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Last stop for Evelyn light rail station?

VTA PROPOSES CLOSURE OF MOUNTAIN VIEW'S
LEAST-USED STATION

By Daniel DeBolt

On Aug. 7, Valley Transportation Authority board members will vote on whether to close Mountain View's Evelyn Avenue light rail station — said to be the second least-popular station in the entire light rail system.

The move to demolish the station is proposed as part of a \$63 million plan. The Evelyn station stands directly in the way of a plan to run a second light rail track into downtown Mountain View, as VTA officials say the existing single track is a bottle-

neck preventing more frequent and reliable service. Trains currently run every 15 minutes during rush hour, and officials have talked about running trains every 7 minutes.

While it may mean faster service for a trolley that has often been criticized for being slow and inconvenient, not everyone will be pleased to lose the Evelyn station. It serves only 94 people a day. For comparison, the downtown light rail station serves 1,386 people daily.

"It's going to be terrible," said

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

The lightly used Evelyn Avenue light rail station is facing closure so the VTA can add a second track through Mountain View.

LASD, Bullis pass five-year agreement

FOCUS SHIFTS TO \$150 MILLION BOND MEASURE TO
FIND NEW CAMPUS, FACILITIES IN LOS ALTOS DISTRICT

By Kevin Forestieri

After a marathon mediation meeting that ended at 4 a.m., both the Los Altos School District and Bullis Charter School boards voted unanimously at a July 28 special meeting to approve the five-year agreement between the school district and the charter school — ending years of litigation during which millions of dollars were spent on legal fees.

Los Altos School District board members said they were able to hammer out the final details of the agreement in the early morning hours prior to the meeting. Board president Tamara Logan said there were some tweaks to the language of the agreement,

including a change to some enrollment numbers, but nothing major.

Logan said the Bullis Charter School board voted 7-0 to approve the agreement at around 11:32 p.m. Monday night after a lengthy closed session meeting.

"I'm relieved and excited," said district board member Doug Smith. "I think the agreement gives us a great tailwind going into discussions about the bond."

During public comments prior to the decision, LASD parent Sangeeth Peruri said he was grateful that the board spent so much time and effort to get the agreement done in time for the meeting.

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Candidates join City Council race

COMMISSIONER ELLEN
KAMEI HAS DEEP ROOTS
IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Daniel DeBolt

Environmental planning commissioner and third-generation Mountain View resident Ellen Kamei has kicked off her campaign for City Council, joining a field of nine other declared candidates for three open seats.

Kamei, 30, is a policy aide for Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian. Her grandparents ran the Kamei flower nursery in what is now part of the Waverly Park neigh-



Ellen Kamei

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ATTORNEY MERCEDES
SALEM SAYS SHE'LL
REPRESENT RENTERS

By Daniel DeBolt

Concern for Mountain View's middle class families struggling to pay increasing rents has inspired Mountain View resident and family law attorney Mercedes Salem to run for City Council.

"I have people in my apartment complex who are Stanford (employees) and they find it hard to make it," Salem said. "I want to help make the residents of Mountain View



Mercedes Salem

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JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE
IS KEY, COMMISSIONER
GREG UNANGST SAYS

By Daniel DeBolt

Mountain View resident Greg Unangst is aiming to spend a good bit of his retirement as a Mountain View City Council member after becoming involved in the city's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View.

Unangst, 68, is a retired Lockheed engineer and a Vietnam War veteran, a decorated Army commander who returned



Greg Unangst

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Asked in downtown Mountain View.
Photos and interviews by Brandon Chew and Cooper Aspegren.

What's your secret for avoiding bad traffic?



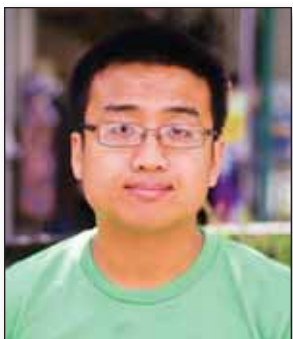
"My preferred way is taking a lot of smaller streets that you wouldn't usually take, so I actually reroute myself every time I see a very, very big clog of traffic. Something else I do when it gets really, really bad is I just take the train."

Berta Garcia, Redwood City



"Well, I usually bike to avoid it. Otherwise, driving takes a little bit more time because there's hardly any parking here. I work downtown, so biking is pretty much the preferred way to avoid traffic."

Daniel Wang, Mountain View



"I have this app called Waze and it kind of guides me and directs routes that avoid traffic, so I use that all the time."

Anthony Hoang, Sunnyvale



"It'd be a lot easier to avoid traffic if we knew the times that Shoreline Amphitheatre would have concerts and stuff like that, (and) just have a schedule so that we know how to work around it."

Karen Gallardo, Mountain View



"Probably to ride my bike and try to go a different route than I normally drive."

Rhonda Wheatley, Los Altos

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CRIME BRIEFS

ARMED MAN ROBS WALMART

Police arrested a Ukiah man Monday, July 21, after he allegedly fled from the Mountain View Walmart with \$99 worth of merchandise and threatened Walmart security with what appeared to be a gun.

At 2:32 p.m., the man entered the Walmart at the 600 block of Showers Drive and selected numerous items with a value of approximately \$99, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

When he exited the store he was confronted by a non-uniformed Walmart security employee. The man allegedly responded by pointing a gun at the agent, and then fled the scene.

He was later located by Mountain View police near the intersection of Rengstorff Avenue and California Street, where he was positively identified. John Jackson, 40, was arrested on charges of burglary and robbery. Jackson had a backpack which contained a realistic-looking Airsoft gun, police said.

Jackson was booked into San Jose Main Jail with a bail set at \$100,378. Police do not know what Jackson was doing in Mountain View, which is 150 miles south of Ukiah.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Police arrested an 18-year-old man last weekend after he was allegedly found masturbating in a vehicle at the 1500 block of Montalto Drive in Mountain View.

The victim, a 33-year-old Mountain View woman, noticed a man sitting inside a parked car completely nude and masturbating, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. The man, later identified as a Mountain View resident, saw the woman and drove away.

The woman provided police with a license plate number of the vehicle, and police were able to use that to track down the owner at his residence a short time later.

Police arrested him for indecent exposure after he was positively identified by the victim. He was brought to the station and released with a misdemeanor citation.

Kevin Forestieri

POLICE LOG

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2000 block Latham St., 7/26

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1900 block Crisanto Av., 7/26
1500 block Canna Ct., 7/29

BATTERY

200 block College Av., 7/23
1200 block W. El Camino Real, 7/24
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/26
1800 block W. El Camino Real, 7/27
2300 block California St., 7/28

GRAND THEFT

500 block Franklin St., 7/23
100 block San Antonio Cir., 7/28
1900 block Montecito Av., 7/28

INDECENT EXPOSURE

1500 block Montalto Dr., 7/27

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1700 block Morgan St., 7/23
100 block N. Whisman Rd., 7/23
900 block High School Way, 7/24

SHOPLIFTING

600 block Showers Dr., 7/27

STOLEN VEHICLES

200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 7/25

THREATENING A POLICE OFFICER

1900 block Colony St., 7/26

VANDALISM

300 block N. Whisman Rd., 7/23
2000 block W. El Camino Real, 7/23
200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 7/24
1300 block Cuernavaca Cir., 7/29

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BRANDON CHEW

Children going into second and third grade peel carrots for a muffin-making project at Bullis Boosters Summer Bridge Camp in Los Altos. The free day camp aims to help kids who wouldn't normally be able to attend summer camps.

A summer boost for kids

FREE CAMP HOSTED BY CHARTER SCHOOL PARENTS AIMS TO HELP DISADVANTAGED YOUTH ESCAPE THE 'SUMMER SLIDE'

By Kevin Forestieri

Fighting off the summer brain drain can be tough for families that can't afford expensive summer camps, but two parents from Bullis Charter School are looking to turn that around with a free summer camp for at-risk elementary school kids in the community.

Bullis Boosters Summer Bridge Camp is a free, week-long day camp for disadvan-

tagged youth in the Mountain View and Los Altos communities. Hosted at the Bullis Charter School campus, it runs through the week of July 28 and has 50 campers going into second, third and fourth grades this year — nearly double last year's number — including kids from free and reduced lunch programs and families that rely on food assistance from the Community Services Agency.

On Tuesday, dozens of kids donning yellow camp T-shirts

crowded around tables full of brown sugar, carrots and eggs for a muffin-making activity.

"This is the first time cooking for some of these kids," said Martha McClatchie, one of the two camp directors.

Before the campers make muffins, they have an indoor lesson about how to measure ingredients, and the difference between teaspoons, tablespoons and cups. Parents take

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Drought matters to water district incumbent

BRIAN SCHMIDT CITES RECORD ON SHORELINE LEVEES, COST-CUTTING MEASURES

By Kevin Forestieri

Brian Schmidt is aiming for a second term on the Santa Clara Valley Water District board. Emphasizing the importance of water conservation going into the third year of the drought, Schmidt said he wants to keep up the pace on the district board if he is re-elected in November.

The board's current vice chair, Schmidt represents the awkwardly drawn District 7, which

includes Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Gatos. Though water district board members can run for three four-year terms, Schmidt said he vowed to run for only two terms back in 2010, and that he's going to keep his promise if he is re-elected this November.

During his first term, the



Brian Schmidt

board passed a 2012 property tax measure with what Schmidt called a record-breaking 74 percent approval by voters. Schmidt said he rallied environmental groups to support the tax measure and helped bolster the high public approval — a change from the board's 2000 property tax measure, which garnered less than 67 percent of the vote and passed by a thin margin.

The 2012 tax measure includes

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Three seek hospital seats

PHYSICIAN AND INCUMBENT ENTER HEALTHCARE DISTRICT RACE

By Kevin Forestieri

Three people are now vying for the two open seats on the El Camino Healthcare District board this November, kicking the election into high gear with a contested race.

Bay Area neurologist Peter C. Fung recently announced plans to run for a seat on the board, joining current Mountain View City Council member Margaret Abe-Koga in the race. Incumbent David Reeder also announced that he will run for re-election to pursue his fifth term.

A full story on Abe-Koga's candidacy can be found in the April 20 edition of the *Voice*.

Current board member Patricia Einarson said she will not seek re-election this year.

The El Camino Healthcare District Board of Directors includes five publicly elected representatives to oversee the assets of the healthcare district — including El Camino Hospital. The district encompasses all of Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, and parts of Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Palo Alto.

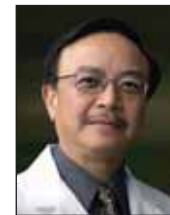
The healthcare district collects taxes from residents within the district, which is funneled into community health programs through the district's Community Benefit Program.

Past campaign issues for the El Camino Healthcare District include criticism over a lack of transparency and a possible conflict of interest with the dual-board structure — where district board members make up a majority of the hospital corporation's board.

Peter C. Fung

Peter C. Fung has been a practicing neurologist in the South Bay and Peninsula for over 35 years, and is the current medical director of El Camino Hospital's Stroke Center. Fung boasts that the Stroke Center is rated among the top 5 percent in the nation with top-notch patient satisfaction, and passed four reviews by the Joint Commission with no deficiencies.

