and his recently hired lobby boy Zero (Tony Revolori), set off to pay their last respects — unwittingly thrusting themselves into the midst of a violent power struggle within the wealthy estate of the Desgoffe und Taxis.

Gustave is framed for murder, imprisoned and breaks free — with the help of some rock hammers smuggled into the jail inside ornately decorated pastries, natch.

A series of cartoonish montages ensue — with Gustave and Zero scurrying about by train, gondola, sled and motorcycle (often at an unnaturally accelerated speed, in a manner recalling the tomfoolery of The Three Stooges) — collecting evidence against the real murderers and avoiding the authorities, Madame D's greedy son, Dmitri (played with an air of cold, blueblooded entitlement by Adrien Brody), and his leather-clad henchman, Joplin (a glowering and fearsome Willem Dafoe).

Due to the film's breakneck pace and the myriad cameos from familiar Anderson collaborators, including Bill Murray, Jason Schwartzman, Edward Norton and Owen Wilson, the audience never really gets a chance to delve deeply into what makes the story's leading men tick. As such, it could be said that the characters in "Budapest" are lacking in depth, especially by

comparison to the Anderson's previous work.

Then again, "Budapest" isn't meant to mirror "The Life Aquatic" or "Rushmore." It is comic caper — more akin to 1963's epic ensemble adventure "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World" than 1967's dialog-heavy "The Graduate" (which is rumored to be one of Anderson's major influences).

In "Budapest," Anderson is not examining the faults, hang-ups and idiosyncrasies of individuals; he is examining the faults, hang-ups and idiosyncrasies of two colliding cultures. Gustave, Zero and all those who fight with them, function as a kind of personification of The Grand Budapest Hotel and the world for which it stands — a world where etiquette, poetry, literature and art are humanity's greatest achievements.

Anderson's storybook stylization and his deadpan sense of humor work well before this most bleak of historical backdrops. In "Budapest," Anderson is meditating on an era, which prompted Hannah Arendt to coin the phrase "the banality of evil" and inspired such works as "Life is Beautiful" and "Catch 22." It was an absurd time and in "Budapest" Anderson proves he is nothing if not adept at capturing the absurdity of the human condition.

Rated R for language, some sexual content and violence. One hour, 39 minutes.

— Nick Veronin



■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Muppets Most Wanted

★★★

It's not easy being the Muppets. Everyone's favorite felt creations have had some tough rows to hoe since the 1990 passing of their creator Jim Henson, including the deaths of other original Muppet performers (Jerry Nelson, Richard Hunt), invaluable head writer Jerry Juhl, and musical contributors Joe Raposo ("Bein' Green") and Jeffrey Moss ("Together Again"). And let's not talk about Elmo. Yet the state of the Muppet union remains strong, as evidenced by the new family musical comedy "Muppets Most Wanted."

A self-aware sequel to the 2011 film "The Muppets," "Muppets Most Wanted" provides more testament to the enduring appeal of the post-Vaudeville likes of Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and the Great Gonzo, as well as the love and care they inspire in generation after generation of performers and audiences. Much as "The Muppets" riffed on "The Muppet Movie" (1979), the new sequel takes off from "The Great Muppet Caper" (1981) by at least nominally placing the latest adventure into the heist genre.

When a Faustian booking agent named Dominic Badguy (Ricky Gervais) comes calling, the Muppets eagerly sign on to a world tour, despite Kermit's

reservations. Turns out Badguy (cheekily pronounced "bad-gee") is in league with "the world's most dangerous frog," international criminal Constantine. Excepting his easily covered telltale mole, Constantine (Matt Vogel) proves a dead ringer for Kermit (Steve Whitmire), and a simple switcheroo later, Kermit finds himself in a Siberian gulag (presided over by Tina Fey's Nadya) while Constantine takes his place with the other Muppets.

