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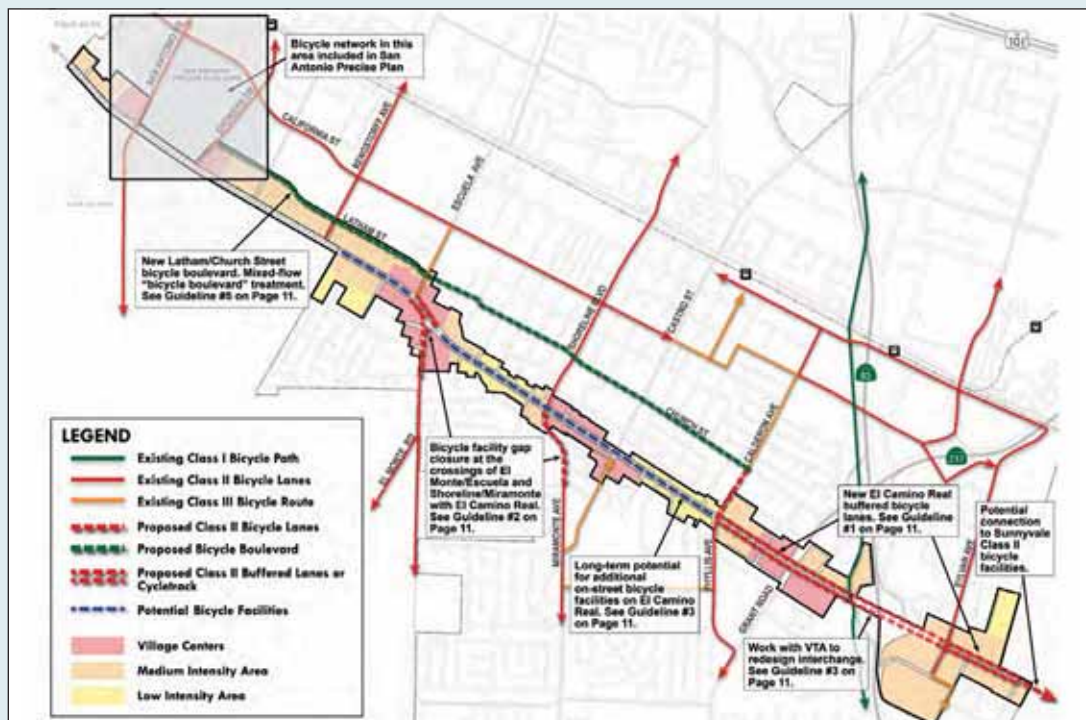
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COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Bicycle safety improvements are called out as part of the precise plan to guide future development along El Camino Real in Mountain View.

## Council backs big El Camino Real plans

CITY PLANS FOR BUFFERED BIKE LANES, NEW BUS STATIONS AND SIX-STORY BUILDINGS

By Daniel DeBolt

In a study session Tuesday, council members began finalizing the precise plan that is to guide future development of El Camino Real. Mem-

bers showed support in a series of straw votes for bike lanes on key portions of El Camino Real and six-story buildings in "village centers" at major intersections, among other things.

With Mayor Chris Clark and

vice mayor John McAlister having to recuse themselves because they own property on or near El Camino Real, the remaining five members shaped

► See **EL CAMINO PLAN**, page 8

## Online schools offer education by proxy

MOUNTAIN VIEW FAMILY PICKS ONLINE CHARTER SCHOOL OVER TRADITIONAL HOME-SCHOOLING

By Kevin Forestieri

Hundreds of kids in the Bay Area are staying home for school this year. Online, "virtual" charter schools are making headway in California, recruiting a fast-growing number of students and leaving state lawmakers scratching their heads over how to fund and oversee this new breed of

education.

Connections Academy is one of these online schools, and runs four accredited, online public charter schools across California. The closest one, chartered by Ripon Unified School District, enrolled more than 450 students in the Bay Area this year, including students in Mountain View.

Just like a traditional school, students have a number of les-

sons they need to get through each week, and have to complete assignments and study for tests. Classes also include "live lessons" where students log into a live stream and watch along with far-flung fellow classmates as their teacher gives a lecture or does an experiment.

Ryoko Sawada is a Mountain

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## Impasse in teacher salary talks

TEACHERS INVOKE 'WORK-TO-RULE,' WON'T STAFF AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

By Kevin Forestieri

Tension between the Mountain View Whisman School District and its teachers union has reached a tipping point. The Mountain View Educators Association reported Wednesday that the district and the teachers union are at an impasse, and that teachers will no longer work outside of their contract hours while they await mediation.

In an email to the *Voice*, Jonathan Pharazyn, president of the Mountain View Educators Association, said the district turned down the teacher union's proposed 7 percent "cost of living" salary increase, and only offered to increase the original 3 percent proposed increase to 3.25 percent. The district failed to provide data or a response as to why the proposed 7 percent increase was not sustainable, he said.

Pharazyn said the California Teacher's Association will file an impasse with the Public

Employee Relations Board, and will move towards a fact-finding committee and mediation.

"We feel like the facts are on our side, and that the district has the wherewithal to increase salaries," Pharazyn said.

In the meantime, he said teachers in the district will now start "work-to-rule," where teachers will only work the contractual hours, and will no longer do after-school coaching, attend district committee meetings, take home school work, or participate in the Beyond the Bell program, an after-school program that provides homework assistance and recreation activities. Work-to-rule will begin Monday, but some teachers have already started as of Wednesday, Sept. 24, when negotiations broke down.

"We understand that this negatively affects the quality of education, but what other recourse do we have?" Pharazyn said in the email. "We will continue to work

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Reo Sawada, a Mountain View third-grader, is a student at an online charter school.

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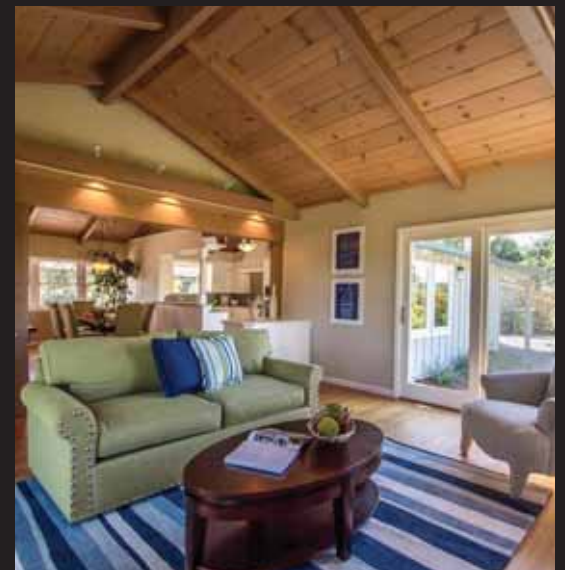
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AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Madeleine Gerson and Natalia Nazarova.

## What brings you to Mountain View?



"I came to Mountain View today to meet my friend here at the Dana Street cafe. Mountain View's generally a very pleasant place to spend an afternoon."

**Mark Byrnte, Hayward**



"I live in Sunnyvale and it's really boring, and the people here are more down-to-earth and eclectic. Sunnyvale is mostly just software engineers."

**Tom Rivas, Sunnyvale**



"We were at a collision shop around the corner and we just saw downtown Mountain View along the way. And it looked like a nice, calm, friendly place to have lunch or dinner, so we're walking around downtown now."

**Elena Vasquez, San Jose**



"To find a job. I cook Italian, American, Chinese. I came from Los Angeles two weeks ago to find a job here in Mountain View. Los Angeles is too noisy and Mountain View is a quiet, nice place."

**Fredy Jimenez, San Jose**



"My husband and I come almost every other day to Mountain View because we really enjoy the town, the great mix of people, the children, the dogs. It's just a very interesting, fun place and it's very safe."

**Cathy Plutchok, Palo Alto**

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**CRIME BRIEFS**

**CAR BURGLARY**

Police are looking for two men who broke into a car at a Mountain View Safeway last week and stole an iPod and speakers.

The suspects entered the Safeway at 645 San Antonio Road at 11:17 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, and forcibly broke into the vehicle, according to the police report. One suspect is described as a Hispanic man in his 20s with "frizzy" hair wearing a black sweatshirt, a white t-shirt and dark pants.

The second suspect is described as another Hispanic man in his 20s, wearing a black shirt with white writing on the front and red shorts. The two suspects are associated with a black, older-model four-door vehicle, possibly a Honda.

Anyone with more information regarding the suspects is asked to contact police at 650-903-6395 and reference case number 14-4710. Anonymous tips can be sent via text to 274637 — include 'mvtips' in the body of the message.

**MAN EXPOSES HIMSELF**

Police are looking for a man who allegedly exposed himself while walking down Dale Avenue.

The incident occurred on Monday, Sept. 22 at around 11:49 a.m., when a woman walking along Dale Avenue noticed a man walking northbound that was allegedly exposing himself and masturbating, according to the police website.

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**POLICE LOG**

**AUTO BURGLARY**

2400 block Charleston Rd., 9/18  
 Broderick Way & Terminal Blvd., 9/20  
 2400 block W. Middlefield Rd., 9/22  
 2400 block Charleston Rd., 9/22  
 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 9/22

**BATTERY**

2200 block Latham St., 9/17  
 1600 block Charleston Rd., 9/17  
 1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 9/21

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

300 block Castro St., 9/17  
 200 block W. El Camino Real, 9/21  
 600 block San Antonio Rd., 9/22  
 1000 block Terra Bella Av., 9/22

**GRAND THEFT**

2000 block Montecito Av., 9/18

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 9/20  
 400 block Ortega Av., 9/22  
 1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 9/23

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

800 block Sylvan Av., 9/18  
 200 block Bonny St., 9/20  
 500 block San Antonio Rd., 9/21  
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Charles Lloyd gets instruction from his sitar guru, Habib Khan, as he prepares for his debut performance.

## From jazz to the sitar

LOCAL MUSICIAN IS READY FOR DEBUT AFTER YEARS OF STUDY WITH SITAR GURU

By Cooper Aspegren

It took nine years for Mountain View musician Charles Lloyd to master the sitar. Now, he has the chance not only to perform in front of a live audience, but also to pay public respect to his teacher.

Lloyd will perform a Ganda Bandhan sitar concert at Tateuchi Hall at the Community School of Music and Arts on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Lloyd said he has been learning how to play the sitar from

San Francisco Bay Area guru Habib Khan for almost a decade. According to Lloyd, a Ganda Bandhan concert marks a new phase in the relationship between the guru, or teacher, and the shishya, or student.

Lloyd said that the raga style music has been passed down for centuries through oral tradition, which requires a significant level of trust between the teacher and the student.

“It has an amazing tradition of teachers passing things on

to their students,” Lloyd said of raga music.

Lloyd said his interest in raga started while he was a student at the Berklee College of Music in Boston. While Lloyd said he studied jazz at the college, he became distracted by Indian music.

During his junior year, Lloyd traveled to India, where he bought his first sitar. He realized he needed a guru to teach him how to play it properly, and

► See **SITAR**, page 12

## No appetite for rent control among council candidates

MOST SAY MORE NEW HOUSING WILL HELP EASE CITY'S HIGH RENTS

By Daniel DeBolt

While the pace of rent hikes in Mountain View has led to calls for rent control from some community leaders and middle class families, City Council candidates are favoring long-term plans for meeting housing supply instead of the type of rent control ordinances in place in cities such as San Francisco, Oakland, Los Gatos, San Jose and East Palo Alto.

In recent interviews, candidates expressed concerns with voting in rent control as some Bay Area cities did in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Voters in Mountain View nearly instituted rent control at the time, when California renters were outraged at not receiving the savings in rent promised to them by proponents of Proposition 13 — which limits property tax increases — but instead saw major rent increases.