Fung is also a founding member of the Chinese Health Initiative, a program at El Camino Hospital that seeks to reduce the health disparities in the growing



Peter Fung



David Reeder

Chinese population in the Bay Area. He said a key component of the program is raising awareness and educating the public about strokes, cardiovascular disease and hepatitis, especially among people who do not seek out a doctor for help with health problems. In the future, he hopes to extend that kind of outreach to a broader audience.

"I want to expand that vision to improve wellness for all groups," Fung said.

Fung said that he wants to branch out his success with the hospital's Stroke Center and improve other programs as well, and people suggested that he run for a spot on the El Camino Healthcare District Board of Directors. If elected, he said he would leave his role as director of the Stroke Center and focus his time and energy on the board.

As a member of the board, Fung said he would take a critical look at how money is allocated through the Community Benefit Program to programs across the district. He said he would be interested in bolstering funds to RotaCare, a free clinic for people with little to no access to care, as well as school and mental health programs. He said he was disappointed to see a decrease in total grant money from the Community Benefit Program this year.

Fung said he would also be committed to making sure services are as affordable as possible for the patients visiting El Camino Hospital.

"I want to look at the prices and find the minimum we can charge and still have an austere balance, while still providing the best care," Fung said.

David Reeder

A member of the Healthcare District board since 1999, Reeder has served on the board longer than any other sitting member by almost a decade. He was a former

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Making their mark on new teen center

MURAL DESIGNED, BUILT WITH HELP FROM LOCAL TEENS

By Daniel DeBolt

When the Mountain View teen center opens later this year it will be adorned with a tile mosaic mural that teens helped design and build, titled “winds of progress.”

The mural was under construction last week, a group of teens gluing down colorful pieces of broken tile over a marked, swirling layout.

“I like how the community is involved in the creation of the work, rather than a cool piece of art showing up on the side of the building one day,” said Mountain View High School student Matt Maciag, a third-year member of the city’s Youth Advisory Committee, which had a large hand in the mural.

Artist Leslie Scott had lead a group of middle- and high school-aged youth through the process of creating a vision for the mural, which includes the image of a tree.

“They were very adamant about wanting a tree to represent the support they’ve received at the teen center,” Scott said. “The experience of participat-



BRANDON CHEW

Teens put the finishing touches on a mosaic that will adorn the city’s new teen center.

ing in the teen center and what they will take out into the world informs everything written into this mural.”

“When we brainstormed, I asked them what was important to them what would they want to tell their community,” Scott said.

The group was asked to finish sentences starting with “we are” and “we can” which lead to words and phrases on the mural such as “diverse” and “we are stronger than you think,” “we

are worthy” and “we can do anything.”

After two days of tile-gluing, on Friday there was nothing left to add but grout between the tiles. Scott said the mural would be finished the following Wednesday. The new teen center at 253 Escuela Ave. will take a bit longer before it’s completed, possibly by late November.

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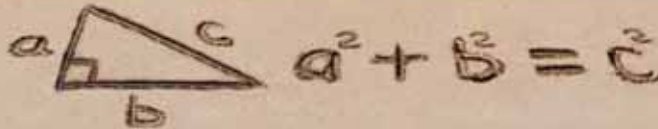


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One injured in carport fire

By Kevin Forestieri

Authorities are looking for witnesses after a two-alarm fire broke out Saturday afternoon in a carport in Mountain View, injuring one and damaging 12 vehicles.

At around 4:40 p.m., July 26, Mountain View dispatchers received reports of a car fire in the carport of an apartment complex on the 2000 block of Latham Street. When firefighters arrived, multiple cars were on fire with heavy flames and smoke, according to a press release from the Mountain View Fire Department.

Fire spokeswoman Jamie Garrett said initially 18 firefighters were on-scene to respond to the blaze, with more joining them. Because of the location of the fire, they had multiple entry points to get in and put out the flame, she said.

Firefighters were able to isolate the fire and keep it from spreading to surrounding businesses and apartments, and extinguished the



COURTESY MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Firefighters extinguish a fire that gutted a carport, injured one person and damaged a dozen vehicles.

flames later that evening. One person sustained minor smoke inhalation injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Seven cars were completely destroyed in the fire, and five sustained “mild to moderate” damage, according to the press release.

A nearby apartment and

adjacent car wash were also damaged by the blaze.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Mountain View Fire Department as well as the Mountain View Police Department. Witnesses are encouraged to contact the police department at 650-903-6395 or policepio@mountainview.gov.

Preschool expands, now that next-door bar is out of the way

By Cooper Aspegren

For the past few years, the owners of Little Prodigy Preschool and Daycare Center have had to grapple with the fact that the preschool was situated near a bar.

Now, Little Prodigy no longer faces that problem.

The bar's recent exit is just one component of the major renovation that the Sylvan Plaza strip mall has recently undergone. The renovation involved expanding Little Prodigy and nearby Himalayan Kitchen restaurant, adjusting each unit's exterior and remodeling a section of the parking lot.

"Our goal was to bring it up to standards," Sylvan Plaza landlord and Little Prodigy co-owner Cyrus Parvini said of the plaza.

His wife, Little Prodigy co-owner Simin Parvini, said she and her husband bought off the owners of the Office Bar, putting an end to the multi-year dispute over the handling of the bar's lease. Simin Parvini declined to disclose the sum transacted between the two parties.

Efforts to contact the former owners of the Office Bar were not immediately successful.

The Parvinis' daughter, Little Prodigy co-owner and director Tina Golestani, said that no kids enrolled in the preschool had any dangerous run-ins with bar patrons because the bar was mostly active after school hours. However, according to Golestani, bar customers did walk around the plaza while intoxicated and smoked during school hours. Golestani said this behavior was not conducive to a family-friendly atmosphere.

The space previously occupied by the Office Bar now belongs to Tiger Martial Arts Academy.

The preschool expanded into space occupied by Shin Shin Computer and Salon d' Elegance. Those businesses vacated the plaza when their leases expired, according to the Parvinis. On June 23, four days after plaza renovations were completed, the first classes took place in the new buildings.

The expansion of Little Prodigy increased the capacity of the school from 77 students to 151 students, accommodating the growing wait list, Parvini said. The Parvinis said they anticipate hiring more teachers ahead of its fall session that starts in mid-August.

The expansion into the two



COURTESY CYRUS PARVINI

Little Prodigy Preschool recently finished a remodeling and expansion project.

vacant spaces has also required the preschool to expand its playground to connect the old building with the new one.

The growth of the preschool didn't win unanimous support. City Council member John Inks said that the preschool expansion earned some skepticism because some residents and officials thought the space should go to a company that sells products. Inks, however, supported the expansion.

"A high-quality day care is in big demand here," Inks said.

According to Cyrus Parvini, Inks visited Sylvan Plaza after the renovation and was impressed with the changes. Inks said he particularly enjoyed seeing a mural in the preschool complex that he thought would make an impression on the young students.

"They will remember that wall for the rest of their lives," Inks said.

Little Prodigy Preschool is not the only business within Sylvan Plaza that's expanding. Himalayan Kitchen, a restaurant on the other side of the plaza, will expand to include the space adjacent to it and has closed its doors for two weeks starting July 28.

According to the Parvinis, residents who live behind the plaza have expressed delight to them over the changes and have said that their property values have gone up.

"Now they're walking and enjoying this area and are very happy," Cyrus Parvini said of the neighbors.

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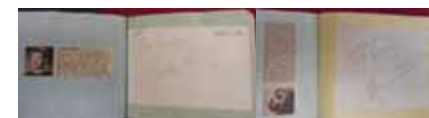
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Local Red Cross volunteer helps Washington wildfire relief effort

By Cooper Aspegren

Mountain View resident Marcel Pajuelo-Schwartz was in good spirits the day after he returned from the Red Cross shelter at Chelan High School in Washington state after more than a week. One could forgive him if he were far less amiable.

Pajuelo-Schwartz worked 20-hour days while he was in Chelan helping the Red Cross effort to provide aid to residents affected by the largest wildfire in state history. He was sent along with three other members of the American Red Cross Silicon Valley Chapter, and arrived on July 19.

Pajuelo-Schwartz said he worked primarily as a facilities coordinator, ensuring that the staff and the shelter's kitchen had everything they needed. Red Cross emergency response vehicles delivered breakfast, lunch and dinner from the shelter to city residents who evacuated or lost their homes.

The shelter also housed many of these residents.

According to Pajuelo-Schwartz, his average day began between 4 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. and ended around midnight. Pajuelo-Schwartz said the long number of hours he spent working at



COURTESY MARCEL PAJUELO-SCHWARTZ

Wildfire-ravaged areas in Washington state set the scene of a local Red Cross volunteer's efforts to help displaced residents.

the Red Cross were necessary because the shelter was initially understaffed.

"You do what is needed because always at the beginning of a job, you're short of staff," Pajuelo-Schwartz said.

The relief effort at the shelter eventually grew to house 75 Red Cross members and 22 volunteers, he said.

Pajuelo-Schwartz said he began volunteering for the Red Cross in 1967 and has been sent on relief effort missions across the nation and even the globe around 400 times.

"I was raised to help whoever was in need and I've done it most of my life," Pajuelo-Schwartz said.

He said that his extensive level of experience allowed him to better handle the long hours and heavy rigor of his workload.

"You learn how to cope," he said.

Pajuelo-Schwartz said that he spent most of his stay inside the shelter, which provided him with few opportunities to survey the fire's damage. Around the time he departed from Washington, firefighters had contained the fire and residents began to return to their homes.

Pajuelo-Schwartz noted that on the night he returned to Mountain View, he got eight hours rest.

"Your adrenalin goes down and you crash and burn," Pajuelo-Schwartz said.

Despite the long hours, he had no complaints about working for the Red Cross.

"Red Cross takes good care of us," he said.

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

BOUNCING BUBBLES AT THE PARK

Passersby could be forgiven for doing a double-take, as giant inflated balls with legs made an appearance at a recent event in Eagle Park. "Bubble soccer" participants — usually co-workers at a corporate event — race around the soccer field while stuffed inside color-coded spheres. We don't know if it cuts down on red cards, but it certainly makes flopping a lot funnier to watch.



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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DROUGHT CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is rolling out a new campaign to tackle California's water shortage, called "Brown is the New Green."

The campaign aims to diminish the amount of water valley residents use to maintain their lawns. Water district officials at a July 25 press conference in Los Gatos said they hope the effort will help alleviate the effects of California's ongoing severe drought.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive a free "Brown is the New Green"

lawn sign and buckets to collect shower water to use to water their yards.

According to water district officials, a lawn could require more than 18,000 gallons of water each year. Officials also estimate that up to 60 percent more water is used during the summer than in other seasons.

The campaign, which will cost the district around \$460,000, will run promotional ads on radio, on television, on billboards and online, as well as on banners at San Jose Giants and San Jose Earthquakes games.

To learn more about the Santa Clara Valley Water District's

efforts to address the drought, go to <http://www.valleywater.org/drought2014/>.

PARKING POINTERS FOR GAME DAYS

The Mountain View Police Department is offering information on how Mountain View residents should approach parking downtown during events at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

Downtown Mountain View is expected to become a magnet for event attendees to take light rail to the new stadium. The police department's blog now includes information about the city's year-long parking

pilot program designed to help residents, businesses, stadium attendees and downtown visitors.

The post includes a list of neighborhoods expected to be affected by stadium events and a parking zone map. Event attendees who wish to park in Mountain View can park in four designated paid lots. City officials announced July 30 that the cost for parking in lots 1, 4, 8 and 9 on event days is \$10.