The touring show turns out to be a cover for an elaborate plan involving museum thefts in Berlin, Madrid and Dublin, all leading to a big score in the Tower of London. Enter Sam the American Eagle — amusingly repurposed here as a CIA agent — and Interpol agent Jean Pierre Napoleon (Ty Burrell doing Clouseau), who bicker over jurisdiction even though they're clearly made for each other.

Director James Bobin returns and co-scripts with the likewise returning Nicholas Stoller (Jason Segel took a pass), while Flight of the Conchords member Bret McKenzie — Oscar winner for the "Man or Muppet" number in "The Muppets" — contributes several new songs. McKenzie's Conchords partner Jemaine Clement turns up as one of about 30 celebrity cameos in the film. Human cameos, that is: With

a "Simpsons"-esque menagerie of characters to draw from, the Muppets have no trouble filling the screen with felt, and die-hard fans will no doubt grumble at the limited screen time afforded to this, that or the other Muppet.

It's a testament to the witty self-deprecation of the Muppets' current stewards that they even sort of have fans covered there, allowing the little-glimpsed Rizzo to make a crack about featuring new characters "at the expense of other, more well-established Muppets." Such self-reference sits comfortably along hip pop-cultural references for the 'rents: stylish parodies and retro musical numbers along with vintage Muppet gags (a detour to Plotpointberg, Gonzo's "indoor running of the bulls").

In cannibalizing the past, these new Muppet pictures play it a little safer than they should, leading to climaxes that feel more rote than inventive (I'm reminded of that Kirk Van Houten song "Can I Borrow a Feeling?"). Quibbles aside, kids of all ages are better off in a world with Muppet movies in it. Bring on the next sequel.

Rated PG for some mild action. One hour, 52 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



Miss Piggy, Kermit and the rest of the crew star in "Muppets Most Wanted."

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■ HIGHLIGHT

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ART GALLERIES

'Watercolor Travels' by Mark Garner

"Watercolor Travels — Near ... and Far" by Palo Alto artist Mark Garner is on display at Gallery 9, featuring watercolor paintings based on adventures both nationally and internationally. March 4-30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

"Capturing Light: The World as We See It"

"Capturing Light" is a judged exhibit and sale of 50 prints by members of the Palo Alto Camera Club, including 12 taken in Havana, Cuba. A percentage of proceeds of print sales will go to Cultural Kaleidoscope, a City of Palo Alto program supporting art in the schools. A public reception will be held on March 30, 2-5 p.m. March through August, town hall hours. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-339-3029.

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Amy Tan Lecture

Community School of Music and Arts will hold its annual fundraising gala. Cocktails and silent auction will be included, followed by a dinner, program and a live auction. CSMA faculty and staff will perform. Black tie optional. March 29, 5:30-10 p.m. \$250. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-917-6800 ext. 341. www.arts4all.org/gala

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MVEF 'Taste of Mountain View' Gala

Mountain View Educational Foundation's Spring Gala and Auction will include silent and live auctions, music, dancing and delicious food from some of Mountain View's best restaurants, including The Menu, The Counter, Esther's German Bakery, Paul Martin's American Grill and Steins. March 29, 6:30-11 p.m. \$40 admission; \$60 reception and admission. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. www.mvef.org

Treasure Market Cantor's big biennial art, antique and collectible resale event is approaching. The opening night party and sale will be on Friday, March 28, from 6:30-9 p.m. The sale will continue through the weekend. Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$75 members, \$100 nonmembers for opening night; \$5 for each day of weekend. Arrilaga Center for Sports and Recreation, 341 Galvez St. at Campus Drive East, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/TM

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

'A Generous Inheritance: Growing to Seed'

Common Ground hosts a class on the loss of genetic diversity in food crops. The teacher will also introduce basic methods for planning and planting for seed saving as well as techniques for gathering and processing seeds from common garden plants. March 22, 2-4 p.m. \$31. Palo Alto Christian Reform Church, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