Mountain View's population is more than 60 percent renters who face a volatile rental market thanks to Silicon Valley's boom-and-bust job growth. Currently, all the members of the City Council are homeowners, but among the nine candidates seeking election to three open seats in November, three are renters.

“That's the hard one for me,” said candidate Lenny Siegel, who helped organize campaigns for rent control ordinances in 1978, 1979 and 1980-81 in

Mountain View.

“The problem is under current state law, under ‘vacancy decontrol,’ rent control doesn't work very well, and it is very hard to devise a good rent control law,” he said, referring to a provision of a 1995 state law that allows rents to rise to market levels whenever a unit becomes vacant. “The problem for me is it divides the people I'm organizing and is not long-term solution. I wouldn't rule out supporting it and I have not opposed it, but the reality is I don't think it will pass. And talking about it undermines efforts to increase housing supply.”

Candidate Ken Rosenberg, a self-proclaimed “housing advocate,” cautioned against rent control.

“The situation we have right now is increasingly sad, but rent control will not solve the problem,” Rosenberg said. Under state law, rents will always go to market levels, he said.

“A landlord has no incentive to maintain the apartment, and there's no incentive to build new apartments, so housing stock goes down. (When housing is built), instead of apartments, it's condos. It increases the cost of housing for everybody else.”

“Having said that, it's so sad what is happening,” Rosenberg said, adding that he had met a Mountain View woman who said that 100 percent of her paycheck goes to pay her rent. He said he

► See **RENT CONTROL**, page 9

## Bicyclist to sue city over collision with police car

Kevin Forestieri

The city of Mountain View is facing a lawsuit from a bicyclist seeking damages after he was allegedly struck by a police car last year.

Zachary Barrett Platt was riding through the intersection of San Antonio Road and Leghorn Street last October, around noon, when police officer Katherine Lynn Stall made a westbound turn onto San Anto-

nio Road and struck Platt with her squad car, according to the claim he filed against the city.

The claim, filed April 2, alleges that Platt was lawfully bicycling in the crosswalk, and that Stall failed to yield the right of way. Stall was on duty and was driving a police vehicle at the time of the incident.

Gail Lamchick, Platt's attorney, said when the officer made a left turn onto San Antonio Road, it is her duty to make sure

no one is in the crosswalk and her responsibility to look for anything that needs to be seen.

“Whether he's on a bike or walking, he's entitled to the sanctity of the crosswalk,” Lamchick said.

Lamchick said the police report and the city attorney concluded officer Stall was not at fault because Platt was on a bike in the crosswalk. She said there may be a law in the vehicle code that discourages biking through a crosswalk, but that it's not an excuse for a vehicle to plow into a bicyclist.

She said when Stall finally did notice Platt on his bike in the crosswalk, she was unable to stop

in time to avoid a collision, and Platt was off his bike.

After the collision, Platt was taken by ambulance to Stanford Hospital. Platt is seeking damages for injuries to his head, neck, shoulders, knees and feet, which have incurred medical bills of more than \$52,000, as well as pain and emotional distress, according to the claim. He is also seeking replacement value of \$1,550 for his bike, a 2013 Specialized Tri-Cross bicycle, after it was damaged in the collision.

The Mountain View's senior deputy city attorney, Nicole Wright, rejected the claim in a notice dated May 19. Platt will

have six months following that date to file a suit against the city.

The *Voice* obtained a heavily redacted copy of the claim by filing a Public Records Act request with the city. The accident investigation was handled by the California Highway Patrol.

Lamchick said Platt plans to file a lawsuit by November following the rejection of the claim.

The Mountain View city attorney's office declined to comment. Sgt. Saul Jaeger, spokesman for Mountain View police, said he could not comment, as the case was not in the police department's hands.

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## Alice Sege

February 12, 1926 - September 11, 2014

Alice Sege passed away peacefully at her home in Los Altos Hills, California, surrounded by her loving family on September 11, 2014 at the age of 88 due to complications from cancer. Born on February 12, 1926 in Bruno, Czechoslovakia, she lived the majority of her life in Los Altos Hills. Alice and her parents fled Czechoslovakia during the Second World War when she was 12 years old, and she spent the remainder of her youth in New York City. She graduated from NYU, married Thomas Sege and moved to Silicon Valley in 1963. There she raised a family, and supported her community through volunteer work, part-time employment and donations to her favorite cause – the Silicon Valley Humane Society. Alice loved the ocean, animals, tennis, novels, crossword puzzles, Frank Sinatra, and laughter. She was devoted to her children and her grandchildren and is survived by daughter Kathleen McNamara and son Ronald Sege, daughter-in-law Gina Sege, grandchildren Scott McNamara and Christopher, Jonathan, Georgia and Alexi Sege. Alice will be dearly missed by all. There will be a tribute to Alice's life on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 4pm to 8pm at Crippen & Flynn Woodside Chapel at 400 Woodside Road in Redwood City, California. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Silicon Valley Humane Society in Alice's name. [www.hssv.org/tribute](http://www.hssv.org/tribute)



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## Springer families save energy to fund school

NEW TECH, DESIGNED TO CASH IN ON ENERGY REDUCTIONS, USED AS A FUNDRAISER

By Kevin Forestieri

**W**hy have a bake sale when you can turn off the lights and adjust the thermostat? A Bay Area tech company has partnered up with Springer Elementary School in a pilot program that would allow families to raise money for the school by saving energy at home, with a starting goal of \$10,000.

Taking advantage of a policy that compensates energy reduction as if it were energy generation, San Francisco-based Ohmconnect has an online program that allows people to make money when they use less energy.

Ohmconnect uses information from the user's PG&E account to determine the energy usage of various appliances in the home, and how much energy has been "generated" through reductions, according to Curtis Tongue, co-founder of Ohmconnect. The system can alert users, via email or text message, that they are receiving energy from a dirty or inefficient power plant. Users can then turn off appliances and air conditioners and, consequently,

get paid to save energy.

Tongue said most people see a 5 to 10 percent reduction in their electric bill using the program, and 80 percent of the money generated goes back to the users.

But in a pilot program with Springer Elementary School, Ohmconnect can be used as a method to raise money for the school, and that 80 percent return can instead be invested in a school fund. By opting into the program through the Springer portal on the website, families can reduce their carbon footprint and be more energy efficient while supporting their local school.

"Parents can donate \$100 a year to their school, really just for turning the lights off," Tongue said.

If more schools adopt the program, Tongue said schools could compete to see who can save more energy and raise more money as a means to drum up more interest in the fundraiser. He said there has also been some discussion on whether the funding model could be changed so half the money raised would go to the school, and the other half

would go to the school district.

Tongue reached out to Springer parent Brent Crane, who chairs the Springer Technology Committee and is largely responsible for the partnership. Crane said he signed up for Ohmconnect last summer as a "cool way" to get a WiFi thermostat, and as a way to save energy and make a little money. He said Tongue presented the school fundraiser idea, and he was able to help fine-tune the funding goals — which were a little ambitious at first — and roll out the program a few weeks ago.

"I think it's an easy way to generate some donations to Springer," Crane said. "It's a win-win solution for us."

Crane said if a third or even a quarter of the families at Springer sign up for the program, it would be in the top five fundraising sources for the school.

"I think it's a great idea," Crane said. "Competition leads to innovation. And innovation, in this case, is savings and funding for the school."

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# More than 100 arrested at Shoreline rave

LITTLE CHANGE IN ARRESTS, BIG REDUCTION IN NOISE COMPLAINTS

By Kevin Forestieri

The speakers didn't go up to 11 last weekend at the Beyond Wonderland electronic dance festival. Though the number of narcotics-related arrests at the rave remained high this year, police say that noise complaints from nearby residents dropped by more than 75 percent — in part because of careful planning and lessons learned from last year.

Beyond Wonderland is a two-day electronic music festival run by Insomniac Events, and it made its third visit to Shoreline Amphitheatre on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21 and 22. The Alice in Wonderland-themed rave drew a crowd of 22,000 people — about 3,000 fewer people than last year, according to police estimates — and resulted in more than 100 arrests.

Most of the arrests were for narcotics-related charges, according to Shino Tanaka, public information officer with the Mountain View Police Department. Common drugs that concert-goers are busted for at the event include MDMA

or ecstasy, LSD and cocaine. She said that, similar to last year, the police department has maintained a "zero tolerance policy" when it comes to narcotics at the event.

"We're not going to turn a blind eye to it," Tanaka said. "Leave the drama and the drugs at home."

According to the Mountain View Police Department crime blotter, there were 12 arrests over the weekend for sale of a controlled substance, six arrests for possession of drugs for sale, and 29 arrests for drug possession. There was also one alcohol-related arrested, one arrest for threatening a police officer, one arrest for battery and one arrest for resisting a police officer.

Police saw a significant drop in noise complaints this year, from 105 last year to fewer than 25 this year, Tanaka said. The improvement can be partially attributed to fixing what went wrong last year. During last year's event, speakers in the parking lot were facing Highway 101 instead of towards the Bay, causing a number of residents

to complain, according to J.P. De la Montaigne, Mountain View's community services director.

To avoid a repeat of last year, Tanaka said the speakers faced a different direction, the stages were smaller, and the event ended an hour early on Sunday. On top of that, she said sound engineers went out to the residents complaining about noise to get a decibel reading and adjusted the volume accordingly.

"The city works very hard to accommodate the venue, but also protect the residents," Tanaka said.

Throughout the event, police had a command post nearby and uniformed and plain-clothed officers on the scene. The police department Twitter account was also active for both days, making allusions to Alice in Wonderland and reminding people to stay safe. Even police Chief Max Bosel tweeted a picture of the giant, one-eyed monster that made an appearance at the event, telling attendees that police were "keeping an eye" on the event.

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## CRIME BRIEFS

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The suspect is described as a 6-foot tall Middle Eastern man between 30 and 40 years old, weighing about 200 pounds, with a beard and black, medium length hair. He was also wearing a blue polo shirt with stripes and dark blue jeans. The woman said she saw the suspect get into what looked like a silver Mercedes and head west on Continental Circle.

Police are encouraging anyone who sees a man matching the description to call 650-903-6395 and reference case number 14-5007.

### TWO ARRESTED IN BURGLARY

Two men were arrested after they allegedly burglarized a home and attempted to flee from police officers.

Police received a report of a security alarm going off on Saturday, Sept. 20, at about 9:15 p.m. on the 200 block of Bonny Street. When an officer arrived, he noticed an open side garage door and heard men talking from inside the garage and backyard area of the residence.

The two men, identified as Kevin Mael and Francisco Leos, fled the scene on bicycles and were spotted by officers arriving on the scene. Both men ignored requests to stop and split up in an attempt to flee.

Mael and Leos were arrested and booked on charges of residential burglary, conspiracy and resisting a police officer.

### TOOLS STOLEN

Police received a report that a man had thousands of dollars worth of equipment stolen from his truck bed overnight.

The victim, a 58-year-old Mountain View man, parked his truck outside his residence on the 2000 block of Montecito Avenue on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The truck had a lawn mower, a trimming machine and an electric blower in the truck bed, and all three were tied down with chains.

When the man returned to his vehicle the next morning, he found that all three items, valued at \$3,000, had been stolen, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View police department.

No suspects have been identified in the case.

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## EL CAMINO PLAN

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the draft “precise plan” for the El Camino Real of the future, which is set to be approved by the end of the year. It focuses development at “village centers” where ground floor commercial space would go under housing or offices.

Planners introduced a new feature of the draft plan: buffered bike lanes along El Camino, including a stretch of six-foot wide bike lanes — with a two to three foot buffer — from Calderon and Phyllis Avenue all the way to the Sunnyvale border. With no side streets connecting through in that area, planners said the buffered lanes would be key to allowing safer riding on that portion of the El Camino Real corridor. At Calderon Avenue, the buffered bike lanes would connect to a bike boulevard along Church and Latham streets, which runs parallel to El Camino Real from Calderon Avenue to San Antonio shopping center, where bike commuters find Palo Alto’s own El Camino Real-adjacent bike boulevards not too far away.