Levi's Stadium will hold

its first sporting event, a soccer match between the San Jose Earthquakes and Seattle Sounders, on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. The stadium will host San Francisco 49ers games starting Sunday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m., in a game against the Denver Broncos.

More information, including a map, is at mountainviewpoliceblog.com. For more information about the parking pilot program, go to bit.ly/Uz1UsB.

—Cooper Aspegren



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Demolishing the Evelyn Avenue station and adding a second track would eliminate a bottleneck, VTA officials say.

LIGHT RAIL

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Prasamma Viswakumar, who said his home is a 10-minute drive away and finds the Evelyn station's free park-and-ride lot to be a reliable place to find parking spot. He said he wouldn't even consider trying to park downtown. Another user agreed, saying he uses the station as a way to get to the downtown Caltrain station, to ride Caltrain to work. "I have a monthly parking pass, but I can't find parking (downtown), I don't even bother."

Another man who works nearby said he normally skips light rail for Caltrain, but finds the station a convenient way to get to Hacker Dojo for events — "Just hop on the train, go two stops and there it is."

VTA staff say Evelyn station users can instead use the light rail station at Whisman Station, which isn't very far away, but

there is limited parking there as well.

The plan to improve service happens to coincide with the anticipated spike in use to come from Levi's Stadium events, where parking will be expensive and limited enough that about 600 drivers are expected to park in and around downtown Mountain View and ride light rail for 30 minutes to get to the stadium.

Despite the inconvenience for some, VTA officials say it is more important to remove the bottleneck, which can affect on the whole system if there's a failure or collision on the single track in Mountain View.

"If something happens on that track and it closes — that has effects throughout the system — it has a ripple effect," said VTA spokeswoman Colleen Valles. Two tracks will "allow more flexibility and more reliability in the area."

If approved on August, con-

struction and demolition work will begin soon after to add the new track, which would extend from the north side of Central Expressway to the downtown station. Light rail service will continue during construction, Valles said.

Included in the \$63 million price is a slight realignment of the Caltrain tracks near the Evelyn Station to make way for the second light rail track.

While the Evelyn station will close, its free parking lot will remain open to the non-light rail users who have apparently been parking there. While Caltrain and the city will charge \$10 to park downtown, Valles added that VTA doesn't plan to charge Levi's stadium users to park at its light rail lots, except at the River Oaks and Highway 880/Milpitas stations.

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with a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star, and went on to a 33-year career as an electrical engineer in the automotive and aerospace industries.

"The thing that pushed me over the edge to run was the housing situation," Unangst said. "I knew it was bad, it's been bad for a long time. I went to a conference in February, and I realized it was worse than I was aware of. It's a massive regional problem.

"People on the lower economic scales are basically getting pushed out. You've got to have a high-tech income to afford to live around here and you are still stressed to make those mortgage payments. If you have a young family, you don't have any disposable income."

Unangst retired from Lockheed in 2011 and joined the Friends of the Stevens Creek Trail and the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board, where he met Lenny Siegel, another candidate and founder of the Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View. Unangst says he's been a member of Balanced Mountain View from the the start. He's spoken out about the city's jobs-housing imbalance at City Council meetings.

"There's been change in attitude among council members over the last couple of months," he said. "I don't think that they were that sensitive before, but they are now, thanks to people like Lenny. But we've got a long way to go. It's probably going to take decades to rectify this (housing shortage)."

"We're kind of in a fix at the moment. It's easy thing to say we need to build more housing, but where do you do that without jeopardizing quality of life?"

Unangst said his priorities include creating adequate park space, as much of the northern half of the city has a deficit of parks. He is also very interested alternatives to driving, especially biking, but also better transportation systems.

Unangst says the way the city has developed has been "very automobile-centric. There's not enough roads to get where you need go because everybody is going there too. The old suburban urban concepts — live in one place and shop in another — that may not work anymore. People are forced to live further and further away, you are spending what little income you have from (expensive) housing for commuting. Demographics are changing and more and more people don't want cars."

He said that when he volunteers for the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, he runs into a sur-

prising number of people who don't have cars.

Unangst says he is sensitive to the need for safer bike infrastructure. A good number of people would like to ride bikes "but find it too intimidating."

Fixing the city's housing shortage will require a very concerted effort, Unangst says.

"The way I view it is you have to do it gradually and consistently, every little opportunity you have."

As far as housing densities are concerned, "If you have a policy of not building high-density housing, you end up with the situation you have here," he said.

Rent control is bound to be one of th trickier issues candidates will wrestle with this year.

"I don't think I would go for something termed rent control," Unangst said, adding that he prefers the term "rent stabilization."

"I would definitely consider that type of policy and have the debate. I'm not trying to say that's the answer."

Generally, Unangst said he doesn't believe the real estate industry should be left to its own devices, as the libertarian-minded tend to believe.

"My life experiences have shown me that an unconstrained market doesn't necessarily work the way people say they will," Unangst said. "People say we can let the market take care of it — there s a lot of human misery that flows out of that."

Unangst said he grew up in "blue-collar Detroit" and excelled in athletics and academics. He graduated from West Point military academy in 1968, served in the Army in Fort Benning and Fairbanks, Alaska before he was assigned to Vietnam in 1970, leading a platoon of American and Vietnamese allies as a captain and master sergeant.

"We would wander through the hills and central forest of the highlands looking for trouble and finding it very frequently," Unangst said. "I survived. I did receive a Purple Heart — I was wounded (by a mortar). I left a year later with all my appendages and mostly sane."

Fortunately for Unangst, the military was in need of electrical engineers.

"Very good therapy for PTSD is a full load of graduate engineering courses," he said. "It forces you to focus on something else."

Unangst says he's retired with a pension from Lockheed as well as from the Army. He lives in a townhouse with his wife north of the Monta Loma neighborhood and has raised two children.

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KAMEI

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borhood, where a cul-de-sac is named after her grandfather Kenzo.

"I have deep roots in Mountain View," said Kamei, who rents an apartment just west of the Slater neighborhood, and is looking to represent renters, whom she notes make up 60 percent of the city's population.

"In my family's experience, Mountain View has always been this working class, very blue-collar city," Kamei said. "With this influx of companies to Mountain View the city is experiencing a change."

She says her top priority is "preserving Mountain View's character while also planning for progress in a thoughtful manner."

"Having a balanced approach to how we change and grow is very important to me," she said.

Kamei was appointed to the Environmental Planning Commission in late 2012 and is now its vice chair. She gave some indication of her positions when she voted to remove two, six-story office buildings from the Merlone Geier project at San Antonio shopping center and replace them with housing.

"I am not necessarily against office, but at this time, I'm not sure additional office makes sense," Kamei said. "We have residents who are struggling to stay here. Increased housing options, especially for the working class and low-income residents, are necessary. I would like to see more of that type of housing in the city."

Like many families that started off in Mountain View in years past, most of Kamei's family has left the city, and Kamei herself was raised in Morgan Hill. As one of the last of her family members in the city, she said "I'm a third-generation Mountain View resident who wants to live and raise my family and settle in Mountain View."

Among her top priorities are balanced growth, city infrastructure, services and public safety, she said. She said she supports the same kind of fiscal conservatism that helped the city weather the recession better than many other cities.

Kamei says maintaining the

city's character is important to her, but that includes making sure there's housing for the city's diverse mix of residents, and continuing to allow for progress and innovation. "We have seen more high-end apartments and condos and seen only one affordable housing project (built in several years). Part of that balance is seeing a diversity of projects."

"As time goes on growth is inevitable," Kamei said. "It's how we grow that's important to me."

Kamei has already gathered a long list of endorsements, including former mayors Matt Pear and Art Takahara, as well as from her boss, Joe Simitian, and outgoing council member Margaret Abe-Koga and Congressman Mike Honda.

"Ellen Kamei has the skills and the passion to be a leader and effective City Council member," Simitian said in a statement. "She'll work hard for every resident of Mountain View, and to ensure the city's continued prosperity. She's the real deal. I endorse and support her enthusiastically."

Kamei's father was born in an internment camp for Japanese Americans during World War II. Her mother is Chinese and Puerto Rican, Kamei said.

She graduated from Leadership Mountain View in 2012, a local training program that has produced a number of community leaders. Kamei has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania and bachelor's degree in English from the University of Santa Barbara. She worked as an executive assistant to Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren for a year in 2008. In graduate school she held internships with the mayor of New York City and the city of Philadelphia's Human Services Agency. She's won several awards, including "outstanding alumna" from Presentation High School in San Jose and the rising star award from the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club.

Kamei said she plans to agree to the city's voluntary campaign expenditure limit of \$22,689, as have the other nine declared candidates.

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COMMISSIONER ELLEN KAMEI

SALEM

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thrive instead of just survive. We have so many high-paid workers who are having a hard time. That's become the norm. I'm a single person — I don't have a spouse or children, and it is still not always easy, but I can't imagine what it's like for people with families. I worry about them. If families in the neighborhood aren't doing well then I don't think we can say our city is doing well."

As a 39-year old renter in the in the Sylvan Park area, Salem says she aims to represent the large population in the city that rents housing — about 60 percent of the Mountain View residents. There hasn't been a renter on the City Council in many years, but Salem is one of three in this year's race, along with Ellen Kamei and Jim Neal.

Salem moved to the United States from Iran when she was a year old with a Green Card and said she chose to become a citizen at age 18 to be able to participate in elections, voting for Ralph Nader for president in 1992. If elected, she said she would be Mountain View's first Middle Eastern council member. She says there are only three other Iranian elected officials in the U.S., including San Francisco sheriff Ross Mirkarimi.

"If I were to be elected and eventually become mayor, I'd be the first Iranian American mayor in the nation," she said.

She says the "overarching theme" of her campaign is to help middle class families, and her top priorities are housing, the

environment, city infrastructure and services.

In this election, "housing is 100 percent the main issue," she said, but she also wants the city to find other ways to help lower costs for families, such as by providing more low-cost summer camps for kids.

With many residents discussing rent control as a solution to the city's increasingly painful rent increases, Salem says she sees rent control as something that would be "useful" to have a conversation about.

"Being an attorney, I absolutely do believe in individual property rights," she said. "I'll tell you as renter, my rents have increased about \$550 in three years — that's outrageous."

But she adds that just to say, "I'm for rent control" doesn't seem reasonable.

"There's so many ways a rent control ordinance can be drafted. There are some unreasonable rent control ordinances that put too high a restraint (on landlords). Others are so lax that they are not really doing what they say they set out to do," she said.

She says she has a pragmatic approach to fixing the city's jobs-housing imbalance, which she says is "quite out of balance." She says the city needs to plan for more housing and less office space, especially in the San Antonio area.

"I am opposed to housing that's not thoughtful," Salem said. "We're small city with 12 square miles. No matter how much we build, we are not going to meet demand because housing is not just Mountain View's problem, it's a regional problem. Develop

it well and have it be meaningful for the community. That building is going to be there long after we've come and gone."

Salem said she fell in love with Mountain View when she moved here four years ago. She spent the previous four years in Washington, D.C., after graduating with a law degree from Santa Clara University and growing up in West San Jose. She worked as an aide for Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, a legislative fellow for Pennsylvania Democrat Patrick Murphy and legal counsel for Southern California Democrat Linda Sanchez.

"My background is public policy and community activism," Salem said. "I can't remember a time in my life when I haven't been involved in my community."

