

Mountain View VOICE



**A taste
of fall**
WEEKEND | 25

OCTOBER 24, 2014 VOLUME 22, NO. 39

www.MountainViewOnline.com

650.964.6300

MOVIES | 29



NATALIA NAZAROVA

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

What does it feel like to be aboard the International Space Station? Isaac, 12, sits at a mock-up of the control room at NASA Ames open house on Oct. 18, an event that drew tens of thousands to Mountain View. More photos of the big day start on Page 16.

School board candidates face tough questions from students

STEVENSON CLASS DELVES INTO LOCAL ELECTION ISSUES

By Kevin Forestieri

Students at Stevenson Elementary are getting an up-close look at school board candidates for the Mountain View Whisman School District this fall. They know the issues,

they know who is running, and they know who they'd vote for if they weren't less than half the voting age.

A class of second and third graders at Stevenson are learning about the local school board and how it works for a fall project.

Trevor Mattea, who teaches the class, said he wanted to teach the students about government, and chose to focus on the school board because the candidates all live nearby and the issues are

► See **STUDENTS**, page 20

Council tweaks plan for 600 new homes in South Whisman

By Daniel DeBolt

In a council election season where the need for more housing is a hot topic, council members were relatively quick to move forward with a plan for nearly 600 new homes in a study

session on Tuesday, bringing back to life a project killed by the recession.

The City Council is now set to approve final plans this spring for the new 593-home community tucked away on Ferguson Drive, southwest of Highway 237

and Middlefield Road, and north of Whisman Station. About 200 row houses and town houses (for sale) would take up much of the 38-acre plan, and 400 stacked flats (for rent) would take up a

► See **SOUTH WHISMAN**, page 15

Outside money floods City Council race

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS POUR OVER \$90,000 INTO MAILERS, POLLING

By Daniel DeBolt

The real estate industry and a shadowy special interest group are pumping tens of thousands of dollars into the Mountain View City Council election, causing alarm amongst candidates and residents who fear this election will mark the end of low-budget City Council campaigns.

"It's very frustrating to be the candidate in a situation where something is out of your control," said candidate Ken Rosenberg, who said he was surprised to see his own photo on mailers that have been sent to residents in support of his campaign. Some are from the National Association of Realtors, and others are from a Long-Beach based group called the "Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition" (NEC).

He said to those behind the mailers, with whom he is legally prohibited from coordinating: "Please no negative ads. If these start going negative then we've entered a different era of Mountain View politics."

The NEC has also sent out mailers supporting candidates Ellen Kamei and Pat Showalter, spending over \$60,000 as of Oct. 21. The National Association of Realtors has also spent \$26,000 on mailers and polling in support of Rosenberg.

Though the mailers are outside of their control, the candidates have been facing intense criticism about them in various online forums. Candidate Mercedes Salem said residents should "stand up" against the independent expenditures and "say you can't buy an election in our town" by not voting for any candidate benefiting from the

controversial mailers.

Rosenberg, who has built his reputation as a member of the city's human relations commission, has been outspoken against fears the he's been bought off. Over \$50,000 has been independently spent to help elect him.

"People think this is going to influence my vote when I get on the City Council," Rosenberg said. "I think that is patently ridiculous."

It is unclear exactly who provided the impetus for the NEC mailers, but the clearest connection appears to be to the California Apartment Association (CAA), which represents landlords. The CAA has given the NEC at least \$5,000, according to a June finance report filed with the state. The CAA has also endorsed and directly contributed to the campaigns of Kamei, Showalter and Rosenberg, all of whom have expressed opposition to rent control. Landlords have also been highly involved in past elections to prevent a rent control ordinance in Mountain View.

"Independent expenditures are an allowable form of communication and totally independent from any campaign," said Kamei. "We received the mail from NEC at the same time as Mountain View residents. I also am not familiar with NEC at all."