When the council was asked whether they’d support even more bike lanes on El Camino Real as space became available during redevelopment (council members say too much of the street is now used for parking), the only member vocally opposed was Jac Siegel, who says El Camino Real is too dangerous for bikes. John Inks also voted no, saying the draft plan had specified sufficient bike lanes.

“I am against bicycles on El Camino — I don’t think that should be major path,” Siegel

said. “I don’t know where we’d get space to make improvements like protected lanes all the way through.”

Several resident praised the bike lanes in the plan, along with representatives from the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition and the Greenbelt Alliance. “We like the design guidelines,” said Colin Haney of the Silicon Valley Bike Coalition. “It shows that we’re really pushing for bike lanes that will accommodate all users.”

The plan describes the way a bike boulevard on Church and Latham could look, with “in-street bicycle stencils, vehicle traffic diverters, in-street planters or bollards, meanders, and other techniques to create a bicycle priority street.”

Resident Jack Miller called for stronger language in the plan to make sure that the bike infrastructure aren’t just “amenities allowed” but are “amenities to be installed.”

All five council members passed on implementing any kind of transit-demand management requirements from developers, such as requiring specific percentage of commute trips by transit, bike or on foot, an effort towards transportation “mode shift” like what is planned for the North Bayshore area.

“We should definitely have a mode shift goal,” said resident Jarrett Mullen.

Council members struggled with a clear community desire to have affordable housing in the plan, but couldn’t find a way to require it from developers, even though it is listed as a top community benefit that would be asked of developers who want

build to maximum densities.

A group of residents, along with the SVBC and the Greenbelt Alliance, supported having developers build 25 percent of housing projects on EL Camino Real as affordable housing. The city’s exclusionary zoning requires 10 percent of rental and ownership housing be below market rate unless in-lieu fees are paid, but court decisions have made that requirement unenforceable for the rental housing that is favored by developers on El Camino Real.

“If we put a 25 percent requirement there, nobody is going to build it,” said council member Jac Siegel.

Planning director Randy Tsuda said that the plan’s environmental report projects that 800 units of housing will be built on El Camino Real

“At 10 percent, that’s 80 units,” Tsuda said. “Look at that over the long term of the precise plan, 10 percent in my view is not that big a number. I don’t think you should feel that 10 percent is unattainable.”

### Buses get attention

Bus station improvements area key feature of the plan, with bus bulb-outs proposed, allowing bus stops to protrude a short distance into the street to allow buses to pick up riders without having to pull over. There would be benches under roofs to protect riders from the weather, Clipper card stations that allow fares to be paid before boarding, and electronic signs with real time bus information.

Resident and transit planner Cliff Chambers called on the

■ COUNCIL BRIEF

### GOOGLE FIBER GETS GO-AHEAD

Progress is being made in bringing Mountain View the ultra fast Internet access promised by Google Fiber, according to an agreement announced Tuesday.

After a closed-door meeting with Google on Tuesday, City Attorney Jannie Quinn said an agreement had been signed to license Google Fiber network “huts” — box-like structures that are 1,400 square feet in size and would be placed around Mountain View to serve 20,000 homes each. City officials previously reported that three of the huts may need to be placed on city land.

Mayor Chris Clark said that the agreement doesn’t mean Mountain View has been chosen as one of the cities where Google will build the network, though that announcement may come by the end of the year.

“Council endorses the terms of a hut license agreement and expresses continued support for moving forward with Google Fiber in the city of Mountain View,” Quinn said in her announcement.

Google proposed to work with the city to build the network in February as it announced it would shut down the free WiFi system that had covered all of Mountain View, a gift it gave the city in 2006. It’s unclear when the Google Fiber deal will be done or how long it will take to install the network, but Google Fiber could bring residents a speed similar to what most enjoy now (5 megabits per second) for no monthly fee, but there would be a one-time \$300 construction fee. Comcast now charges anywhere from \$30 a month to more than \$70 for such service. Ultra-fast Internet (1 gigabit per second) would cost \$70 a month or \$120 a month if it includes TV services.

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council to make sure that bike lanes are separated from the bus bulb-outs, creating a sort of bus island in the street. Planner Eric Andersen said that would be allowed by the plan, but is not specified in it.

“What the EIR says is over the next 20 years, El Camino is going to get really congested, that’s the way it is,” said council member Ronit Bryant. “If we don’t want to sit in congestion, we can use the train or we can use transit.”

Council member Margaret

Abe-Koga advocated for dedicated bus lanes to avoid the day when buses will be stuck in traffic too. A majority of the council has opposed it, along with most of the council candidates.

“I think our precise plan goes pretty well in line with the dedicated lane option,” Abe-Koga said. “Most people know I’ve always supported dedicated lane option because, exactly as Ronit said, El Camino will be congested and we cannot build more lanes on El Camino. Having faster (bus) service that runs every five, maybe 10 minutes, is really the only option at that point. Maybe it will turn into light rail at some point. In San Jose, that’s the hope.”

Council member Siegel was the only council member who wanted fewer than six stories as the maximum height at village centers, saying he was concerned about the “canyon effect,” echoing concerns of several residents in the area. He also was the minority in supporting a planning commission recommendation for fourth floors to be set back by 5 feet, which Abe-Koga said would cause a “wedding cake effect.”

“When you have one-story buildings and six lanes of traffic, I feel completely lost,” said Ronit Bryant, defending the six-story limit, adding that she needed taller buildings “to make me feel like I’m in a human environment.”

Council member Inks wasn’t satisfied with the height and density limits in the plan.

“It doesn’t give us the flexibility we need to accommodate growth without impacting other areas of the city,” he said. ■

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## RENT CONTROL

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asked her, “How on earth do you survive?”

“She eats at the restaurant where she works and has friends that subsidize her existence,” Rosenberg said.

Candidate Margaret Capriles said her opposition to rent control was mostly because it would mean apartments would fall into disrepair.

“I have looked a lot into that and have kept track of what was going on in San Francisco,” Capriles said. “You can see readily there that it is a broken system. Often when you impose rent control it is a disincentive to landlords to keep properties up. It is only applied to older housing (state law exempts homes built after 1995 from rent control), and they are falling into disrepair. Soon you’ve got a very slummy neighborhood — it doesn’t work.”

Candidate Lisa Matichak said the possibility of rent control would cause landlords to raise rents quickly before it took effect. Even if state law exempts new apartments from rent control, she says a local ordinance would create concern that at some point those units “could be under rent control.”

“It might also slow down or potentially halt the construction of new units, which is the exact opposite of what we are looking for,” Matichak said.

The three renters in the race, Ellen Kamei, Mercedes Salem and Jim Neal, aren’t pushing for rent control either.

“That’s a tough issue,” Kamei said. “The idea of rent control is a noble one. Even in San Francisco, they have rent control and they still have an issue with affordable housing. I’m not sure that it is the answer. It’s not a panacea.”

As a renter it may sound counterintuitive to say rent control is not needed, said Neal. “I rented several times in San Francisco and San Francisco still has some of the highest rents in the country, even with rent control. It does work for a minority of people. The minute you move then you pay whatever market rent is. It is a stop-gap solution.”

“I don’t think rent control is going to fly in Mountain View,” Salem said, adding that she hasn’t heard residents calling for it. “They have been telling me, ‘I want housing.’”

Candidate Pat Showalter said she isn’t necessarily for rent control. “We do need to study what we might do to slow the growth of rent and have assistance programs for people being displaced,” she said.

Candidate Greg Unangst said rent control deserves a commu-

nity-wide discussion as has been done for raising the minimum wage in Mountain View. He said he prefers the terms “rent stabilization.”

Renters face an “extremely volatile” situation, Unangst said. “They are completely at the mercy of landlords and there’s no limits to rent increases. Homeowners are protected by Prop. 13 from tax increases, but renters don’t have any protection.”

In some cases, Unangst said rents were rising by 15 to 20 percent in a year. “(People are) concerned about not being able

rent control should be ready for the “mother of all political battles” and should follow the campaign money in this year’s council election. Landlords raised what was then the large sum of \$104,000 to defeat one of the two efforts to institute rent control in the late 1970s and early 1980s in Mountain View, while proponents raised only a few thousand dollars.

Siegel said another difficulty back then was that many renters who initially supported rent control were forced out of Mountain View by rising rents

election campaigns.

Rent control has been around long enough that ways have been devised to fix many of the perceived shortcomings, said Dean Preston, executive director of Tenants Together, one of the only organizations that advocates for tenants on the state level.

“Rent control laws are founded on the idea that landlords can still make reasonable profits without being given the freedom to charge unlimited rents,” Preston said.

Some cities allow landlords to charge renters for the costs of upkeep on their buildings, called “pass through” charges. “Just cause” provisions prevent landlords from unjustly booting out tenants to raise rents as high as they’d like under state law, such as those passed a few years ago by Oakland. And rent control boards have been created in some cities to make the call when there are problems, and to adjust allowable rent increases if they aren’t tied to the Consumer Price Index or set to a fixed periodic limit, such as San Jose’s 8 percent a year (or 21 percent if the rent hasn’t been raised in the last 24 months).

Preston said a major obstacle to rent control is state law, namely the Costa Hawkins Act of 1995, which exempts single-family homes, condos and apartments built after 1995 from rent control laws. It also allows landlords to charge unlimited rents whenever a unit becomes vacant, called “vacancy decontrol.”

Rent control is “absolutely essential, as we see in areas like Mountain View, where the rents are getting completely out

of control and unaffordable to everyone except people with the highest income,” Preston said. “The Realtors and apartment associations will always claim these kinds of regulations will pose an undue burden on them, but the evidence doesn’t really show that.”

Joshua Howard of the California Apartment Association, had the opposite view.

“Rent control is an old idea that has repeatedly proven to have not really helped anything,” Howard said. “It has a negative effect on the supply of housing and quality of housing. It leads to the deterioration of existing housing stock. It provides no incentive for rental owners to invest in their property and it is a disincentive to developers to build.”

Howard says the solution is for people to support housing growth, which has been difficult for many residents of Mountain View as they see nothing but luxury apartments going up. Howard says those new apartments will relieve pressure on the housing market and hold down rents on older homes — a widely held sentiment among this year’s City Council candidates.

“Our region needs to see housing as something to sustain our economic growth,” Howard said. “As we continue to hire enough people in the Valley we need to make sure there is enough housing for everyone by reducing (development) fees, allowing higher densities in key locations and speeding up the entitlement process.”

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CANDIDATE JIM NEAL

to make the next increase, where are they going to go?” He said he met one resident in that situation. “She’s 89 and has no idea where to go,” he said.

As for putting a burden on landlords, Unangst said it “really depends on the details on how it would be implemented. A lot of subtleties have to be addressed — it has to be carefully written, so landlords have rights as well as do renters. It’s not as simple as it looks on the surface but it can be done. It needs to be discussed.”

Former Mountain View mayor and state Assemblywoman Sally Lieber said residents who want

before the measures made it onto the ballot. Many of their signatures, required to place the measure on the ballot, were found to be invalid because they’d moved, causing the first measure to be delayed for over a year, Siegel said. Landlord groups paid for an all-out blitz against the proposed rent control measures, which included newspaper ads with pictures of friendly looking residents being quoted in their opposition to rent control.

The California Apartment Association has carried on that opposition as a top contributor to Mountain View City Council

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## TEACHER PAY

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with the parent community, and the community at large to create a positive environment in our district.”