'Salad Lover's Dream' Garden Class

Local organic gardener Jody Main will lead this class on basic veggie gardening skills, soil preparation easy planting and harvesting. March 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$35. Common Ground Garden Supply and Education Center, 559 College Ave., Palo Alto. www.commongroundinpaloalto.org/category/classes-events/

Mindfulness for Children and Adults

This class will provide an opportunity for parents to practice meditation and yoga, while their children, ages 4 to 8, meditate and do art and yoga activities in an adjacent room. March 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's

Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 408-335-6417. www.imsb.org

Reiki 1 Healing Class This class teaches how to direct healing energy through gentle touch to help bring peace of mind and a healing balance. Thursdays, March 20 and 27, 1-5 p.m. \$175, includes manual. Los Altos Reiki Center, 745 Distel Drive, #121, Los Altos. Call 650-862-2425. www.losaltosreiki.com

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Presentation on Human-Powered Airplane

At this Aero Club of Nor Cal luncheon, Mort Grosser will present on the Gossamer Airplane. Grosser was on teams that designed, built and flew six 100-foot wingspan airplanes — winning two aviation prizes and inventing some of the carbon-fiber techniques used today. Club membership is not required, but attendees must RSVP. April 3, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 (cash or check at the door, includes choice of lunch). Michaels at Shoreline, 2960 Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 408-634-8062. www.aeroclubnorcal.org/events.html

COMMUNITY EVENTS

36 Hour Library Programming Challenge

Librarians in the adult services department will have 36 hours to plan, publicize and present an awesome library program. Community members are invited to come support this multi-library challenge. Exact time is to be determined. March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/

Civic Roundtable: Traffic and Parking

A community conversation will be held about the challenges residents face as the city of Mountain View implements its recently adopted General Plan. Topics include bike/ped safety, parking availability and transit accessibility. The event is organized by the Human Relations Commission. March 26, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6601. www.facebook.com/events/270678693095218/

ESL Conversation Club Those learning or improving spoken English are invited to come practice at the club with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome, and no registration is required. Wednesdays, March through May, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/eventcalendar.asp?df=list&nd=90&kw=esl

Plant Exchange For one of the library's Seed Library events, community members are encouraged to bring excess plants and trade with others. All types of plants are welcome. Plants can be exchanged on the day of or donated one week in advance. March 29, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/library/default.asp

Sew Sew Saturday Mountain View Public Library has four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger. The library invites all to come sew on Saturday mornings. Registration required to use machines, hand sewers welcome to drop-in. March through May, 10:15 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/eventcalendar.asp?df=list&nd=90&kw=sew

CONCERTS

'The History of Music from Gabriela to Gaga'

A brass quintet featuring CSMA faculty will play a variety of music, from Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" to the dixieland classic "Bourbon Street Parade" and their own spin on the music of Adele. April 3, 7-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts - Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

EXHIBITS

'Imagined Spaces and Paintings' by Ernest Regua

This exhibition will display artist Ernest Regua's abstract work at the museum from Feb. 7 until March 30, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

American Photographs: A Cultural History

Professor Alexander Nemerov designed this exhibition to illuminate his course on American photographs. The 14 works on display range from a Civil War-era photograph by Timothy O'Sullivan to street photography by Robert Frank, work by Diane Arbus from the 1960s and Helen Levitt from the 1970s. March 12 to July 6, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

FAMILY AND KIDS

15th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair

The 15th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair will include 11 cross-country races and a series of one-mile races for grade school, high school and adult runners. There will also be children's game booths, an art exhibit, animal mascots and food from Zimbabwe. March 23, noon-4 p.m. \$5 to run; fair and children's art exhibit are free. St. Joseph School, 1120 Miramonte Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-941-9206. www.zimbabweparaguay.net