Salem says she was a peer counselor in high school, a member of the the student government at Santa Clara University and the president of the college's Middle Eastern Law Student Association.

"Being heavily involved in legislative process, I understand how to get things done in a bureaucracy," she said. "It's not always easy and doesn't always happen, but I understand how to really persevere." ■



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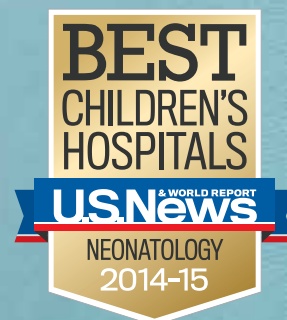
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SCHMIDT

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\$24 million in funding for the shoreline protection and wetland restoration project, which includes fixing and replacing inadequate levees to prevent flooding along Shoreline Park. The area is at around sea level, according to Schmidt, and sea level rise poses a threat with the existing levees.

Schmidt said the tax measure will also jump start work on San Francisquito Creek, on the border between Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, to protect thousands of homes and businesses from a 100-year flood. The creek overflowed in 1998 and flooded 11,000 acres and 1,100 homes, causing \$28 million in damage, according to the San Francisquito Creek Joint Powers Authority.

During his tenure, Schmidt made the motion to change the water district board's meeting time from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., which he said would make the board more accessible to the public, and increase attendance and participation.

"With night meetings, people with day jobs can attend board meetings or even serve on the board," Schmidt said.

The vote to change meeting times narrowly passed 4-3.

Schmidt said in his first term he worked to reduce wasteful spending during the "planning and design" phase of projects, and also supported a cut to board members' pay, reversing

Schmidt said he wants to bolster efforts to educate the public on water conservation.

a 2008 pay increase prior to his taking office. The proposed pay cut was shot down the first time it came to a vote, and passed on a second vote, 4-3.

In light of the severe drought, Schmidt said he wants to bolster efforts to educate the public on water conservation,

and believes the \$500-a-day fines authorized by the state for wasting water are more than just a symbolic move.

"They're going to have an effect," Schmidt said. "People are going to be persuaded to waste less water."

Schmidt said he supports water conservation rebates, including an increase on rebate rates. He said the number of people willing to participate in water conservation, through things like the Landscape Rebate Program, increased by 500 percent in recent years.

In 2010, Schmidt was endorsed by five Mountain View City Council members and eight Palo Alto City Council members. He defeated former Los Altos Council member Lou Becker with 56.8 percent of the vote.

Gary Kremen, the current president of the Purissima Hills Water District and founder of Match.com, has also announced his intent to run for the District 7 seat on the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board.

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Seen Around Town



THE PERFECT PERCH

Judi Harrison, a downtown resident, has a sharp-eyed new neighbor. She took this photo of a Cooper's hawk that has taken to perching on the telephone pole in her yard near a trio of redwoods. "The normal habitat is open woodlands and brush lands, but they have found a home in local redwood trees," she said of the hawks that have been spotted in her neighborhood. "They eat song birds and were seen eating a squirrel." She said she hopes pet cats won't be on the menu.



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MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
By: Terese McNamee, Chief Business Officer

BULLIS CAMP

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home the batter and bake the muffins overnight, and kids can see their results the next day. Depending on how things go, kids might get their muffins back a little deflated, or the carrots might be too chunky, but McClatchie said kids are proud to bring their muffins home to show off to their families.

The camp has a broad curriculum that goes well beyond muffin-making, covering math, science and literature. On Monday, volunteers from Explorabox, a nonprofit science education group, came in to teach kids about electricity in a program called "Watt's up with electricity?" In one activity, the campers rub balloons against a carpeted surface and hold them above their head to watch how static electricity pulls their hair skyward.

The kids were also taught about motors, solar energy, and mechanisms like the Van de Graaff generator — not a light curriculum. McClatchie said her hope is that through these lessons, some of the information will stick.

"They might hear about the Van de Graaff generator and say, 'Hey, I know what that is,'" she said.

McClatchie, along with Grace Yang, started the camp last year to provide a summer camp option for disadvantaged youth — specifically English language learners — in the community. McClatchie said kids learning English lose a lot of progress during the summer months, especially in homes where English is not commonly spoken. Camp counselors read out loud to groups of students,



BRANDON CHEW

Campers mix up batter for carrot muffins at the Bullis Boosters Summer Bridge Camp on July 29.

which McClatchie said helps avoid what she calls the "summer slide" for those students.

She said they coordinated with Craig Goldman, superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District, to reach out to at-risk children who could use the free summer camp the most. She said a number of kids were referred to them from Beyond the Bell — an after-school program that provides help with homework and academic activities. About 70 percent of the campers are from Mountain View.

Teachers from Castro Elementary School and Bullis Charter School donate their time to teach classes at the camp, along with 16 counselors from nearby middle and high schools, according to Yang. The camp also has a number of Spanish translators on-site, specifically when kids are being picked up or dropped off so they can communicate with parents, family members and caregivers.

Local food vendors also donate free lunch and snacks for the camp, including Whole Foods, The Counter, Spot Pizza, Choice-Lunch and Smitten Ice Cream. On Tuesday, the camp took a field trip to Smitten to learn how ice cream can be made very cold using liquid nitrogen.

Along with food vendors, a number of other groups have supported the program through whatever services they can provide. Educacy, a nonprofit education advocacy group, has been a fiscal sponsor and KidzJet, a transportation company, provided the camp with a good deal on vans to transport the campers.

McClatchie said all these groups have come together to help make the camp a fun and meaningful experience for kids who wouldn't normally have access to summer camps.

"There's a lot of people who understand that this is an important thing to do," McClatchie said. ▣

HOSPITAL BOARD

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mayor and council member for the city of Los Altos, and has served as the chair, vice chair and treasurer of the healthcare district board.

After serving on the city council, a former Los Altos mayor suggested to Reeder that he should join the El Camino Healthcare District board to make sure the health needs of the community are being met.

Reeder said working for the district over the years has been a rewarding experience, more so than city council.

"It feels like you're close to people with a real need and have a one-on-one experience with the patients," Reeder said.

He has served on a number of El Camino Hospital's committees, and currently chairs the quality committee.

"Quality of service is my No. 1 item," Reeder said. "I've been on the committee for five or six years to see that we provide the best quality of care and the safest care for patients."

Reeder said that ever year, departments at the hospital do presentations and get an assessment that reflects the quality of service. That includes feedback from patients who came to the hospital for a procedure. Reeder said it's important that patients leave with a positive experience.

Beyond quality, Reeder has

spent between five and six years on the finance committee, and said it's important for the hospital to look beyond year-to-year financials and monitor all the factors that affect the budget. For example, he advocates looking at Medicare patients on a monthly basis to get a better reading on the financial health of the hospital.

Reeder said the healthcare district board has made a lot of improvements since the 2012 audit by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Clara County. The audit, among other things, criticized the board for lack of transparency.

"We're doing a better job at governance, and we're rated in the top 10 percent in the country," Reeder said.

Reeder said El Camino Hospital has plans to put a greater emphasis on continuity of care — where the hospital continues to provide assistance to patients long after they are discharged from the hospital. He said he wants to remain on the district board to see that continuity of care is implemented successfully and funded properly.

"Healthcare is a very complicated business, and it's important to have someone on the board who has the experience needed," Reeder said.

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LASD BOND

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“I want to thank the board for all their hard work,” Peruri said. “I’m hopeful that both boards will approve the agreement.”

Bullis Charter School board member Francis La Poll, who was involved in the mediation meetings leading up to Monday’s board meeting, said the approval of the five-year agreement has been a great success.

“This is groundbreaking for the community, and (the agreement) is in the best interest for all parties,” La Poll said.

The five-year agreement, announced on July 2, will end all litigation between the district and the charter school, end disputes over enrollment numbers and open up new space at Blach for the charter school. The agreement will also replace the piecemeal facility-use agreements that invariably caused strife between the two parties every year.

Both the charter school and the district have spent millions in legal fees over the decade-long disputes over school facilities.

Less than a week from bond measure approval

The district’s focus is now squarely on passing a bond measure in the November election that would help the district fund additional school facilities — including a new school campus. District board members cite growing enrollment as driving the need for a new school, particularly in the region north of El Camino.

The district is on a tight deadline for drafting the bond measure, which must be completed and voted on at the regular Aug. 4 board meeting.

At the special meeting, Smith said that trying to find a specific site for the new school prior to the Aug. 4 meeting felt “rushed,” and the district would be better off if it collected more information and delayed any decision on a location until after the bond measure passes. Gardner Bullis parent Vladimir Ivanovic told the board he also feels the whole process needs to slow down.

So to keep options open, the school district may leave some of the bond measure language vague, so that big decisions — like the location of a new school — can be made at a later date.

There are also legal perks to having broad, non-specific language in the bond measure. Janet Mueller, a representative from an education law firm, told the board that while bond measure language needs to be specific enough to be palatable for voters, overly specific language has come back to haunt some districts. In a 2013 case, taxpayers sued the San

Diego Unified School District for not following its own strict bond language carefully enough.

Still, some people at the board meeting expressed concerns that the language was not specific enough. Following Mueller’s presentation, two people said they wanted a more comprehensive list of facility improvements, with an estimated price tag on each item.

Ivanovic also said he felt that \$150 million is not enough, and that the district would need more money to open a new school site and add facilities to existing schools.

But raising more than \$150 million doesn’t look like much of an option. The bond is a Proposition 39 school facilities bond, which means the maximum tax rate the district can levy is \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value per parcel. To go any higher, the measure would need two-thirds voter approval rather than 55 percent of the vote, which Smith said was not likely.

Los Altos offers parks, community responds

Dozens of community members showed up to the board meeting sporting green buttons and stickers that said SLAP — an acronym for Save Los Altos Parks — and spoke out against the possibility that Rosita Park or McKenzie Park would be sacrificed for a school site.

The district received two separate petitions with signatures not to build a school at either park.

Peruri told the board he did not want the community to lose a park for a school, and that forcing people to choose between the

two will hurt the chances that the bond measure will pass in November. He also said the locations of the two parks wouldn’t make sense based on the enrollment of neighboring schools

The city of Los Altos offered up the two parks to the Los Altos School District as possible sites for a new school about a month ago. According to Smith, the parks were the only places the city was willing to consider at the time.

Joe Seither, board member of

so far it’s been fruitless, they said.

The problem is that Mountain View doesn’t have a lot of options for a school in the San Antonio area, according to Mountain View Mayor Chris Clark. Clark said normally the city would have the option to use public land, like a city park, to dedicate to a new school. That’s not the case with the San Antonio area.

“There’s this expectation that the city has public land ready to dedicate to a public school,”

the school would look like.

Clark said it’s up to the school district to identify where it wants a school in Mountain View and if private property owners would be interested. Once that happens, he said, the city would be happy to work with them.

“Right now the ball is in their court to identify a site,” Clark said.

District board member Goines said he’s attended a Mountain View’s Youth Services Committee meeting to reach out to the city of Mountain View, and said the response is always the same: Find private land the school district is willing to purchase and then come back.

Goines said the Youth Services Committee is not an appropriate place to discuss a possible school site, and that the city of Mountain View needs to set up an ad hoc committee to work with the school district and find a suitable location.