The district’s proposal would have included a 3.25 percent “cost of living” raise on top of automatic raises received for years of service, number of education units and pension contribution, and would include an annual \$1,000 stipend for teachers with a master’s degree or other certification, Superintendent Craig Goldman said in a press release from the Mountain View Whisman School District. This would add up to a 9 to 11 percent increase in salaries over last year, according to the press release.

When the district offered a 3.25 percent cost of living increase, the teachers’ union turned down the offer and declared an impasse in negotiations rather than making a counteroffer, according to Goldman.

“I’m disappointed that MVEA ... has decided to terminate the negotiation process. We hoped to reach an agreement today, and we don’t understand why MVEA chose not to continue to bargain,” Goldman said.

Goldman said the teachers union was very quick to announce they were at an impasse, and that the Sept. 24 negotiations was only the second meeting where they discussed teacher salaries. He said he believes the California Teachers Association has a lot to do with the sudden impasse, in part because its looking to tap into district reserves for higher teacher pay.

“CTA is pulling the strings. It’s not about the salaries, it’s about the reserves,” Goldman said. “The CTA is happy with the impasse.”

## Teacher discontent

Board meetings have been a bit cramped for the Mountain View Whisman School District lately. For the second time this month, over a hundred teachers, parents, kids and community members packed the board room to show their support for raising teacher salaries.

Tommy Ochoa, vice president of the Mountain View Educator’s Association, took a different approach at the Sept. 18 board meeting to explain the effects of the district’s teacher compensation. Instead of comparing salaries to other school districts in the county, he presented a survey of 180 Mountain View Whisman School District teachers. The results were not encouraging.

Of the respondents, 44 percent said they are currently considering leaving the district, and 62 percent of teachers said they would most likely or definitely advise against teaching in the district. Only a meager 12 percent of the teachers would recommend the district to a newly credentialed teacher.

Teacher salaries haven’t kept up with the cost of living, according to the survey. Since they started working with the Mountain View Whisman School District, 38 percent of the teaching staff that responded said they have had to move farther away to find more affordable rent. That brings the total number of respondents living outside of the “community

which they serve” to 76 percent, Ochoa said.

Many of these teachers are also working two jobs to make ends meet, Ochoa told the board.

“Nearly one-third of teachers cannot devote their full attention to this profession as they carry other jobs to make ends meet, including working in restaurants, construction, working side jobs, coaching, babysitting (and) tutoring,” Ochoa said.

While the teacher union conducted a climate survey on district teachers, one Crittenden Middle School student gave the district a snapshot of how students felt about teacher compensation. Marco Torres spoke

At the board meeting, Ochoa admitted that comparing school district salary schedules until they’re “blue in the face” may not be the most effective way to argue for boosting teacher salaries. He did, however, demand that if district administrators say the Mountain View Whisman School District can’t shoulder the cost of higher teacher salaries, they need to prove it.

“The only data this community needs to see is the data that can demonstrate, in layman’s terms, how this district cannot economically sustain the compensation that these teachers are asking for and deserve,” Ochoa said. “This data needs to be made public.”

### ‘This negatively affects the quality of education, but what other recourse do we have?’

JONATHAN PHARAZYN, MOUNTAIN VIEW EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

at the board meeting in favor of higher teacher salaries, and said he asked his fellow students whether they thought teachers deserved more. If they agreed, he collected their signature. In one day, Marco said he was able to collect 120 signatures.

One teacher at the meeting challenged the district’s salary schedule because it stops increasing based on seniority after 10 years. Carolyn Anzia, a Crittenden teacher, said there’s a perception in education circles that veteran teachers are somehow “stagnant” and stop growing as professionals, and that she and her colleagues have continued to grow well beyond those first ten years.

“As teachers, we have not stagnated,” Anzia said. “Unfortunately, our salaries have.”

She said that like many teachers in the district, the cost of living in the area has become prohibitively expensive with current district salaries. Anzia said she lived in Mountain View for most of her 16-year career with the district, and two years ago she had to move farther south.

“My rent has continued to increase by \$300 this last year, and when my current lease is up, I honestly don’t know where I am going to go,” Anzia said. “A salary increase — a significant salary increase — would go a long way in making it easier to stay here.”

According to a teacher union survey, 45 percent of the teachers would accept a 7 percent pay raise, 28 percent would accept a 5 percent pay raise, and 23 percent would accept a 9 percent pay raise. Only 4 percent would accept the 3 percent pay raise that was originally proposed by the district.

Goldman said Ochoa’s argument makes the unfair implication that the district is somehow against increasing teacher compensation. He said the district has increased cost of living adjustments (COLA) in addition to automatic salary increases in the past, and has plans to do the same again.

Timing plays a special role in all this. Normally, Goldman said, the district and the teachers union come to an agreement on salaries in spring. He said he wanted to settle the entire contract by the end of the school year because he didn’t want teachers to start teaching again and not know what they are going to make.

This year things went a little differently. Goldman said salaries were not even brought up as an issue by the teachers union, and that Pharazyn told him it was not in “the union’s best interest” to agree on salaries for the coming year.

Prior to the next negotiation meeting was the Sept. 4 board meeting, when teachers came out in overwhelming numbers to demand better compensation. Goldman said the district never had the time to even negotiate prior to the demands, and that the “shock and awe” tactic at the board meetings was being used prior to any negotiations.

“Now the district is being demonized for resisting teacher salary increases,” Goldman said. “We are not resisting giving a raise.”

## Teacher retention

The board meeting marked a celebration for thirty teachers in the district who completed their two-year probationary period and

gained permanent status. Pharazyn told the board he wanted to congratulate the newly tenured faculty, but also advised the district to do their part to retain those teachers going forward.

“Retaining them ... is something that we have to see happen,” Pharazyn said.

Pharazyn has criticized the district in the past for doing a poor job retaining its teaching staff, and called Mountain View Whisman School District a “transition” district where teachers stay for a few years before they move off to another school district with better compensation.

Goldman said the school district, when compared to other so-called revenue limit elementary school districts in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, is near the top in teacher compensation, and that when the district talks about “attracting and retaining” teachers, these are the districts they are competing with.

He said the teachers union has its focus strictly on salaries when there are two parts to teacher compensation — salaries and benefits — and that the Mountain View Whisman School District ranks very high in terms of teacher benefits.

“When you compare our benefits to others, we often rank very favorably,” Goldman said.

Goldman said the school district would likely rank in the top three for teacher benefits when compared to similar school districts.

## Past problems

At a parent forum prior to the Sept. 18 board meeting, Ochoa and Pharazyn indicated that this is the closest they’ve been to reaching an impasse between the district and the teacher union.

Philip Lee has been a parent in the district for 17 years, and is currently a Huff parent. He said he remembers when the district and its teachers struggled over negotiations more than a decade ago, at a time when the district was over-budget. He said the situation today is not nearly as dire.

“Fifteen years ago — about then — the teachers union had an even worse time negotiating with the district. It tore the district apart,” Lee said.

Back then, he said, the district was running anywhere from a \$250,000 to \$500,000 deficit, and fell short of its enrollment projections. The district was forced to re-shuffle students right before Christmas.

“Terrible things were happening. This is not the same situation,” Lee said. “In the context that there is money to fight over, this is a good problem.”

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a friend referred him to Khan when he came back to the Bay Area after graduation.

Lloyd said that learning raga marked a significant departure from jazz music.

"The only thing that's similar is the use of improvisation," Lloyd said.

Lloyd said that while learning the sitar took a long time, he enjoyed the meticulous learning process.

"It's a very slow process, but it's very systematic," Lloyd said.

Khan said that because music is a significant part of Lloyd's life, his student distinguished himself through his work ethic.

"I could see that he was serious," Khan said. "He's a very good student of mine."

Khan said he sought to impart to Lloyd not only mechanical and musical ability, but also an

understanding of the respect dynamic between the shishya and the guru.

According to Khan, the real learning starts now for Lloyd just as he is about to be officially "accepted" as one of his guru's own students.

Lloyd said he was looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'm just humbled and excited to have the chance to do it," Lloyd said.

Prior to the ceremony, there will be a pooja, a prayer ritual, on Saturday, Sept 27, at 2:30 p.m. at 1051 Alegre Ave. in Los Altos, followed by a short concert featuring Khan's Ganda Bandhan students. Admission to the concert at Tateuchi Hall is free, though \$15 to \$30 donations are suggested. The Community School of Music and Arts is located at 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. For more information, go to the event's Facebook page at on. fb.me/1m7uMW2. ▣



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## ONLINE CHARTER

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View resident that decided to enroll her third-grade son, Reo, in the Connections Academy school after she felt the traditional classroom setting wasn't a good fit for him. She said there was a disconnect in the classroom for Reo. While he enjoyed science lessons and doing artwork, he wasn't paying attention and would get bored in his kindergarten classes.

"It may seem ridiculous to imagine going to an online school within a good school district," Sawada said.

Sawada shopped around for different options and looked into home schooling before she decided to enroll Reo in Connections Academy. So far it's been a great fit, she said, and the online format allows them to choose the time and place her son does class work. During one business trip, she said Reo was able to get one lesson out of the way at 6 a.m., and pick up where he left off after dinner.

Sawada said she opted for the virtual school over home schooling because she didn't want to have to teach him herself. But parents still play a key role as a supervisor for kids enrolled in the Connections Academy. According to the school website, parents need to sign a form agreeing, among other things, to give accurate information regarding what activities their children actually did.

Susan Bunnell Christensen is a teacher at Connections Academy that teaches fifth grade. She taught in a traditional classroom environment for eight years and made the transition to the virtual school three years ago.

So far, Christensen said, the feedback has been very positive. Connections Academy reports that 94 percent of parents say their child is "satisfied" with the program, and 91 percent of parents would recommend the virtual school to other parents.

The online classes may stick

kids in front of a computer screen longer than a brick-and-mortar school would, but not across all ages. Christensen said classes are structured so elementary school kids spend most of their time doing offline class activities — like reading books and writing — and gradually do more and more work online as they reach middle and high school. The school estimates that, by high school, students will spend 80 to 90 percent of class time on the computer.

"By high school everything will be online," Christensen said. "But for K-8 they have more flexible schedules."

Parent involvement, likewise, tapers off as the students get older, but parents still have to record daily attendance. Christensen said students are considered "present" and recorded on the average daily attendance if they do any school work that day. She said this gives students even more room to shift around the workload throughout the week.

The same is true for physical education. Students can set up their own exercise regiment each week, and either the parent or the student records the number of minutes they spent doing physical activities and reports it to the school. It's not clear if the school has any way to verify whether or not the students committed the number of minutes they logged, but they do have to complete state-required fitness tests.

Despite the long distance between teachers and students, Christensen said her connection with the students is strong, and that she holds one-on-one conversations with the kids in her classes.

### The virtual school industry

Online-only virtual schools are rapidly growing in the world of education. During the 2012-13 school year, there were 338 virtual schools enrolling more than 243,000 students, according to a study by the National Education Policy Center (NEPC). Most of

these students attend virtual schools that have contracts with giant, for-profit education companies like K12 Inc. and Connections Education — which operates the Connections Academy charter schools.

Richard Savage, an administrator for California Connections Academy, said the contracts with Connections Education allow online charter schools to use the company's software, course content and format for class instruction. The rest of the work — teaching the classes, grading assignments and counseling — are all done at the school level.

These for-profit companies, called education management organizations, have made a tidy profit off of the contracts, too. The largest of the virtual school "providers," K12 Inc., made more than \$45 million in profits in 2013, with total revenues at \$848.2 million, according to the study. Profits increased by nearly 250 percent since 2008.

K12 Inc. and other for-profit companies have come under fire after allegedly making false statements regarding performance, ordering teachers to delete low student test scores, and hiring teachers without required teacher certification, according to the NEPC study. In 2007, the largest virtual school in Idaho was caught outsourcing the grading of 3,500 student essays to India.