Author Event at Linden Tree Los Altos

Cynthia Messer, author of "The Adventures of Jack and Rugby" books, will speak at an author event. March 29, 2-3 p.m. Free (open to public). Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Book Club for Grades 5-8 At this event, young readers can discuss and enjoy activities based on the book "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" by Chris Grabenstein. This book has been chosen by Santa Clara Public Library as a Silicon Valley Reads book this year. March 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m. \$10 or purchase of a book. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Hidden Villa Spring Farm Fair To mark the beginning of spring, Hidden Villa will host drop-in activities around the farm all afternoon; no registration required. March 22, noon-3 p.m. \$5 parking fee. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events/61-public-programs/237228-spring-farm-day

Preschoolers on the Farm at Hidden Villa In this three-part series, kids age 3 to 5 and their parents/caregivers can bury their hands in sheep wool or throw corn to the chickens. March 21, 3-4 p.m. \$65 adult and first child. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-6326. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events/61-public-programs/222175-preschoolers-on-the-farm-series

Sibling Rivalry In this talk for parents with children ages 0-8 years, Rachel Sklar will provide tips on preventing sibling conflicts and raising siblings who are friends. March 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6897. www.mountainview.gov/library

FILM

'Dersu Uzala' Screening The Shambhala Meditation Center will hold a screening of "Dersu Uzala," an Akira Kurosawa film that depicts an adventure of comradeship and survival. Discussion will follow, with snacks included. March 28, 7-10 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=175251

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Jacki's Aerobic Dancing Classes These fitness classes include core work, strength training and aerobic routines. Jacki's also offers complementary child care; bring children and get the first

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Tireless performers on the west coast through the 1970s and '80s, singer/songwriters Ginny Reilly and David Maloney will perform a concert at Christ Episcopal Church in Los Altos. March 22, 7:30-10 p.m. \$15-\$20 donation at door. Christ Episcopal Church, 1040 Border Road, Los Altos. Call 415-457-9159. reillyandmaloney.com

Kirk Abe Quintet Kirk Abe Quintet presents a set of live jazz, covering pieces from bebop to contemporary jazz. The quintet features Kirk Abe on drums, Ryan Proch on saxophone, Charles Chen on the keys, Tony Song on guitar and Jack Hanan on bass. March 21, 8-10 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. www.redrockcoffee.org/

Mountain View Plaza Palooza The City of Mountain View is hosting a series of events on the downtown Mountain View Civic Center Plaza. Band Hootenanny will perform 80s cover music; food and drink will be served. Event is held rain or shine. April 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/community_events/plaza_events.asp

ON STAGE

'Once on This Island' TheatreWorks presents the Tony Award-nominated musical "Once on This Island." Check website for exact dates and times. March 5-30, 2 p.m., 7:30 or 8 p.m. \$19-\$73. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

'Schoolhouse Rock Live!' Graham Middle School Performing Arts will present "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" Tickets go on sale at the door at 6:30 p.m. each night. March 20-22, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10 adults; \$7 youth. Graham Middle School Multipurpose Room, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-619-9186.

'The Hound of the Baskervilles' Play Theatreworks is putting on a production of Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Hound of the Baskervilles," adapted by Steven Canny and John Nicholson. The story of a curse, a ghostly hound and an insane murderer is transformed into a comedic and suspenseful play. April 2-27, 2, 7, 7:30 or 8 p.m. \$19-\$73. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-327-1200. www.theatreworks.org/shows/1314-season/houndofthebaskervilles

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Compline: An Evening Service of Song

This 30-minute service of hymns, anthems and chant is sung by Stanford and local choral ensembles on Sundays (during the academic year, with the exception of university holidays and academic breaks). 9-9:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Call 650-723-1762. www.events.stanford.edu/events/410/41079

Young Meditator Night The Young Meditators are a group of people in their 20s and 30s who meet weekly to develop their personal practice and explore how they can use it to build good human relationships and communities. Time is allowed for sitting meditation and discussion. Every Tuesday, through April 29, 7:30 p.m. Free (donations accepted). Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Call 615-330-3622. siliconvalley.shambhala.org/program-details/?id=171846