Lenny Siegel, leader of the Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View, said both the city and the school district need to come together with a common goal to open a school north of El Camino Real. He said there may be other options beyond what Clark and the school district trustees have considered, and both bodies need to collaborate and open a school in the San Antonio area if they want to create a family-friendly, sustainable community.

“I don’t see how someone could complete the San Antonio Precise Plan without putting a school there,” Siegel said. “Otherwise it’s a bad plan.”

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‘If (downzoning) isn’t outright illegal, we’d be sued into oblivion.’

MAYOR CHRIS CLARK

the Huttlinger Alliance for Education, said some members of the public may have mistaken the intent of the board. He said people seem to think district board members zeroed in on Rosita and McKenzie parks as locations for the new school, when it was the city of Los Altos that limited the discussion to just those two sites.

School site options in Mountain View

Logan said that with district enrollment growing fastest in the area north of El Camino Real, a school site in the San Antonio area of Mountain View would make the most sense. Since last year, Logan and fellow board members Doug Smith and Mark Goines have approached Mountain View city officials to try to work out a deal that could allow for a school site in the area — and

Clark said.

He also said the city cannot zone for a school in the San Antonio area because that would be considered down-zoning, which decreases the allowable density and development in an area. He said the city would run into legal trouble if it tried to down-zone for a school.

“If it isn’t outright illegal, we’d be sued into oblivion,” Clark said.

The only other option would be for the school district to acquire private land in the area, which Clark said would be prohibitively expensive based on the school district’s current school model — like low enrollment numbers per school site and one-story buildings.

He said if the district wants land in the San Antonio area, it might need to reconsider what

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Tech giants should help more with housing

The impact of Google, both the noun and the verb, is indisputably profound across the globe, but in Mountain View, the name carries a significance beyond information gathering and dissemination: The gargantuan corporation means thousands of jobs, and a certain degree of vibrancy and beneficence to the city it calls home. But it also means massive traffic congestion on local roadways and a demand on the city's housing stock that have led to what many residents say is a decline in the quality of life.

As the city tries to cope with the strains this and other fast-growing companies are placing on its infrastructure, the task is complicated by the fact that many of them pay no sales tax — a source of revenue that cities typically rely greatly on to pay for public services and amenities.

The most severe local impact of the quickly rising number of jobs created by tech firms is on housing, which increases in number at a snail's pace compared with the rate of job growth, and public pressure is mounting on city leaders to deal with an increasingly painful housing-to-jobs imbalance in the city. And that imbalance will only get worse: With housing already scarce, particularly for low- and middle-income people, the city is poised to add more than 35,000 new tech jobs in the coming years if the various office plans and projects proposed or recently approved come to fruition, but only about 7,000 new homes can be built in Mountain View under the zoning created by the city's new general plan.

What's more, those tech jobs are likely to result in a far higher count of workers needing housing in — or driving to — the city. According to UC Berkeley economics professor Enrico Moretti, every new tech job will lead indirectly to the creation five local

non-tech jobs. The housing problem is complex, because even if the city gets serious about zoning for more residential use and requiring developers to include more housing in their projects, many of the people holding those five new non-tech jobs will not command the salaries needed to live in market-rate houses.

Cities and nonprofit agencies have struggled for years with the issue of subsidized housing, but funding is a key obstacle. A report issued in December by Housing Trust Silicon Valley states that funding for subsidized low-income housing in Santa Clara County has dropped by 64 percent since 2008. The Housing Trust relies heavily on contributions from large corporate donors — including Adobe, Cisco, Hewlett Packard and Wells Fargo Bank — as well as from cities and other government sources.

Google has contributed to a number of projects in Mountain View, including a free shuttle program being launched this fall; in 2012, it displayed generosity toward the local school community with a \$1 million gift. Another fast-growing local tech company that pays no sales taxes, LinkedIn, has hosted a job-training seminar for homeless people. But these highly profitable companies, which generate job growth at a far faster rate than housing can be created to allow employees to live close to work, could be doing more to help in the housing arena.

The Housing Trust Silicon Valley offers loans and grants to boost the supply of below-market-rate housing, help first-time home-buyers, and provide housing assistance to the homeless. Companies such as Google and LinkedIn would be making a huge contribution to the city they do business in to contribute major funding to organizations like the Housing Trust, earmarked for Mountain View housing programs. ■

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Water management is a hard problem. We need to ensure enough water to satisfy our growing population but also to ensure that there is not so much that it causes floods.

Right now, the drought has caused a water crisis and people are proposing ways to get necessary water. Tweaking our existing sources and using less water is not enough. All of our sources combined cannot provide all the water we need even in wet years; and we are running out of ground water to mine.

We need new sources of water and the only viable one left is the ocean. We must start desalinating — big time!

*Doug Pearson
Fordham Way*

'ANIMAL FARM' SYSTEM OF HEALTH CARE?

I am amazed that El Camino Hospital is eliminating its dialysis services on the basis of costs, while a for-profit company, DaVita Healthcare, can afford to buy or lease two lots along El Camino Real (presumably for a hefty price) and build a single-story dialysis center on the combined property, expecting to make a good return on their large investment (they were even willing to buy the physical therapy center next door as well).

The article did not explain very well how this works, though a plausible explanation is that El Camino Hospital is forced to take Medicare and Medicaid patients, at the set reimbursement rates, while the for-profit

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operations can service only those with private health insurance plans with much higher reimbursement rates, leaving those on Medicare and Medicaid the joy of traveling large distances to the few dialysis centers still available to them.

This is another example of the “Animal Farm” system of health care we have — all animals get equal health care, but some animals get more equal health care than others.

It’s also an illustration of the economic distortions caused by the Proposition 13 treatment of commercial real estate: the 0.56 acres of land where the DaVita dialysis center will sit is assessed at \$376,000; the owner is paying less than \$4,000 per year in taxes for land that can probably be leased for more than \$500,000 a year. If DaVita had to purchase the land, likely for at least \$4 million to \$5 million, we would be collecting \$40,000 to 50,000 per year in taxes — another “Animal Farm” analogy — all animals pay equal taxes but some animals pay more equal taxes than others.

David Lewis
Oak Street

A THUMBS-UP FOR CANDIDATE LENNY SIEGEL

I am glad to know that Mr. Lenny Siegel has decided to run for Mountain View City Council. He is one of a kind. In my 40 years as a resident of Mountain View I have not known another community activist with the courage, dedication and passion to fight for issues that have to do with the well-being of our communities, as your article about Mr. Siegel in the July 25 edition of the Mountain View Voice states it.

He has been the voice of the voiceless especially now with his Campaign for a Balanced Mountain View, which has created public awareness about the urgent need to build fewer offices and more housing for the middle- and low-income residents of our beloved city.

At 66 he is not “a lot older” to be “less threatening to people” but a lot wiser and better known for us to elect him when the time comes. I will be the first in line to vote for him.

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Regional Indian cuisine still shines

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

AS AMBER INDIA
EXPANDS ITS EMPIRE,
IT STAYS TRUE TO ITS
MOUNTAIN VIEW ROOTS

Good news: Amber India is moving to modern quarters in Los Altos, just across the Mountain View border, with plenty of parking. Even better news: The old location still provides the excellent food and service that introduced the South Bay to white-tablecloth, multi-regional Indian cuisine in 1994.

The original Amber India will remain open for catering, said owner Vijay Bist. It is a place of memories for Silicon Valley. As Bist puts it, "People are very loyal in Mountain View. They say, 'How can you move? We grew up there!'"

The restaurant's enduring popularity also comes from its being family-friendly. "We're bringing the whole team from Mountain View, a new chef from India," Bist said. "Hopefully we can serve the next generation of young kids."

The Amber empire started expand-

From top: *Basmati rice; palak paneer, creamy spinach dotted with cubes of farmer's cheese; and chicken tikka masala in a mild tomato sauce at Amber India in Mountain View.*



ing in 2003, with a chic restaurant/lounge in San Jose's luxe Santana Row. Then there were restaurants in San Francisco, Palo Alto and a cafe in Mountain View.

By the end of the year, Bist hopes, there will be one in Los Altos. The new Amber India is going into a 10,000-square-foot building just across the street, on the Los Altos side of El Camino Real. There will be three levels, each with its own personality, kitchen and bar. The new restaurant will have a well-stocked cocktail lounge with big-screen TV, a private room, and a patio with fire and water features for Indian weddings.

In true startup fashion, Bist's first food business did not go so well. His organic food store in San Jose predated the market, and had a bad location, he says. And one of his restaurants in San Francisco is closed for now, while he focuses on Los Altos.

Meanwhile, Mountain View is doing just fine. Even with the Olive Tree Shopping Center half-empty, parking is very competitive at lunchtime. This may be because the \$14.95 buffet is constantly refreshed. Naan



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Amber India's popular lunch buffet offers a variety of regional dishes.

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doesn't sit in a steam tray, but is served fresh to your table. Remarkably, tandoori chicken (skinless but with bones) stays tender. Dishes rotate and are cooked from scratch every day. It's a good time to try something new, like for me, a luscious Bhopuri potato dish. Amber India represents a variety of regions well.

For pacing purposes, it's important to know that the signature butter chicken and a couple of other savory meat dishes are accessed at the dessert table.

At dinner, the assorted tandoori hors d'oeuvres (\$13.95) could make an entree for the indecisive meat-eater. You get luscious lamb sausage (seekh kabab), minced with onions, ginger, garlic and spices. Cubes of lamb (barrah kabob) are tender and aromatic. Boneless

pieces of marinated chicken maintain a moist texture and flavor-enhancing char spots. All of the above are served on a platter, with the bed of onions still sizzling and the slice of lemon nicely warmed for juicing. Tamarind and mint-cilantro sauces come in easy-to-pour creamers.

Servers spoon out the entrees. As opposed to the lunchtime buffet, rice and naan are extras. We needed both butter naan (\$2.95) and basmati rice (\$2.95) to soak up the silken butter chicken and sauce, which also features tomatoes and fenu-greek.

Visually and flavor-wise, palak paneer (\$14.95) makes an excellent companion to but-

DINING NOTES

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ter chicken (\$17.95). Creamy spinach is dotted with cubes of farmer's cheese.

For a sweet ending, try Bengali rasgulla (\$4.50), two little balls of dense farmer's cheese dumplings in relatively light rose-flavored sugar syrup.

My only issue with Amber India is the anemic wine list. The new location is sure to cure that problem. ▣

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The RAB reviews and comments on plans and activities about the ongoing environmental studies and restoration activities underway at Moffett Field. Regular RAB meetings are open to the public and the Navy encourages your involvement. **To review documents** on Moffett Field environmental restoration projects, please visit the information repository located at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, (650) 903-6337.

For more information, contact Mr. Scott Anderson, Navy Base Realignment and Closure Environmental Coordinator at (619) 532-0938 or scott.d.anderson@navy.mil.