Because these virtual schools are public charter schools, they receive funds from the state and the school district based on average daily attendance, just like any other charter school. This means that any profits made by the company are leftover public funds that aren't being used in the schools themselves. The state of Pennsylvania has actively tried to limit how those profits can be used.

In 2012, Pennsylvania legislators proposed four bills that would restrict "cyber" schools from using public funds for advertisements, lobbying or legislative action. All four bills failed.

Since then, five more bills have been introduced in Pennsylvania that would regulate unassigned, unreserved fund balances for virtual schools. The NEPC study indicates that these bills have been shot down by intense lobbying by for-profit companies like K12 Inc., which operates the largest virtual school in the state of Pennsylvania.

### How do you "fund" an online school?

Part of why education management companies are left with so much money could come down to the funding model for online schools. Virtual charter school are funded like any other charter school, but the associated costs are different.

Savage explained that the California Connections Academy schools clearly don't deal with the same costs as a brick-and-mortar school for operating facilities, transportation and food services. At the same time, however, he said they do need to spend more money on updating and maintaining the technology used by the school, and update all the learning software and material that makes up the course curriculum.

So does that mean virtual charter schools break even? According to another study by NEPC, published in 2012, the answer appears to be no. The study showed the cost of education at a virtual charter school may be about 70 percent of the cost for comparable services in brick and mortar setting.

There's still little in the way of definitive funding formulas for online charter schools. According to a March 2014 NEPC study, no state in the country has developed a "comprehensive formula that directly ties actual costs and expenditures of operating virtual schools to funding allocations."

### The quality of virtual education

Some studies have also raised concerns over the quality of

education at virtual schools, and contradict claims made by for-profit companies that operate online charter schools.

K12 Inc. claimed, in a 2010 report, that its virtual schools tested "above state averages on standardized achievement tests," and that students perform better with each successive year they attend the online schools.

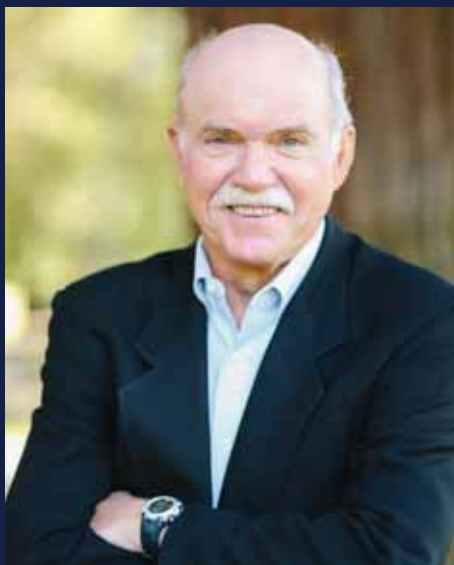
But in a study of virtual charter school performance in Pennsylvania, Stanford University researchers found that student performance for online schools was substantially lower than its brick-and-mortar counterparts, and that 100 percent of the online charter schools in the study performed significantly worse in both reading and math.

Graduation rates are also much lower at the virtual schools. The 2014 NEPC study found that the average rate of on-time graduation at virtual schools is only 43.8 percent — much lower than the national average of 78.6 percent.

The 2013 Academic Performance Index for the Ripon California Connections Academy school was 807, according to the California Department of Education. That's higher than the state average of 790 and higher than the Central California Connections Academy, but on average it's lower than that of most Mountain View schools.

The lower scores are not a result of serving more low-income or minority students, either. According to the 2014 NEPC study, virtual charter schools serve a lower percentage of students eligible for free or reduced lunch, a lower percentage of special education students, and a significantly lower number of English-language learners than the national average. The national average percentage of students that are English-language learners is 9.6 percent, but only make up 0.1 percent of the students enrolled in virtual charter schools.

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### GUEST OPINIONS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

## Two views on Measure N, the Los Altos district school bond

DISTRICT'S GROWTH DEMANDS  
SCHOOL BOND FUNDS

By Jeff Fixler

It's a clear fact: Student enrollment in Los Altos district schools is surging. In the last 10 years, enrollment has increased by over 1,100 students. Our schools haven't had this many kids since the 1970s, when we had 12 school sites instead of the nine we have today. Including the public charter school housed on both junior high campuses, there are 10 schools housed on nine sites with a student population that continues to grow, which is just not sustainable.

Measure N is all about protecting our small schools and avoiding classroom overcrowding in order to keep the top-quality education we expect from our local schools.

I can confirm from first-hand experience that Measure N is the product of a two-year public process including extensive community input and planning. Furthermore, the final Measure N projects will be determined by ongoing public meetings and community input. Here's a snapshot of the process:

#### 1. Enrollment Growth Task Force

This committee was comprised of individuals appointed by three city councils, a representative of Bullis Charter School, parents, teachers and other community members. The committee was highly representative, and was clear in determining that our schools need more space.

#### 2. School site visits

Next, the district held meetings with each LASD school site, including Bullis Charter School (BCS), to assess facilities needs at each school.

#### 3. Facilities Master Plan Committee

This committee had representatives from every school site including BCS and drafted a report detailing all needs at all sites and scoping several options to increase school capacity, while including the costs of each project and option.

#### 4. Community planning and input toward Measure N

This extensive public process, is the basis of Measure N. Going forward, Measure N will require citizen oversight, annual audits and the ongoing work and expansion of the facilities committee as an advisory body representing community interests to the board regard-

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SLOW DOWN AND WAIT BEFORE  
VOTING ON SCHOOL BOND

By David Roode

Vote against a school bond? How can anyone argue that? It would truly take a most unusual circumstance to motivate such a position. Well, sadly, that's where we find ourselves in the Los Altos School District.

The \$150 million bond must cover needs through 2024, due to the legal maximum on bonding capacity. We must squeeze every bit out of this round of capital. The district lists over \$350 million in need, which does even address growth beyond 2018. Allegedly focused on enrollment growth, the identified projects are heavy with those not increasing capacity. At one point, the superintendent suggested limiting spending on new schools to \$50 million.

We are fortunate that no identified need is truly pressing. At the seven elementary schools, the average 2014-15 enrollment has risen by just six to reach 501 per school. Back in 2003-04, we saw that average at 512 students. If we could handle that size back then, what is the rush? This year, most of the growth was in junior high. We luckily have reserve capacity there. At the junior highs, we have the charter school on distinct sub sites. We have operated like this for many years, with great performance from the schools.

Waiting will allow planning. We need a road map for capital needs over 10 years. LASD sees growth to 5,900 students in 2018, from 5,100 last year. What about the years beyond? This estimate assumes no new residential zoning for the San Antonio Center area of Mountain View. What if changes zone more residences there? That could have effects even before 2018. Let's not plunge ahead with \$30 million redoing libraries and multipurpose rooms. Hold off on \$25 million in outdoor improvements. With 60-year-old buildings, we need a strategic master plan for long-term usefulness. Can we afford new land? Could we not put two schools on some existing sites? Do we want to shift sixth grade to middle school? How will that affect the school sizes? Do we realize all the plans foresee many portables continuing in use? Many questions remain.

The LASD board sets contradictory expectations for this bond. Board members first talked of a bond in 2012. It sponsored a multiple stake-

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### LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### NORTH BAYSHORE HOUSING

I read the two arguments given in "Two sides of North Bayshore housing debate" on the Viewpoint page in the Sept. 19 issue of the Voice. Council member Jac Siegel's remarks, which point out the difficulty in providing housing in that area, is simply telling me and everyone in Mountain View that commercial development is maxed out; only the approved and gatekeeper applications for additional commercial space can be processed and all other applications of this

nature should be canceled and not encouraged until sufficient housing is built in town to cover the jobs we have now.

I know that Jac likes the principle of supply and demand to set housing/rental costs, so by allowing commercial growth to stop and housing to gain a little more, there will be relief to rental costs. It is important for jobs to be within walking, bicycling and short transit distance from where the employees live so as to reduce greenhouse gas impacts on the climate so as to provide the necessary precipitation in order to maintain the water



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supply necessary for our city to continue to exist. Jac will simply have to agree with this.

*John Carpenter  
West Middlefield Road*

## HISTORY OF NORTH BAYSHORE ZONING

Having served on the Mountain View planning commission in 1971 when the General Plan for North Bayshore was considered (it then was occupied by automobile wrecking yards and pig farms, amongst other uses), housing was ruled out because of environmental constraints; land subject to liquefaction in case of earthquakes, and land well below sea level because of well pumping of the underlying aquifer to supply the city's water. Light-industrial zoning was rec-

ommended and approved by the City Council. I am shocked that your Guest Opinion authors ignored this. I lived in Mountain View for 38 years, serving eight years on the City Council and now live in a retirement community in Palo Alto.

*Matt Allen  
Palo Alto*

## WE ARE NOT SARDINES

Yes, Mountain View needs more housing. The questions are how much and where?

Mountain View is a small city consisting of 12.2 square miles. The area south of 101 already has the highest population density of any city in Santa Clara County.

It is obvious that we cannot provide housing for everyone who wants to live here. Some would like to add one additional residence for each and every one of the projected 20,000 addi-

tional jobs by 2030. That would increase our residences by 59 percent. If 5,000 of these residences were constructed in North Bayshore, the increase in residences south of 101 would still be 44 percent, a huge percentage.

If each of the additional residences housed 1.5 persons, a conservative number, adding one additional residence for each and every one of the projected 20,000 additional jobs by 2030 would increase our population by 39 percent. If 7,500 of these additional residents lived in North Bayshore, the increase in population south of 101 would still be 29 percent, a large percentage.

Sardines are packed tightly together in cans to be sold. Some would like to pack us together like sardines. Is this the future of Mountain View?

*Konrad M. Sosnow  
Trophy Drive*

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ing all bond projects, until they are completed.

5. Clear priorities for Measure N

On Sept. 8, the LASD board reiterated the priorities for Measure N to give direction to the facilities committee, which began to meet publicly this month. The first priority is to accommodate growing enrollment through two potential solutions: the preferred option is to site and build one new school and modify other existing school sites. The secondary option is to utilize, reconfigure and/or expand current LASD schools without additional sites.

The second priority for the bond is to complete the repairs and improvements needed at existing school sites to address health and safety issues and improve parity in facilities across the district.

The bottom line is that, regardless of the final plan to accommodate growing enrollment, more classrooms are required — and there is no way to build additional classrooms without Measure N. It's the community's plan to ensure our schools remain among the top in the state.

*Jeff Fixler is a Springer Elementary School parent and Mountain View resident who served on the Enrollment Growth Task Force.*

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holder Enrollment Growth Task Force which recommended two new schools. Many people eagerly anticipate these new schools. LASD has hinted at using eminent domain to acquire land. It has threatened the city of Los Altos Community Center. It has indicated possible use of eminent domain in the San Antonio Center area. Recently, it had unresolved discussions about paving

over parks to construct schools. The big problem for any new school has been locating land. Will we see two new schools?

The true goal is achievable, but we must be extremely careful. More time for planning will help greatly. Permanent growth solutions can wait briefly. The rush is to spend for things which we may not be able to afford. Focus the spending on growth. It's frankly too early to approve this bond.

*David Roode is a resident of the Los Altos School District.*

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■ FOOD FEATURE

## Doing good with food

PALO ALTO'S NEWEST RESTAURANT PAIRS FUSION CUISINE WITH ALTRUISTIC PRINCIPLES

*Story by Elena Kadvany // Photos by Natalia Nazarova*

Food-anthropy has arrived in Palo Alto. It's not some trendy new hybrid dessert, but rather, the marriage of two worlds — food and philanthropy — in an unusual new downtown restaurant, *alkymists*. It's the brain child of Thierry Fassiotti, a native of France with a still-strong accent and different view of the world. *alkymists* is not

only a restaurant, but a place where he will host free monthly brunches for low-income, battered or homeless women and their children. He plans to teach them about nutrition and how to eat healthily on a budget, and hopes to partner with local organizations to do so.