SENIORS

Hands-Only CPR Returns The Mountain View Senior Center is holding another workshop on how to perform CPR using only your hands. No experience is necessary. March 27, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/

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Senior Center Annual Talent Show The Mountain View Senior Center talent show, "Hot Cup of Talent Joe" is approaching, where seniors will put on a variety of performances. March 25, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/comm_services/recreation_programs_and_services/senior_center/

SPECIAL EVENTS

Hillel Pillars Awards Event Pillars honors community volunteers and leaders. Alan Werba will receive Hillel's Lifetime Achievement Award. Also receiving Pillars awards are Barbara Illowsky, Jeffrey and Holly Ullman and Arye Green. The event includes a silent and live auction. March 23, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$100 or less. Computer History Museum, 1401 Shoreline Boulevard, Mountain View. Call 408-775-7531. www.hillelsv.org

LECTURES & TALKS

'A Sliver of Light: Three Americans Imprisoned in Iran' The co-authors of "A Sliver of Light" — Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Joshua Fattal — were captured by border patrol personnel after they unknowingly crossed into Iran while hiking. They were accused of espionage and imprisoned for two years in Evin Prison. At this event, they will speak about their experiences. March 28, 7-8 p.m. \$12-\$20. Los Altos High School, Eagle Theatre, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-03-28/shane-bauer-sarah-shourd-and-joshua-fattal-imprisoned-iran

Bootstrappers Breakfast with Jaio Sports Founder Jon Wang, founder of wearable device startup Jaio Sports, will share his wisdom and ideas from his time in business. March 28, 9-10:30 a.m. \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door (breakfast and tip not included). Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-252-9676. www.bootstrappersbreakfast.com

California Ethnobotany: Historical Uses of Native Plants Naturalist John Kipping will give a talk on the relationship of California native plants to indigenous peoples and will discuss how native plants can be used for food, medicine and material sources, especially for basketry. He will demonstrate Pomo style coiled weaving and how to make manzanita cider. March 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. www.sccd.org/ www.cnps-scvc.org

Planning Ahead for College As part of the 2013-2014 MVL Schools Parent Education Series, Jerrold Shapiro, psychology professor from Santa Clara University, will discuss finding the best fit for college, what the college choice process is like, and how to address both the emotions of college-bound children and the concerns of parents. March 25, 7-9 p.m. Free. Mountain View High School Theater, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. www.lamvptac.org/category/parent-education/

T.T. Monday at Books Inc. Books Inc. in Mountain View will welcome T.T. Monday, aka award-winning historical novelist Nick Taylor, who will talk about his debut mystery "The Setup Man." April 1, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/04/14/month/all/all/1

The Art and Technology of Cirque du Soleil Cirque du Soleil's mission is to provoke the imagination, senses and emotions of its audiences internationally. This talk will provide a look inside an organization that blends daring artistry with cutting-edge technology. March 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

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File No.: 587735

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This business is owned by: Limited Liability Partnership.
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226 Flynn Ave.
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Los Altos, CA 94024
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 31, 2014.
(MVV Feb. 28, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 2014)

DELICIOUS DECIBELS
DELICIOUS DECIBELS LLC
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ALBERTO SAVOIA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 588757

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Delicious Decibels, 2.) Delicious Decibels LLC, 3.) Prototype Labs, 4.) Alberto Savoia, located at 1106 Ana Privada, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/08/2014.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 27, 2014.
(MVV Mar. 14, 21, 28, Apr. 4, 2014)

BOSS BARBELL CLUB, INC.
MOUNTAIN VIEW FITNESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 588986
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
1.) Boss Barbell Club, Inc., 2.) Mountain View Fitness, located at 241 Polaris Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Corporation.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/20/2013.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 5, 2014.
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EMC SOLUTIONS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 589302