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MOVIE TIMES

- 22 Jump Street (R) ★★** Century 20: 8:05 & 10:45 p.m.
- A Most Wanted Man (R)** Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:20, 7:15 & 10:10 p.m. Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 1:35, 4:30, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m.
- And So It Goes (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri Click on theater name for showtimes Sat Click on theater name for showtimes Sun Click on theater name for showtimes Mon Click on theater name for showtimes
- Begin Again (R)** Aquarius Theatre: 4:40, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m.
- The Big Lebowski (1998) (R)** Century 16: Sun 2 p.m.
- Boyhood (R) ★★★★★** Aquarius Theatre: 11:50 a.m., 1:10, 3:20, 7 & 9:45 p.m. Century 20: 11:05 a.m., 2:45, 6:25 & 10:05 p.m.
- Chef (R)** Century 20: 7:25 & 10:10 p.m.
Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Fri & Sat 10 p.m.
- Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★**
Century 16: 9:50 a.m., 1, 4:10, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: 10:25 a.m., 4:35 & 7:40 p.m. In 3-D at 1:30 & 10:40 p.m.
- Earth to Echo (PG)** Century 20: 10:35 a.m., 12:55, 3:15 & 5:35 p.m.
- Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13) ★★★**
Century 16: 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:25 & 10:15 p.m.
- The Fluffy Movie (PG-13)** Century 16: 9:30 a.m., 2:45 & 8 p.m.
Century 20: 11:10 a.m., 4:50 & 10:15 p.m.
- Get On Up (PG-13) (Not Reviewed)**
Century 16: 9:05 a.m., 12:20, 3:40, 7:05, 10:20 & 11:35 p.m.
Century 20: 11:20 a.m., 12:55, 2:30, 4:05, 5:40, 7:15, 8:50 & 10:25 p.m.
- Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)** Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:45, 8:30, 10:40 & 11:30 p.m. In 3-D at 9, 9:45 & 11:15 a.m. ; noon, 12:45, 2:15, 3, 3:45, 5:15, 6:10, 7, 9:15, 10 p.m. & 12:10 a.m.
Century 20: 10:20 a.m., 1:15, 4:05, 5:25, 7, 8:25 & 10 p.m. In 3-D at 11:35 a.m., 12:10, 12:40, 2:30, 3:05, 3:40, 6, 6:35, 9 & 9:30 p.m. In X-D at 11 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.
- Hercules (2014) (PG-13)** Century 16: 12:15, 5:25 & 10:35 p.m. In 3-D at 9:35 a.m., 2:55 & 7:55 p.m. Century 20: 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m. In 3-D at 10:20 a.m., 12:45, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15 & 10:40 p.m.
- How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) ★★★** Century 16: 9:05 & 11:40 a.m.; 2:25 & 5 p.m. Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:40 & 4:15 p.m.
- I Origins (R)** Century 16: 12:05, 5:20 & 10:35 p.m.
- Land Ho! (R)** Century 16: 7:35 & 10:05 p.m.
- Le Chef (PG-13)**
Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8 & 10:15 p.m.
- Lucy (R) ★★★** Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15 p.m. & 12:10 a.m. Century 20: 10:40 & 11:50 a.m.; 1, 2:15, 3:20, 4:35, 5:40, 6:55, 8:05, 9:20 & 10:30 p.m.
- Magic in the Moonlight (PG-13)**
Guild Theatre: 11:40 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:10 & 9:30 a.m.
- Maleficent (PG) ★★** Century 20: 11:40 a.m., 2:20 & 4:55 p.m.
- Monty Python Live (Mostly) (R)** Aquarius Theatre: 7 p.m.
- My Fair Lady (1964) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m. Sat & Sun 3 p.m.
- Planes: Fire & Rescue (PG)** Century 16: 9:40 & 11:55 a.m.; 2:20, 4:40, 7 & 9:15 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2, 4:20, 7:05 & 9:25 p.m.
- The Purge: Anarchy (R)** Century 20: noon, 2:40, 5:20, 8 & 10:35 p.m.
- The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)** Guild Theatre: Sat midnight.
- Sex Tape (R) ★★** Century 20: 7:55 & 10:20 p.m.
- Wish I Was Here (R) ★** Century 20: 1:55 & 7:30 p.m.
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- ★★★ A good bet
- ★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Boyhood ★★★★★

Richard Linklater's "Boyhood" makes cinematic poetry of the growing-up experience with a narrative consumable in one sitting, shot (on 35mm film) in 39 days over 12 years with the same cast. Linklater fashions this remarkable material with considerable restraint and intuition, hitting the jackpot in the casting of Ellar Coltrane as the central character, Mason. When we first meet Mason, at age 6, it is "Aspiration Day" at grade school, and Mason's choice is to aspire the clouds, lying in the green grass on a blue-sky day. Along comes Mason's mother, Olivia (Patricia Arquette), and soon we meet his vivacious (read bratty) sister Samantha (Lorelei Linklater, the director's daughter) and their father, Mason Sr. (Ethan Hawke), divorced but re-involved with his kids after a stint in Alaska. Others come and go, but this is the story of a (fractured) family of four over a childhood, culminating in a young adult's release into the wild. When Mason Sr. expertly skips a stone across a lake, it's an unspoken metaphor for the passage of time and the film itself. Linklater evokes this feeling by seamlessly editing through the annual gaps in filming. "Boyhood" does leave something to be desired, but so does life. But the writer-director earns a bit of slack in gratitude for the strange and wonderful gift of "Boyhood." *Rated R for language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use. Two hours, 45 minutes.* — P.C.

Lucy ★★★

Big-budget mind-expansion sci-fi has been a thing of late, with "Limitless," "Transcendence" and now Luc Besson's "Lucy" exploring what happens when humanity gains "access to previously unexplored cerebral zones." Scarlett Johansson stars as the titular Everywoman living a paycheck-to-paycheck existence broken up by a string of loser boyfriends. Suddenly, one of those boyfriends chains her to a briefcase and forces her to deliver it. Before you can say, "super-drug," Lucy's been kidnapped, surgically altered into a mule and inadvertently poisoned by the product she's carrying in her gut. This hypothetical drug unlocks cerebral capacity, sending Lucy on a fantastic voyage toward 100 percent usage of her gray matter. Such rapid evolution comes with superpowers (including power over minds and matter) but also a price. Looking for aid, Lucy enlists French cop Pierre Del Rio (Amr Waked) and brainpower theorist Professor Norman (Morgan Freeman), even as she is chased by druglord Mr. Jang (Choi Min-Sik of "Oldboy"). It's all very self-consciously pulpy, a comic-book "what if?" tale with a very Luc Besson insistence on shootouts and reckless driving. Yet "Lucy" isn't so larky as it first appears. Johansson delivers a commanding, funny, poignant performance, and Freeman seems more engaged at some junctures than he has in years. From the hilarious opening moments of sexy cell-splitting to the visionary time-and-space-are-how-you-perceive-them finale, Besson reminds us how limber he can be. *Rated R for strong violence, disturbing images, and sexuality. One hour, 30 minutes.* — P.C.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

GET ON UP ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) Trying as hard as possible can be the most valuable asset an artist possesses, or it can be a liability. For James Brown, known as the “hardest working man in show business” to his adherents, maximum effort clearly yielded the greatest rewards. Brown held almost impossibly high expectations for himself and for his musicians; he even went as far as to fine band members for playing off beat, refusing to follow his directions or committing other infractions. As a result, he crafted an innovative, vibrant funk groove that transcends its era.

It’s therefore ironic that “Get On Up,” Tate Taylor’s newly released James Brown biopic, gains appeal in part by not trying too hard. James Brown’s life was so darkly rich that it would take someone like Martin Scorsese or Francis Ford Coppola in his prime to come close to fully capturing it. Rather than let itself get bogged down in a pretentious display of over-ambition, however, “Get On Up” succeeds in providing an entertaining representation of Brown’s rise to stardom.

That’s not to say anyone slacks off in this movie, especially on the acting front. The



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Chadwick Boseman as James Brown in “Get on Up.”

film marks Chadwick Boseman’s second leading role in a biopic in as many years. As Jackie Robinson in last year’s “42,” Boseman bore a strong physical resemblance to the late Brooklyn Dodgers trailblazer but couldn’t elevate himself beyond the confines of a thinly written script. The screenplay of “Get On Up” doesn’t have that problem. Boseman evokes the magnetism that gave Brown such a strong stage presence

and commanding personality, and yet refuses to drift into caricature. That’s not an easy task.

Perhaps the most famous prior portrayal of Brown comes in the form of a nearly two-minute-long Eddie Murphy Saturday Night Live skit in which Murphy’s Brown prepares to dip himself into a “celebrity hot tub.” Boseman doesn’t impersonate Brown so much as embody what the film

sees him to be; his raspy voice seems more authentic than contrived.

As for the directing, Tate Taylor’s name is not nearly as recognizable as his most famous effort to date: “The Help.” “Get On Up” employs the same brand of wit that made Taylor’s earlier film a hit with audiences and Oscar voters, but avoids the racial condescension that earned “The Help” some degree of criticism. Rest assured, “Get

On Up” does not come off as hackneyed as its trailers and TV spots suggest. Sure, its narrative at times lacks the tight punch of the subject’s music. But the film masks its clichés with a refreshing non-linear format, which jolts viewers but doesn’t jar or confuse them.

The film doesn’t shy away from revealing Brown’s less flattering characteristics. We see Brown beat his second wife, drawing a sinister and all too potent comparison to the way Brown’s father abused him and his mother (Viola Davis). When we see Boseman’s heavily made up face in his later years as he smokes what appears to be PCP, the prosthetics come off as more haunting than cheesy. In that manner, “Get On Up” recalls the narrative arc of “Goodfellas,” reveling in Brown’s excesses but not pulling any punches in depicting its consequences. It lacks the overwhelming vigor of “Goodfellas,” but the film never provides a boring moment. Overall, “Get On Up” stands as an admirable effort at chronicling the enigmatic essence of the Godfather of Soul.

Rated PG-13 for sexual content, drug use, some strong language and violent situations. Two hours, 18 minutes.

— Cooper Aspegren

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY ★★★

(Century 16, Century 20) If the denizens of the Island of Misfit Toys were packing heat, you might get the Guardians of the Galaxy, the heroes of the latest Marvel comic-book-to-screen extravaganza. As shepherded by director James Gunn (“Super”), “Guardians of the Galaxy” lurches along a bit awkwardly, but always with utterly dazzling visuals and a goofy gag at the ready.

Gunn and Nicole Perlman scripted this adaptation of Dan Abnett and Andy Lanning’s comics, launched in 2008 (a different, original set of Guardians debuted in 1969). The film opens by swiftly establishing the anguish and trauma underpinning Peter Quill, a boy (Wyatt Oleff) who, in 1988, loses his mother to cancer just before alien Ravagers kidnap him. In short order, that boy is a man (Chris Pratt of “Parks and Recreation” and “The Lego Movie”) of mercenary tendencies and thieving instincts, kicking around the galaxy with an emotional detachment that’s compatible with danger and one-night stands. And he now



MARVEL STUDIO

Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt and Dave Bautista in “Guardians of the Galaxy.”

fancies himself “Star-Lord,” though he’s having a hard time making the name stick.

Hired to steal and deliver a powerful orb, Quill winds up with a bounty on his head, and when those looking for him or the orb converge in a sunny mall on planet Xandar, all heck breaks loose, and Quill gets locked up with his new frenemies: green-skinned tough cookie Gamora (Zoe Saldana), who has a history with big, bad,

power-hungry Thanos (Josh Brolin); hulking warrior Drax the Destroyer (Dave Bautista, in a surprisingly subtle and dry-witted turn), bent on vengeance against Thanos’ agent Ronan (Lee Pace); the amiable but powerful walking tree Groot (Vin Diesel), who only ever says, “I am Groot”; and the genetically engineered talking rodent Rocky Raccoon (Bradley Cooper), who’s as gun-happy as he is wise-ass.