The kitchen will not only be serving up world fusion food, but will also serve as a space for

**The wide-ranging menu at *alkymists* in Palo Alto includes pork-manchevo and lamb-gouda dumplings served with lotus-mint and tamarind spice sauces.**





The former Palo Alto Grill space was redecorated to give it a less "masculine" feel.

the alchemists "culinary program" — cooking classes and internships for these women to provide them with experience and references to help them get jobs.

Restaurant staff have been

hired not on the quality of their resumes (whenever someone comes in for an interview, Fassiotti puts the resume aside and simply has a conversation with them) but rather, on personal connections.

"If you believe that hospitality and philanthropy can be one, then let's talk," Fassiotti said he tells applicants.

Fassiotti was brought in by Palo Alto Grill owner Luka Dvornik to flip the space at 140



House-made pita bread is served with olive tapenade, roasted bell pepper romesco sauce and a pistachio-baked bean hummus.

University Ave., and took the opportunity to launch a deeply personal project. The restaurant officially opened for business this Wednesday.

Fassiotti was born in France to a father from North Africa and mother from Seville (hence the world fusion concept). During Fassiotti's childhood, the family operated a hotel restaurant/bar.

"I grew up in this business," he said. "My parents were very generous philanthropists. They helped a lot of low-income families find jobs through our

business, so I'm doing exactly the same."

Fassiotti said his life's work has been dedicated to food and philanthropy. He managed restaurants in Paris, and after moving to Los Angeles, worked at Wolfgang Puck's foodie haven Chinois on Main and Mario Batali's Osteria Mozza, among other prime establishments. Philanthropic organizations he has supported in the past include Restaurants du Coeur

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**ANTONIO ZOMARO**

Executive Chef

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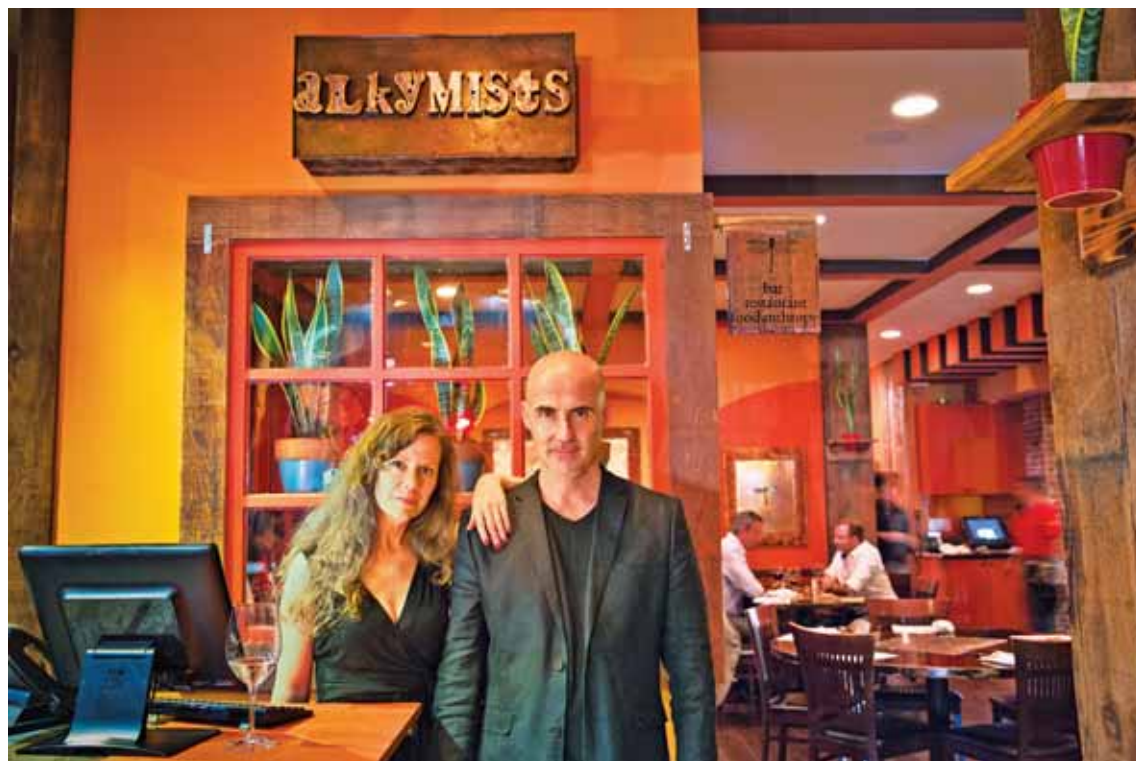
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Thierry Fassiotti has brought a lifetime of philanthropic work to his vision for alkymists.

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(Restaurants of the Heart) in France, which feeds low-income and homeless people; Meals on Wheels, 1736 Family Crisis Center in Los Angeles and Save the Children. Fassiotti also said he himself was homeless for a year in Paris.

At alkymists, Fassiotti has honored the first philanthropic organization he ever worked for — called Dragonfly — with a small dragonfly icon that appears throughout the restaurant: on table corners, walls, the bar and the top of each menu.

As a women-centered philanthropy, alkymists is also a tribute to Fassiotti's late mother, he said. The name is his take on "al ci mi" (pronounced "alchemy"), which means "her near me" in Esperanto. In the women's bathroom at alkymists, you'll find 30 photographs — portraits of women from around the world — wrapping around the walls. The men's bathroom did not get the same attention.

Fassiotti has brought in Jared Combs, a 33-year-old Los Angeles native and Le Cordon Bleu graduate, to head the kitchen. He's cooking up an enormous



Pizza at a preview event came with soy chorizo, roasted bell pepper, olives and burrata cheese.

range of food, from pork belly tacos with curried corn and fried pork manchego dumplings to pizza, sandwiches and short ribs. Pita bread is baked in house (as all bread will be), and served with pistachio-baked bean hummus, roasted bell pepper romesco and olive tapenade.

The 100-seat dining room has been redone, by Fassiotti and staff themselves, to do away with what he called the "masculine" color scheme and feel of Palo Alto Grill. The walls are now a deep terracotta red. The lighting has been softened. Fassiotti has also added a large communal table and "lounge" area where diners can peruse books or sit and chat while waiting to be seated.

The bar top is stamped with Fassiotti's own blueprint-like sketches of place settings. With Palo Alto Grill's full liquor license, Fassiotti is experimenting with liquor-and-herb mix-

tures, stored in large glass jars on shelves behind the bar. Each mixture has been assigned a number, based on the number of ingredients inside, which will correlate to the "number nine," for example, on the cocktail menu. At a soft opening last week, bar manager Kelly Boisvert (a holdover from Palo Alto Grill) was serving bourbon with orange peel, black pepper and clove; vodka with mint, lavender and basil; and rum with sage, rosemary and coriander. (Warning: Ordering these mixtures straight-up or on the rocks is not for lightweighters.)

"Our glory is going to be our cocktails," Boisvert said, but they'll also have six types of beers from Schubros Brewery in San Ramon and a range of wines, also from a single winery. They're waiting to sample wines sent over from a South African winery that is run exclusively by women. ■



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MOVIE TIMES

**A Walk Among the Tombstones (R)**

**Century 16:** 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.  
**Century 20:** Fri & Sat 11:45 a.m., 5:10 & 10:35 p.m.

**Aagadu (Not Rated)**

**Century 16:** Fri & Sat 3:30 & 9:55 p.m., Sun 3:10 p.m.

**The Boxtrolls (PG)**

**Century 16:** 11:05 a.m., 4:35 & 7:20 p.m. In 3-D at 1:50 & 9:50 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:25 a.m., 2, 4:35, 7:10 & 9:45 p.m. In 3-D at 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15 & 10:45 p.m.

**Boyhood (R) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre:** Fri & Sun 1:20, 4:40 & 8:15 p.m., Sat 2:30, 6 & 9:30 p.m.

**Charlie Chan at Treasure Island (1939) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Fri 7:30 p.m.

**The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby (R)**

**Century 16:** 12:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 7 p.m. **Century 20:** 2 p.m.

**Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) ★★ Century 16:** 10:40 a.m., 1:20, 4:05, 7:05 & 9:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:05 & 9:40 p.m.

**The Drop (R) Century 16:** 10:55 a.m., 7:40 & 10:20 p.m. Fri & Sat 1:40 & 4:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:25 & 10:15 p.m.

**The Equalizer (R) Century 16:** 12:20, 3:50, 7:10 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:35 a.m., 2:40, 5:45 & 8:50 p.m. In X-D at 1:15, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.

**Gone with the Wind (PG)**

**Century 16:** Sun 2 & 7 p.m. **Century 20:** Sun 2 & 7 p.m.

**Guardians of the Galaxy (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** 10:30 a.m., 1:25, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.  
**Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 5 & 7:50 p.m. In 3-D at 2:10 & 10:40 p.m.

**The House of Fear (1945) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Fri 6:10 & 9:15 pm

**The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) ★★1/2**

**Century 20:** 12:50, 3:45, 6:45 & 9:35 p.m.

**Palo Alto Square:** 1, 4 & 7 p.m., Fri & Sat 10 p.m.

**If I Stay (PG-13) ★★ Century 20:** Fri & Sat 2:35 & 7:55 p.m.

**Mas Negro Que La Noche (R)**

**Century 20:** 11:40 a.m. & 7:45 p.m. In 3-D at 2:20, 5:05 & 10:30 p.m.

**The Maze Runner (PG-13) ★★1/2**

**Century 16:** 10:45 a.m., 12:05, 1:30, 2:50, 4:15, 5:35, 7:25, 8:40 & 10:15 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:50 a.m., 12:45, 2:30, 3:30, 5:15, 6:15, 8, 9 & 10:45 p.m. In Escape at 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 & 10 p.m.

**My Old Lady (PG-13) ★★★★★**

**Century 20:** 11:20 a.m., 1:55, 4:30, 7:25 & 10 p.m.  
**Palo Alto Square:** 1:30, 4:15 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:45 p.m.

**No Good Deed (PG-13)**

**Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 4:50, 7:20 & 9:55 p.m.

**The Old Dark House (1932) (Not Rated)**

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

**Red Dust (19320) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Sat & Sun 5:55 & 8:55 p.m.

**The Skeleton Twins (R) ★★★★★ Century 20:** Noon, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35 & 10:05 p.m. **Guild Theatre:** 2:15, 4:40, 7:15 & 9:40 p.m.

**This is Where I Leave You (R) Century 16:** 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:35 & 10:10 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:10 a.m., 12:25, 1:40, 2:55, 4:15, 5:30, 6:55, 8:05, 9:30 & 10:40 p.m.

**Tracks (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre:** 1, 3:30, 7:15 & 9:45 p.m.

**When the Game Stands Tall (PG) ★★1/2**

**Century 20:** Fri & Sat 11:45 a.m., 5:10 & 10:35 p.m. Sun 11 a.m.

**AQUARIUS:** 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

**CENTURY CINEMA 16:** 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (800-326-3264)

**CENTURY 20 DOWNTOWN:** 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City (800-326-3264)

**CINEARTS AT PALO ALTO SQUARE:** 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

**STANFORD THEATRE:** 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

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★ Skip it

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★★★ A good bet

★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE OPENINGS



Liam Neeson and Astro in "A Walk Among the Tombstones."

**'A WALK AMONG THE TOMBSTONES' ★★1/2**

(Century 16, Century 20) At one point in the new crime thriller "A Walk Among the Tombstones," someone asks Liam Neeson's private eye what it takes to be a good detective. "Patience. Instinct. Blind luck, mostly," he replies. These same qualities could be said to apply to writer-director Scott Frank trying to get a foothold in the marketplace with a crime thriller aimed at an adult audience.