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
EMC Solutions, located at 2434 Rock Street, #5, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ERIC McREYNOLDS
2434 Rock St. #5
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 3/1/14.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 12, 2014.
(MVV Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2014)

FIRST STEP REMODELS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 589505

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
First Step Remodels, located at 619 Mountain View Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
BIRGIT WERNER
619 Mountain View Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94041
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 17, 2014.
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RUBIX SEARCH
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 589338

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Rubix Search, located at 2014 Colony St. Unit 14, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
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2014 Colony St. Unit 14
Mountain View, CA 94043
YE ZHOU YANG
2014 Colony St. Unit 14
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/12/2014.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 12, 2014.
(MVV Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11, 2014)

997 All Other Legals

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ARTHUR ROBERT WHITE
Case No.: 1-13-PR-173656

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ARTHUR ROBERT WHITE, ARTHUR WHITE.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MARLA L. DIAMOND in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MARLA L. DIAMOND be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 9, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 12 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 the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

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/ Michael S. Bays
19A N. Santa Cruz Ave.
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(408)354-1388
(MVV Mar. 14, 21, 28, 2014)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
JAMES L. KING aka JAMES LAWRENCE KING

Case No.: 1-14-PR-173961
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JAMES L. KING aka JAMES LAWRENCE KING.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DAVID A. KING in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: DAVID A. KING be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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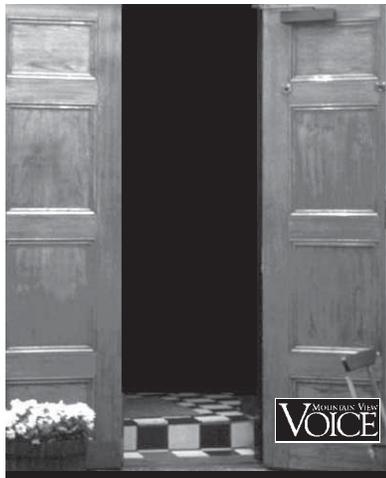
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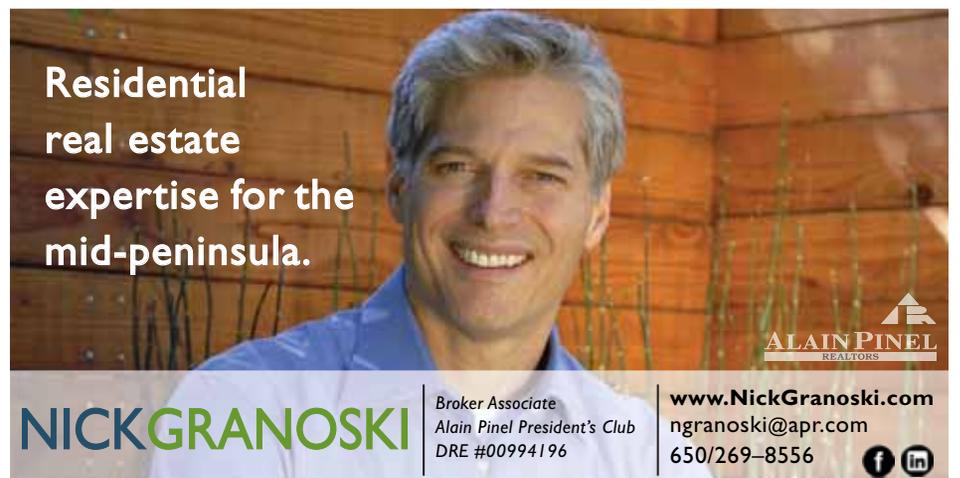
Attorney for Petitioner:
/s/ Deborah G. Kramer Radin
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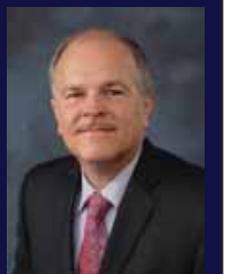
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