And they only scratch the surface of the cast of characters, which makes room for actors like fan fave Karen Gillan (“Doctor Who”), Oscar winner Benicio del Toro, and Oscar nominee Djimon Hounsou, Glenn Close and John C. Reilly. The plot hurtles forward too quickly ever to coalesce into decisive coherence or clean, clear motivations, which will leave some audiences disinterested, uninvolved and numbed

by the relentless 3D spectacle. On the other hand, Gunn keeps the tone light and the design eye-popping, compensations that shouldn’t be underestimated when it comes to this kind of multiplex product: The \$170 million picture looks like it cost easily twice as much.

It’s fitting that “Guardians of the Galaxy” debuts just after Comic-Con, as it’s catnip for the comic-geek crowd. But perhaps the real target audience is kids, who will get the most guiltless value out of the movie. After two acts that play like a meeting of Douglas Adams and Quentin Tarantino (especially in the emphasis on “Awesome Mix” source music on Quill’s precious Walkman), the third act repeatedly hammers home an “all for one and one for all” message that losers and orphans can find a support system in their own new family of friends. Though the picture leaves you with little more to hang onto than a roller coaster, it’s still a pretty good ride.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and for some language. Two hours, 1 minute.

— Peter Canavese

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■ HIGHLIGHT

SOUTH PACIFIC

Foothill Music Theatre will put on a production of the Broadway musical “South Pacific,” by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. Thursday-Sunday, July 24-Aug. 10, 7:30-10 p.m. \$10-\$32. Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7360. www.foothillmusicals.com

ART GALLERIES

Works by Judi Keyani Recent works by Bay Area artist Judy Keyani will be on display at Gallery 9, including pastel, oil paint and sketch pieces. An opening reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. July 29-Aug. 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

Friends of Mountain View Library Book Sale Friends of Mountain View Library will hold a book sale to raise funds at the library’s Bookmobile Garage. Members of the organization can enter at 9 a.m. on Saturday, and a bag sale will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Aug. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Aug. 10, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices vary. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7031. www.mvlibraryfriends.org

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

‘Growing Gourmet Garlic (and a Few Relatives)’ Led by Marcia Fein, this talk will give tips to lovers of garlic, leeks and onions on how to grow them successfully in a home garden. Aug. 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

Foothill College Fall Quarter registration Foothill College Fall Quarter registration will be open on the school’s website beginning July 21. Classes will run from September 22 to December 12. Students are encouraged to register early for the best course selection. July 21-September 22. \$31/unit for California residents, plus basic fees. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7325. www.foothill.fhda.edu/admissions.php

Health care programs orientation In this workshop for those interested in health care careers, information will be provided on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and what programs are offered through the Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School. Register on the website. Aug. 6, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. www.mvlae.net

CLUBS/MEETINGS

ESL Conversation Club Those learning or improving English speaking skills are invited to come practice at club meetings with casual conversation and friendly company. All levels are welcome, no registration required. Wednesdays, year-round, 5-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

Peninsula Astronomical Society meeting At this month’s meeting of the Peninsula Astronomical Society, Dr. Brad Bailey from NASA Ames Research Center will give a talk called “Astrobiology in our Solar System.” The observatory will be open after the meeting, weather permitting. Attendees should park in Lot 6. Aug. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 5015, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.pastro.org/dnn/

Sew Sew Saturday The library invites community members to come sew on Saturday mornings; four Baby Lock (Grace model) sewing machines and one serger are available for use. Please register on the website. No instruction will be provided. Saturdays, year-round, 10:15-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6337. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community BBQ and Playground Opening Foothill Covenant Church will hold a

community BBQ and celebration for the opening of two new playgrounds. Free food, water games, a bounce house and other activities will be on hand. Aug. 13, 5-8 p.m. Free. Foothill Covenant Church, 1555 Oak Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-967-7447. www.foothillcov.org

Lizards at the Library The Mountain View Police Department’s own Sergeant Saul Jaeger will share his personal collection of lizards, snakes and other creatures with library visitors. All ages are welcome. Registration is appreciated but not required. Aug. 2, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/depts/library/default.asp

MVHA 60th anniversary Summer BBQ The Mountain View Historical Association will hold its annual Summer BBQ, where it will celebrate its 60th anniversary. The organization will serve its version of the long-gone but famous Linda’s Parisian Burger. Please RSVP by July 27. Aug. 3, noon. \$10 general; \$5 child. The Old Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. www.mountainviewhistorical.org

Palo Alto Buddhist Temple Obon Festival This free, public festival will include a variety of cultural and carnival offerings, as well as traditional Japanese and American food and drink. The two-day event will culminate in the Bon Odori circle dance at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Aug. 2, 5 p.m.; Aug. 3, noon. Free. Palo Alto Buddhist Temple, 2751 Louis Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-1959. www.pabt.org

Thursday Night Live Downtown Mountain View will host Thursday Night Live, an evening with dining, shopping, children’s activities, a farmers’ market, live music and a car show. Aug. 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, Castro Street, between Evelyn Avenue and California Street, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/thursdaynightlive.asp

DANCE

International Dance Festival workshops In these weeklongs workshop for intermediate and advanced dancers, artists Leslie Arbogast, Leanne Rinelli and Leslie Friedman will teach Dunham, Salsa and contemporary dance techniques as part of the International Dance Festival @ Silicon Valley. A public concert for the participants will take place on August 17. Contact organizers for specific details. Aug. 11-15. \$280-\$325. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-4110. www.livelyfoundation.org/wordpress/?cat=2

EXHIBITS

‘Fearless Genius’ The Computer History Museum will have on display a photography exhibit by Doug Menuez called “Fearless Genius: The Digital Revolution in Silicon Valley, 1985-2000.” It consists of 50 photographs documenting innovators at Apple, Leiner Perkins, Adobe and other companies. Wednesday-Sunday, July 9-Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$15 general; \$12 student/senior/military. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

‘Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China’ The exhibit “Huangshan and Zhangjiajie, China: Photographs of Land and Culture” will be on display at the Krause Center for Innovation. June 23-Sept. 26, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, 12345 El Monte Road, Building 4000, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7318. www.incredibletravelphotos.com/krause-innovation-center-2014/

Rengstorff Arts Festival exhibit Works by local artists in watercolor, oil, photography, print and fiber will be on display at this month-long show in the Rengstorff House. Featured works will be by students in the Arts in Action Program at the Community School of Music and Arts. Aug. 1-31, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sundays 1-5 p.m. Free. Rengstorff

House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

FAMILY AND KIDS

Helix summer sessions Helix will offer summer camp sessions for ages 5 to 14 where kids can learn about the world through investigation. Participants can explore exhibits and spend time learning in the workshop. Monday-Friday, July 7-Aug. 15, 1-4 p.m. \$200 member; \$250 nonmember. Helix by Exploratorium, 316 State St., Los Altos. helixlosaltos.org/helix-summer-sessions

FILM

‘Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2’ at Stevenson Park The next film shown for Mountain View’s Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series will be “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2” at Stevenson Park. Movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., or when it becomes dark. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Aug. 1, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Stevenson Park, 750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/summermovie.asp

‘Free Birds’ at Whisman Park Mountain View will show the movie “Free Birds” as part of its Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series in the city’s parks. Movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., or when it becomes dark. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Aug. 8, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Whisman Park, 400 Easy St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/summermovie.asp

‘The Lego Movie’ at Rengstorff Park For the next film in its Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series, the city will screen “The Lego Movie” at Rengstorff Park. Movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., or when it becomes dark. Attendees should bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Aug. 15, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/events/summermovie.asp

HEALTH

Pilates Cardiocamp Pilates Cardiocamp classes offer a workout designed to build the core (abs and back) and strengthen the lower and upper body. New students will receive a free week of classes. See the website for locations, rates and more info. Monday-Friday, Aug. 4-Sept. 5, 6, 7 or 9 a.m. Los Altos and Woodside. www.pilatescardiocamp.com

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Farmers’ Market The Oshman Family JCC will hold a weekly Friday Farmers’ Market with fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, performances, Shabbat surprises, food trucks and more. Fridays, through August, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. www.paloaltojcc.org/events/2014/05/02/community-events/friday-farmers-market-at-the-ofjcc

Silicon Valley Beer Week at Tied House Tied House Microbrewery and Cafe will celebrate Silicon Valley Beer Week with a special beer pairing menu featuring new items and Tied House’s award-winning beers. July 25-Aug. 2, business hours. Prices vary. Tied House, 954 Villa St., Mountain View. Call 650-965-2739. www.tiedhouse.com

LIVE MUSIC

Divisa Ensemble As part of the Rengstorff Arts Festival, the Divisa Ensemble quintet will perform Baroque, Classical, romantic and contemporary music on the flute, oboe, violin, viola and cello. Aug. 3, 2-3 p.m. Free. Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6392. www.r-house.org

The Littlest Birds For a Rengstorff Arts Festival performance, a banjo and cello duo called The Littlest Birds will play breezy, backwoods soul music. Aug. 10, 2-3 p.m. Free.

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ON STAGE

‘The Pirates of Penzance’ The Lamplighters, a Bay Area Gilbert & Sullivan musical theater group, will give three performances of the comic opera “The Pirates of Penzance,” which follows a romance between a young pirate and the daughter of an unusual military man. Aug. 9, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Aug. 10, 2 p.m. \$25-\$53. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6000. lamplighters.org/season/season.html

‘The Wizard of Oz’ The Los Altos Stage Company and Los Altos Youth Theatre will perform the classic musical, “The Wizard of Oz,” following Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they seek to find Dorothy a way home. Thursday-Sunday, July 18-Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$15 youth/senior; \$20 adult. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 660-941-0551. www.losaltosstage.org

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings followed by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, July 22-Sept. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. imsb.org

Reiki 1 class This course will teach the art of Reiki, which aims to reduce stress and enhance health and happiness through a gentle touch. Aug. 9 and Aug. 17, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$200 (includes manual). Los Altos Reiki, 745 Distel Drive, Suite 121, Los Altos. Call 650-862-2425.