At the outset of "A Walk Among the Tombstones," audiences are likely to be rooting for Frank, long one of Hollywood's cleverest screenwriters ("Dead Again," the Elmore Leonard adaptations "Get Shorty" and "Out of Sight") and lately one of its most promising writer-directors ("The Lookout"). Frank swiftly establishes a throwback tone redolent of finely crafted '70s/'80s cinema (something in the vein of Sidney Lumet): patient, thoughtfully photographed and edited, well-acted and with a certain essential intelligence applied to the material — and assumed of the audience.

That material derives from Lawrence Block's series of detective novels about unlicensed private investigator, ex-cop and recovering alcoholic Matthew Scudder, who does everything in reaction to his still-unforgiven original sin. Played with weary resignation by Liam Neeson, Scudder makes a reasonably compelling protagonist, expending old-fashioned shoe leather as he tracks down witnesses and clues in the case of the kidnapped and murdered wife of a drug kingpin (Dan Stevens, late of "Downton Abbey").

Scudder made it to the screen once before, portrayed by Jeff Bridges in the poorly received Hal Ashby film "8 Million Ways to Die," but Frank's take proves considerably more faithful to Block — overhauled climax aside

— by retaining Scudder's 1990s New York City setting and putting a strong emphasis on the cultural context and 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. What's best about "A Walk Among the Tombstones" is atmospheric: the moody, evocative cinematography and the haunted performances by Neeson, Stevens, Olafur Darri Olafsson as a person of interest, and David Harbour and Adam David Thompson as the killers. What's worst about the film is its sense of generic lurid-

ness (though Frank is careful and wise not to glorify violence). And what's in between is the film's inability to create much in the way of thematic red meat, aside from the pre-9/11 NYC setting being used for ho-hum portentiousness: On the eve of Y2K, the evildoers reflect, "People are afraid of all the wrong things..."

"A Walk Among the Tombstones" conjures memories of more distinctive urban crime dramas of recent years, whether more operatic ("Mystic River," "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo") or more relatable ("Prisoners"), but peel away the stylishness of the filmmakers, and the film skews closest to the trio of dully trashy "Alex Cross" adaptations ("Kiss the Girls," "Along Came a Spider," "Alex Cross"). If only there were more to grab onto from the diffuse story, which — with its nearly unredeemed brutality — will make more sensitive viewers wonder why they bothered to subject themselves to the feel-bad film of the summer's dog days.

*Rated R for strong violence, disturbing images, language and brief nudity. One hour, 53 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW Council Neighborhoods Committee**

**Monta Loma/Farley/Rock Street Neighborhood Area Meeting**

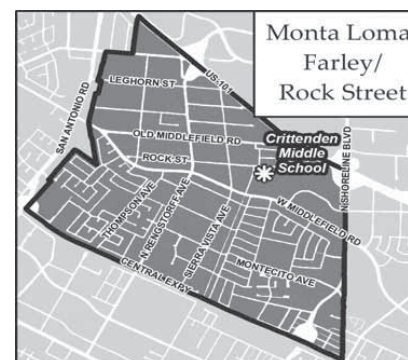
**Crittenden Middle School 1701 Rock Street  
 October 2, 2014 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

The City of Mountain View Council Neighborhoods Committee will be meeting with residents in the Monta Loma/Farley/Rock Street Neighborhood area on October 2, at 7:00 p.m. (area designated on the map below).

The Council Neighborhoods Committee invites residents in this area to participate in a forum to hear about new projects in the community and discuss issues vital to your neighborhood. This is an opportunity to make a difference in the future of your neighborhood, and express your thoughts about ways to improve city services.

For further information, please call the City's Neighborhood Preservation Division at (650) 903-6379

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## HIGHLIGHT

### PLAYING FOR CHANGE EVENTS

LinkedIn and KMVT 15 are teaming up for Playing for Change, a fundraising event with live bands and entertainment to support youth music and media programs. The first day will take place at LinkedIn, and the next will take place at KMVT 15. See website for more info. Oct. 3, 3-7 p.m.; Oct. 4, 3-9 p.m. \$20 suggested donation. LinkedIn HQ and KMVT 15 Community Television, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. [www.kmvt15.org/index.html](http://www.kmvt15.org/index.html)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Explorations in Color'** An exhibit composed of mixed-media watercolor paintings by Rosemarie Gorman will be on display at Gallery 9. A reception with the artist will be held on Friday, Oct. 3, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30-Nov. 1, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

**'Pomegranate Art' by Linda Tapscott** The Oshman Family JCC will have on display pomegranate wire mesh sculptures by Linda Tapscott in the Goldman Sport & Wellness Complex. Aug. 26-Nov. 15, complex hours. Free. Goldman Sport & Wellness Complex, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 510-409-1297. [www.ltapscott.com](http://www.ltapscott.com)

**Richard Bostrom solo exhibit** Gallery 9 in Los Altos will mount an exhibit of wood sculpture and abstract paintings by Bay Area artist Richard Bostrom. Sept. 2-27, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

**Tumasov Fine Art Open Studio** Tumasov Fine Art will hold its first open studio event, where the gallery's artists will be on hand to talk about their work while a pianist sets the mood. Food and beverages will be on hand. Oct. 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Tumasov Fine Art Studio, 823 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View. Call 415-652-1412. [tumasovfineartstudio.virb.com](http://tumasovfineartstudio.virb.com)

## AUDITIONS

**Foothill dance company open call** The Foothill Repertory Dance Company will hold auditions for dancers of all abilities, backgrounds, styles and sizes. Contact Bubba Gong for more info. Sept. 24 and 26, 6 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 2504, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7354. [www.foothill.edu/dance/](http://www.foothill.edu/dance/)

## BENEFITS/FUNDRAISERS

**Los Altos Follies** The Los Altos Stage Company will put on three performances of "A Salute to the Over-rated, Underhanded and Outrageous," a musical parody of modern life and politics. A reception with food, wine and a silent auction will be held before and after the Friday and Saturday performances. Oct. 2-4, 7:30 p.m. \$60 Thursday; \$100 Friday or Saturday. Bus

Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Adult Video Production course** This four-week course will offer hands-on, practical experience in video production, including working with cameras, a teleprompter, audio equipment, a switcher and character graphics. Wednesdays, Oct. 1-22, 6:30 p.m. \$99. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. [www.kmvt15.org/learn/workshop/video-production.html](http://www.kmvt15.org/learn/workshop/video-production.html)

**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. Sept. 30, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. Call 650-940-1333. [www.mvlaeae.net](http://www.mvlaeae.net)

**Introduction to 3D printing** Industrial artist and designer Ellie Lawson will introduce interested community members to 3D printing during this two-hour program. Lawson will give a demonstration of the process that transforms a digital file into a printed object. Sept. 30, 7-8:45 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. [www.scdl.org](http://www.scdl.org)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Los Altos Parent Preschool Rummage Sale** This large annual rummage sale will bring together a large collection of toys, games, books, electronics, baby gear, kids clothing, housewares and kitchenware. Oct. 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Los Altos Parent Preschool, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos. Call 650-947-9371. [www.lapp.coop](http://www.lapp.coop)

**MVUHS 'Eagle' Alumni Day Picnic** This picnic will welcome all alumni, teachers and friends from Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School and Awalt High School. The organizers are also looking for later classes to take over and keep the reunions going. Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1053.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors community outreach** For the first in a

series of outreach events, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will have trained peer counselors available to speak with residents about personal issues, including housing, transportation and other financial problems. There are no income restrictions, all are accepted. Those interested are encouraged to RSVP for a 30-minute consultation, but drop-ins are also welcome. Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Trinity Church, Hope's Corner, 748 Mercy St., Mountain View. Call 650-283-0270. [www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto](http://www.facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto)

## CONCERTS

**Sitar player Charles Lloyd** Charles Lloyd, the student of recognized sitar guru Pandit Habib Khan, will perform his debut concert of Indian sitar music. Oct. 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. (\$15-\$30 suggested donation). Community School for Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 510-368-4906. [www.facebook.com/events/782972461740802/?ref\\_dashboard\\_filter=hosting](http://www.facebook.com/events/782972461740802/?ref_dashboard_filter=hosting)

**USAF Band of the Golden West** Chamber players from the USAF Band of the Golden West, an active-duty Air Force band, will play pieces by Schubert, Reinecke and D'Rivera. Sept. 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm)

## DANCE

**Nritya Sangam performance** Shambhavi Dandekar and Parimal Phadke will dance together in this show fusing North and South Indian styles of dance. A reception with the artists will follow the performance. Sept. 28, 2:30 p.m. \$25, \$35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/sep14.html](http://www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/sep14.html)

## ENVIRONMENT

**Tree care in droughts workshop** Mountain View Trees and the Mountain View Public Library will provide a hands-on workshop with certified arborists on how to best care for trees when water is scarce. All ages are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-noon. Free (\$15 donation appreciated). Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 415-412-1127. [www.mountainviewtrees.org](http://www.mountainviewtrees.org)

## EXHIBITS

**'Decline & Renewal'** The Mohr Gallery will have on display an exhibit called "Decline & Renewal, Mixed Media Works on Paper" by artist Erin Goodwin-Guerrero. Aug. 8-Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

**'Recorded Live'** The Community School of Music and Arts will stage an exhibit called "Recorded Live: Drawings, Paintings and Collage," which features works exploring the human form by a number of artists. Sept. 2-30, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Ohlone Day** Ohlone Day will return to the Los Altos History Museum, where four experienced educators will teach students in second to fourth grade about the first peoples of this area. Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427 ext. 14. [losaltoshistory.org/events.html](http://losaltoshistory.org/events.html)

**Plaza Palooza: Children's Hour** For this Plaza Palooza event, the City of Mountain View will welcome the Puppet Art Theatre Co. to perform "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Oct. 3, noon-1 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents](http://www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents)



**'Big Fish'** The Palo Alto Players will put on a production of "Big Fish," a visually-striking musical that pays tribute to family and the magic of storytelling. Sept. 12-28, Thursdays at 7 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. \$34-\$48. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. [www.paloplayers.org](http://www.paloplayers.org)

## FOOD AND DRINK

**Friday Farmers Market** The Oshman Family JCC is now home to its own weekly certified farmers market. Local food trucks are in attendance each week. Fridays, year-round, noon-5 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [www.paloaltojcc.org/market](http://www.paloaltojcc.org/market)

**Oktoberfest** For the second year, Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant and partners will hold an Oktoberfest event with dozens of beers available, German food from local vendors, and live music and entertainment. Oct. 4 and 5, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Prices vary. Steins Beer Garden & Restaurant, 895 Villa St., Mountain View. [steinsbeergarden.com](http://steinsbeergarden.com)

## LIVE MUSIC

**Plaza Palooza: Guitarist Jonathan Devoto** As part of the Plaza Palooza series, which will hold a performance each month, Jonathan Devoto will perform a show of clean electric guitar. Food and beverages will be available. Oct. 3, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents](http://www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents)

**Ukulele Jams Festival** Ukulele Jams and Mountain View High School choirs will hold a festival with music, food, shopping, workshops, performances by local musicians and hula halau. A special concert by Herb Ohta Jr. and Jon Yamasoto will conclude the day at 5 p.m. Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$15 general, \$5 youth for the festival; \$25 for the concert; \$30 for both. Mountain View High School Quad, 3535 Truman Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-940-4649. [ukejamfest.com](http://ukejamfest.com)

**Zen Zenith residency at Red Rock** Local musician Zen Zenith will finish his residency at Red Rock Coffee, where he will perform acoustic sets, sing and tell stories. Fridays, Sept. 5-26, 8-10:30 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 408-505-2454. [www.redrockcoffee.org](http://www.redrockcoffee.org)

## ON STAGE

**'House and Garden'** This production of Alan Ayckbourn's "House and Garden" will include two comedies taking place simultaneously in two adjacent theaters — with a shared cast. One follows the Platts as they host an annual May Fete at their English estate, while the other takes place on the same estate's grounds. Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 12-Oct. 5, 8-10:30 p.m. \$10-\$35. Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-254-1148. [www.thepear.org](http://www.thepear.org)

**'The Great American Trailer Park Musical'** The Los Altos Stage Company will put on several performances of "The Great American Trailer Park Musical." Set in a mobile home community called Armadillo Acres, the campy musical involves a young stripper, an agoraphobic housewife and a tollbooth collector. Wednesday-Sunday, Sept. 4-28, 8 p.m. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0551. [www.losaltosstage.org](http://www.losaltosstage.org)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**MVEF Home Tour** The Mountain View Educational Foundation will hold its 2014 Home Tour, showcasing seven homes in Old Mountain View in the Franklin Street neighborhood between the library and the police station. Sept. 28, 1-5 p.m. \$25. Downtown Mountain View, Mountain View. Call 650-526-3500 ext. 1030. [www.mvef.org](http://www.mvef.org)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**'Ebola and Global Health and Security'** Dr. Paul H. Wise from Stanford University will give a free public lecture called "Ebola and Global Health and Security." Refreshments will be available at 7 p.m., and the talk will begin at 7:30 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by World Affairs Council - Peninsula and Los Altos Public Library. Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-856-0912.

**'The Plant - Rock Connection'** Paul Heiple, a naturalist and California Native Plant Society member, will discuss why certain plants grow in specific locations and not others, focusing on geology and different soil types. Oct. 3, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org)

**Author Ali Eteraz on 'Falsipedies and Fibiennes'** Ali Eteraz, author of the memoir "Children of Dust" and a contributing writing to publications including The Huffington Post, will share his sensual and surreal short story collection, "Falsipedies and Fibiennes." Oct. 2, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net/event/ali-eteraz-books-inc-mountain-view](http://www.booksinc.net/event/ali-eteraz-books-inc-mountain-view)

**Computer History Museum: Celebrating 35 Years** Museum co-founder Gordon Bell and Chairman Len Shustek will talk about the making of the computing museum and its impact with President and CEO John Hollar. Online registration is encouraged. Sept. 26, noon. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events](http://www.computerhistory.org/events)

**Fireside Chat with Esther Wojcicki** Journalist and educator Esther Wojcicki will attend an informal event with dinner, wine and refreshments. Sept. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$55 (includes dinner, wine and refreshments). Oshman Family JCC, Freidenrich Conference Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org/Adults/Lectures-Dialogues](http://paloaltojcc.org/Adults/Lectures-Dialogues)

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**Playing for Change volunteer opportunity** KMVT 15 is looking for volunteers to help with its Playing for Change event, which will include performance by seven bands, a broadcast and a BBQ. Email [chagan@kmvt15.org](mailto:chagan@kmvt15.org) for more info. Oct. 4, 3-9:30 p.m. Free. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 408-835-5626. [www.kmvt15.org](http://www.kmvt15.org)

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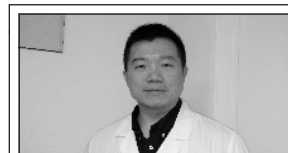
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File No.: 596037

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RB Ornamental Metal Services, located at 693 Waltham Street, 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):  
RONALD F. BRANDT  
693 Waltham Street  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
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 September 3, 2014. (MVV Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2014)

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CUB SCOUT PACK 87  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 596403

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

1.) Boy Scout Troop 87, 2.) Cub Scout Pack 87, located at 575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
MOUNTAIN VIEW BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/01/1974. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 12, 2014. (MVV Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 2014)

SOLACE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 596503

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Solace, located at 600 Rainbow Dr. #101, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
MICHELLE DIEDERICH  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
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 September 16, 2014. (MVV Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2014)

EL CAMINO OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY  
EL CAMINO WOMEN'S MEDICAL GROUP  
ECWWMG  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 596772

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) El Camino Obstetrics and Gynecology, 2.) El Camino Women's Medical Group, 3.) ECWWMG, located at 2490 Hospital Dr., Suite 300, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
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L&L PARTNERSHIP  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 596547

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):  
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526 North Whisman  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business

name(s) listed above on September 17, 2014.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 17, 2014. (MVV Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2014)

**997 All Other Legals**

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BUYER: Lan Duong & Bichhong Le or Assignee  
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BUSINESS: TOGO'S EATERY  
1955 W. El Camino Real, Mt. View, CA 94040

DATE OF CONSUMMATION: October 14, 2014  
LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS: October 13, 2014

ESCROW HOLDER: WILLIAM H. DUNN, Attorney at Law, 1350 Dell Avenue, Suite 204, Campbell, CA 95008  
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Lan Duong & Bichhong Le

BY: WILLIAM H. DUNN  
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9/26/14  
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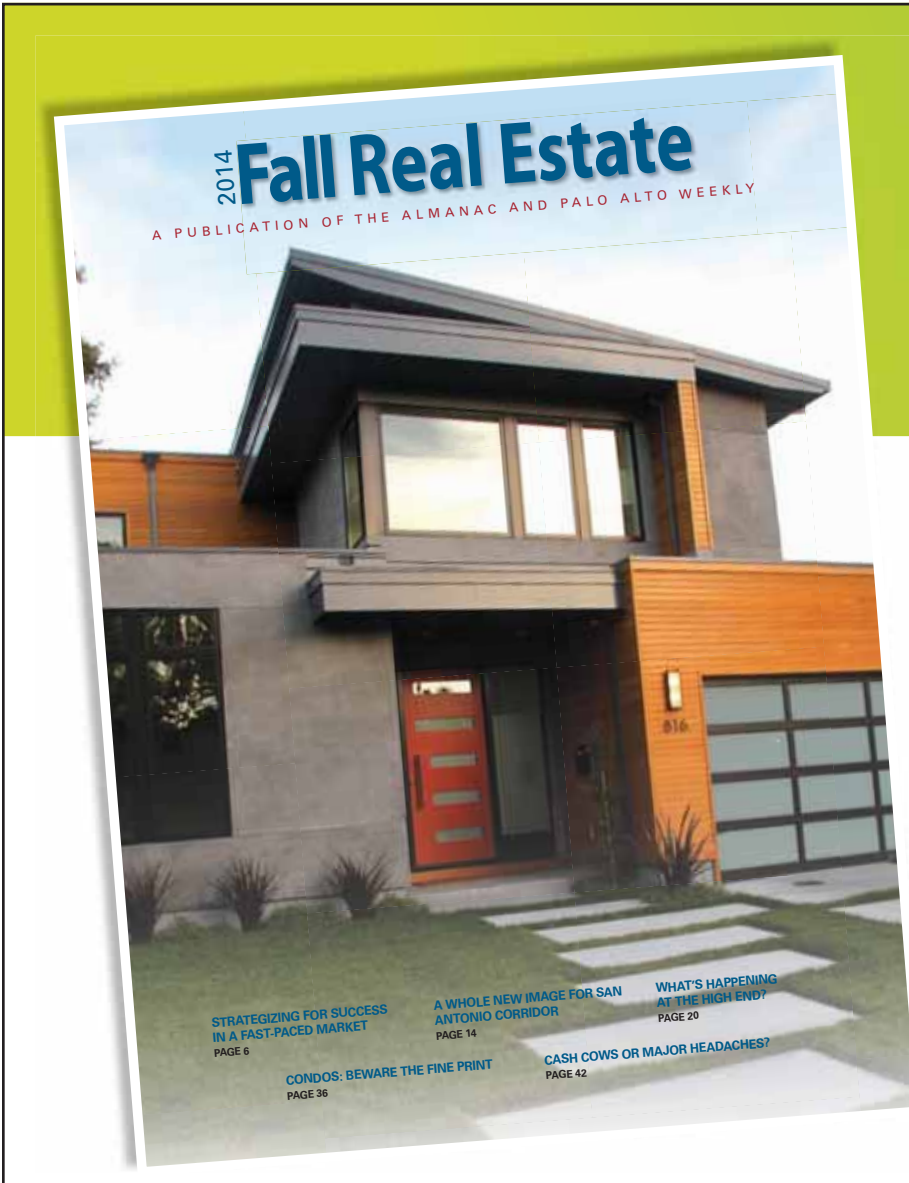
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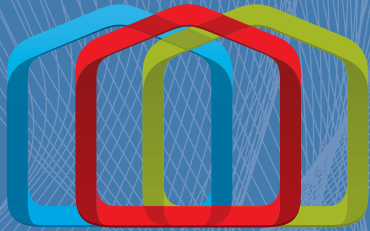
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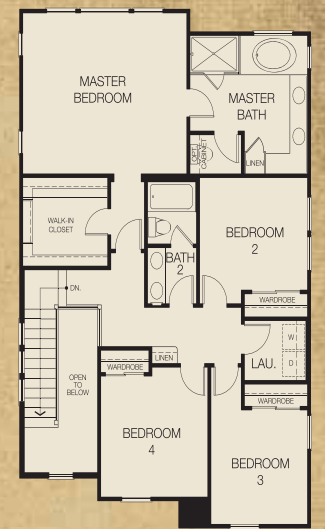
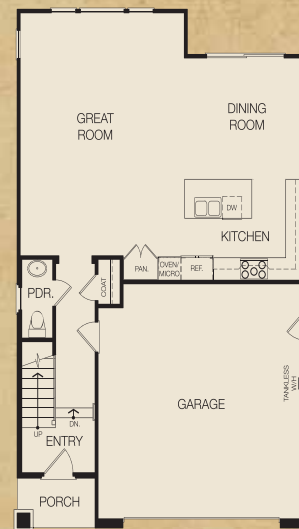
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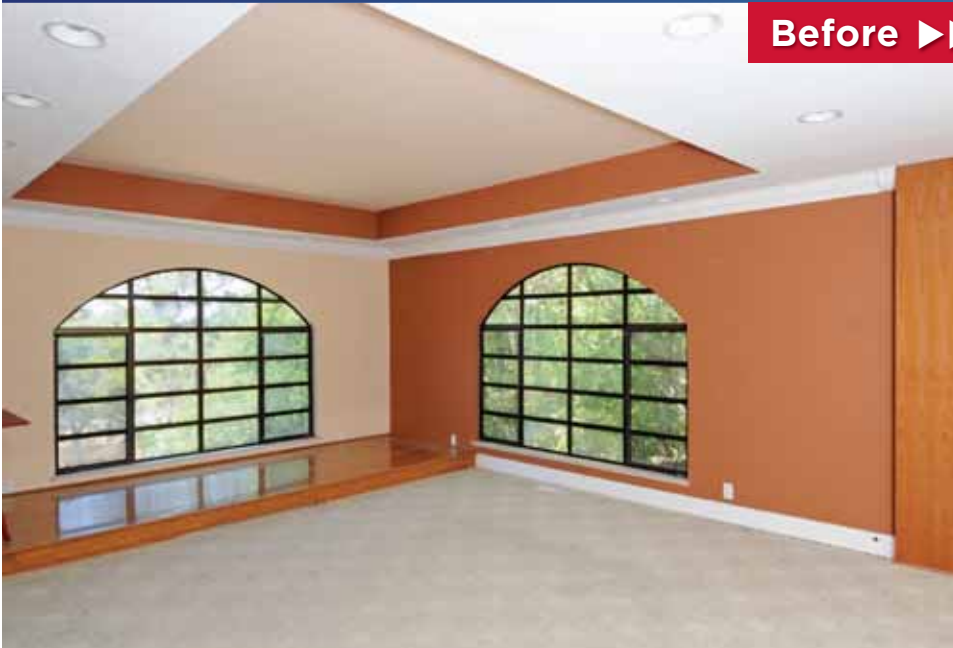
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