SENIORS

‘Driving Safely’ Rosemary from the the Department of Motor Vehicles’ Senior Driver Ombudsman program will provide important information about driving as a senior citizen. The talk will cover myths about older drivers, license renewal options, compensating for changes that come with age and transportation alternatives. Aug. 12, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/rec/senior/default.asp

LECTURES & TALKS

‘Cats in the Community’ Leonor Delgado from the Palo Alto Humane Society will give a talk about having cats as pets, as well as a stray cats in local communities. Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. goo.gl/ouxUmD

‘Mind Puzzles’ with Dr. Robert Burton Dr. Robert Burton, author of “A Skeptic’s Guide to the Mind,” will give a talk exploring the brain and dwelling on such topics as free will and being human. Aug. 13, 7-8 p.m. \$10-\$15. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 408-280-5530. www.commonwealthclub.org/events/2014-08-13/mind-puzzles

Akamai CEO Tom Leighton Akamai Co-founder and CEO Tom Leighton will join Jim Hollar in conversation about his career and the Internet infrastructure company. Please register on the website. Aug. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events

Author Andrew MacRae on ‘Murder Miscalculated’ Local author Andrew MacRae will share his new book, “Murder Miscalculated,” sequel to “Murder Misdirected,” in which a federal agent coerces Gregory Smith into revisiting his past life as a master pickpocket. Aug. 6, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-

428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Author Padma Venkatraman on ‘A Time to Dance’ Padma Venkatraman will discuss her new book “A Time to Dance,” a story told in verse of a young Indian girl’s personal struggle to regain her passion and find peace. Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Author Susan RoAne Susan RoAne will give a talk on communication and socialization skills to celebrate the 25th anniversary edition of her book, “How to Work a Room: The Ultimate Guide to Making Lasting Connections—In Person and Online.” Aug. 13, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/16/month/all/all/1

Other Voices: Freedom Summer 50th Anniversary The Peninsula Peace and Justice Center will hold an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Summer, when 1000 volunteers went to Mississippi to register black voters in June 1964. Special guests will include Clayborne Carson and Doug McAdam. Aug. 5, 7-8 p.m. Free. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-326-8837. www.peaceandjustice.org/freedom-summer/

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Mike Cassidy — a former columnist at the San Jose Mercury News and now part of BloomReach, a big data marketing application startup — will summarize some of his recent writings on women in computing and comment on recent moves by Google, Facebook and Yahoo to disclose the diversity of their workforces. Aug. 12, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Author Gene Lang on ‘The Shadow Hero’ Eisner Award-winner Gene Yuen Lang will share his visually striking and funny comics adventure for teens, “The Shadow Hero.” Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. booksinc.net/event/2014/08/17/month/all/all/1

Youth Claymation Camp In these weeklong camps for ages 10 to 14, students will learn how to create clay animation with the stop-motion techniques used in such movies as the Wallace & Gromit films and “Chicken Run.” Small groups of students will come up with a story, mold, animate and edit a film for their final projects. Monday-Friday, July 7-Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$325. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

Youth Studio Production Camp This summer KMVT 15 will hold weeklong camps for students ages 10 to 14, where they can use professional studio equipment to gain skills in camera work, directing, sound design, acting and producing. By the end of each camp, students will have produced segments which will be broadcast on cable Channel 15. Monday-Friday, June 9-Aug. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$369. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org

VOLUNTEERS

MVLA Community Scholars mentor opportunities MVLA Community Scholars is searching for volunteers in the community to mentor local, underserved students at high schools in Mountain View and Los Altos. Mentors will work with students on the college and scholarship application processes during an AVID class period. Call or email for more info. Aug. 2-18. Free. MVLA Community Scholars, 183 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 425-503-5778. www.mvlascholars.org

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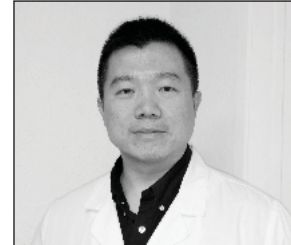
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File No.: 594218

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

GREG OLSZAWSKI
646 Azara Pl. #2
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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 July 15, 2014.

(MVV July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2014)

JENNIFER JOYERIA
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 594316

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

Jennifer Joyeria, located at 1923 Latham St., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):

SANDRA GONZALEZ
204 Sierra Vista Ave.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 1999.

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(MVV Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2014)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

JAN FISHER

Case No.: 1-14-PR-174899

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: DONALD R. MOODY, Public Administrator of the County of Santa Clara in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: DONALD R. MOODY, Public Administrator of the County of Santa Clara be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 22, 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.

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Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Gerrie Miller
Law Office of Gerrie Miller
220 State Street, Suite 9
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(MVV Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2014)

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Attorney for Petitioner: /s/ Mark A. Gonzalez,
Lead Deputy County Counsel
Office of the County Counsel,
373 West Julian St., Ste. 300
San Jose, CA 95110
(408)758-4200
(MVV Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2014)

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

ROBERT J. SEXTON
Case No.: 114PR174866

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

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: NANCY GREEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held on September 11, 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.

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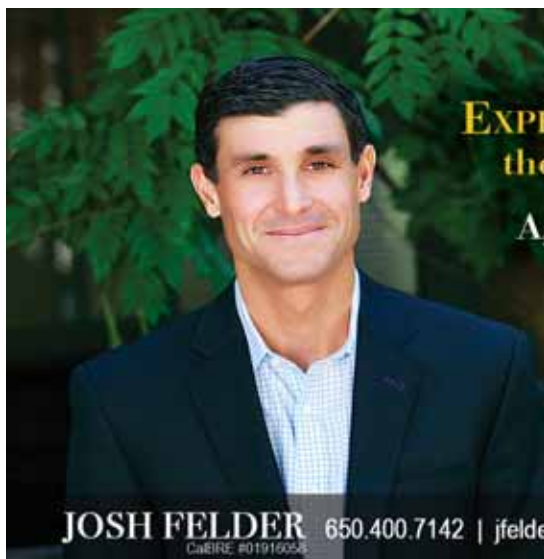
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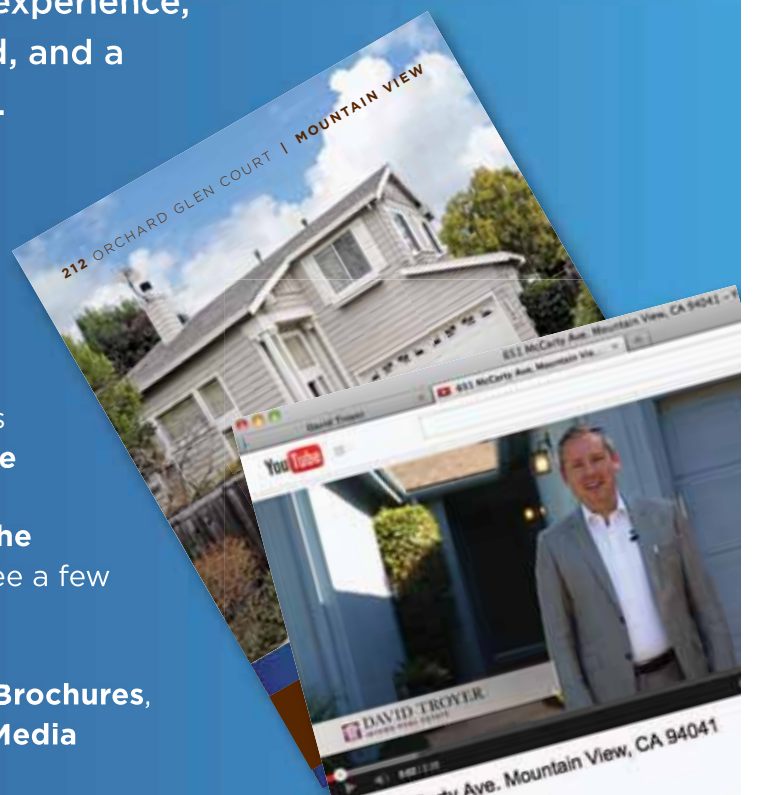
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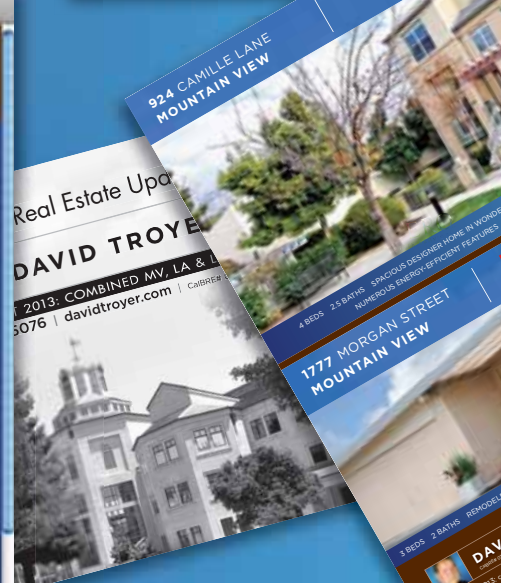
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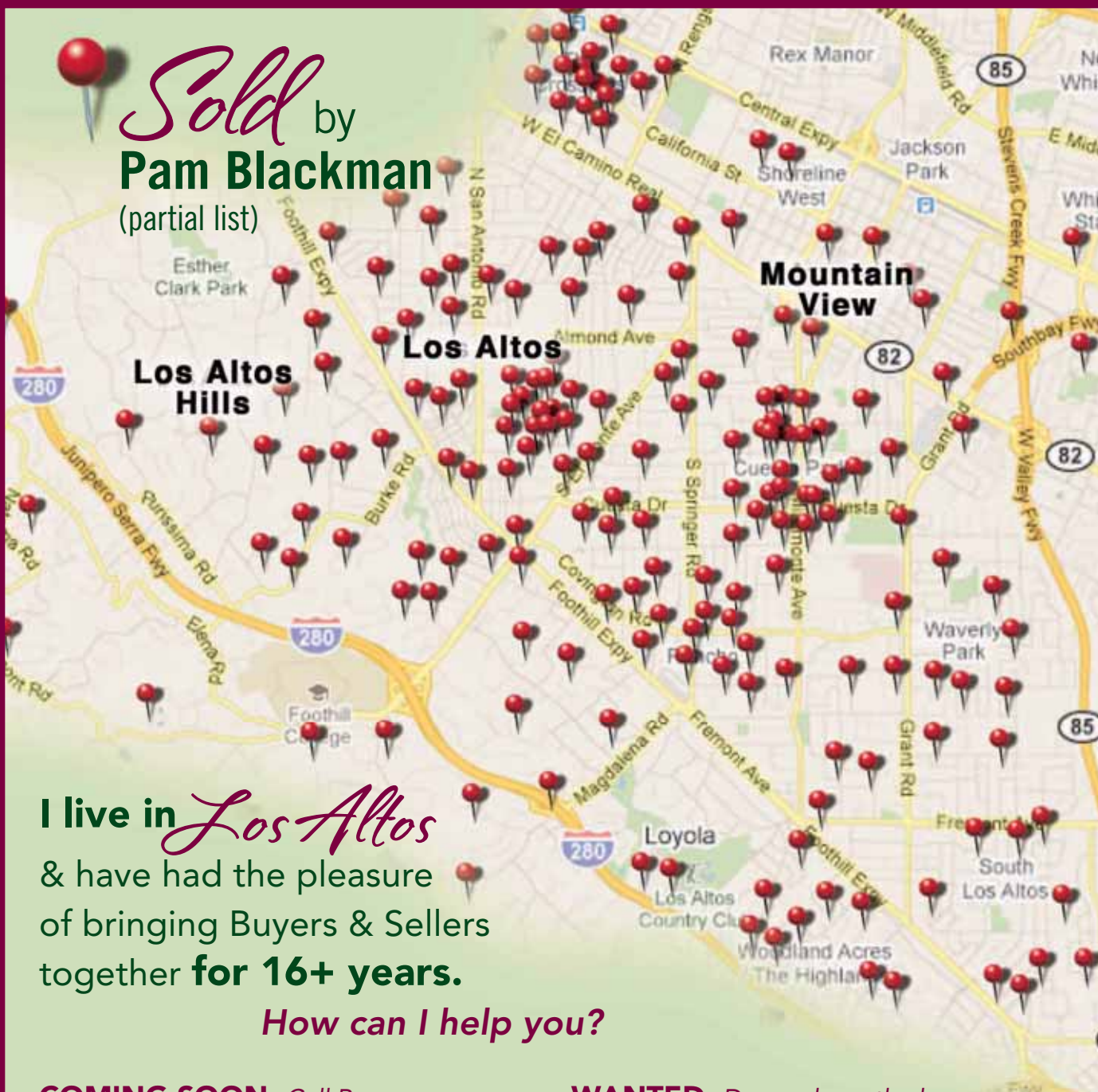
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