"Under our Fair Political Practices Commission rules, it is illegal for the candidate or an associated committee to have anything to do with the production of these mailers," said candidate Pay Showalter. "They need to be truly independent in order to be legal. The photos they used of me are ones that are readily available on Facebook or my website. It's

► See **OUTSIDE MONEY**, page 18



**JUDY
BOGARD-TANIGAMI**
650.207.2111
judytanigami@gmail.com
CaIBRE# 00298975

**SHERI
BOGARD-HUGHES**
650.279.4003
shughes@apr.com
CaIBRE# 01060012

**CINDY
BOGARD-O'GORMAN**
650.924.8365
cbogardogorman@apr.com
CaIBRE# 01918407

ConsultantsInRealEstate.com



**13300 Burke Road,
Los Altos Hills**

*An Authentic Italian Country Retreat —
In Highly Coveted Location*

- Ideally located only 5 blocks from the Village of Los Altos
- Authentic Italian villa built by Lencioni Construction in 2003
- Extensive use of reclaimed antique building materials from Italy
- Floors of hand-hewn American walnut and antique Italian paver tiles
- Marmorino Venetian plaster walls
- 4 bedrooms, each with en suite bath, and powder room
- 6,342 square feet of living space plus 984 square-foot garage*
- Extraordinary grounds of approximately 1.43 acres plus additional protected area*
- Separate pool house with full bath and kitchenette
- Licensed private well that supplies all the water for landscaping, pool, and stream
- USTA regulation size tennis court, bocce court, and 4-hole putting green
- Pool with beach entry, infinity edge, and 8-foot waterfall, plus separate spa with an adjoining, inviting stream and waterfall
- State-of-the-art systems for lighting, sound, climate, and security
- 20kW backup generator with auto switch
- Surrounded by wrought iron fencing with programmable gate, including gates from Puccini's home in Tuscany
- Top-rated Los Altos schools: Gardner Bullis Elementary, Egan Jr. High, and Los Altos High (buyer to verify enrollment)

*buyer to verify

Offered at \$9,800,000
www.13300BurkeRoad.com



**26171 Moody Road,
Los Altos Hills**

An Exceptional Vineyard Villa

- Classic Mediterranean villa bordered by a Chardonnay vineyard
- Two levels with elevator, 4 bedrooms, office, and 4.5 baths
- Approximately 5,700 square feet of living space*
- Lot size of approximately 1.2 acres*
- Located six minutes from the Village of Los Altos
- Luxurious and spacious public rooms on the main level
- Home theatre, second family room, sauna, and wine cellar
- Geo-Thermal heating and cooling system
- Whole-home audio system and programmable lighting
- Attached 3-car garage with extra storage
- Sun-swept rear grounds with pool and spa, barbecue center, and huge terrace
- Approximately 140 vines of Chardonnay grapes
- Top-rated Los Altos schools: Gardner Bullis Elementary, Egan Jr. High, and Los Altos High (buyer to verify enrollment)

*buyer to verify

Offered at \$5,498,000
www.26171MoodyRoad.com

Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

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

What did you think of NASA's 75th Anniversary Open House?



"I enjoyed the weather and the supercomputer. I liked being able to speak with people about what they do at NASA."

Michael Varshavski, San Jose



"It was really awesome to see what the Curiosity Rover demo on the fake Mars-scape looks like."

Erin Freeny, San Francisco



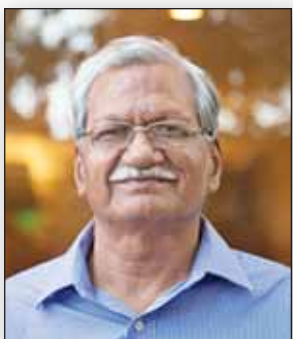
"It was well-organized and quite interesting. You get to read a lot about it in the papers, but you don't really know what is going on inside."

Abishek Naik, San Jose



"Because NASA spends 0.5 percent of the government's budget, it's good to know they are using the government's money to come up with very cool and innovative stuff."

Melissa Yam, Hayward



"It's a very good thing for the children. The children can prepare themselves for the future because they will be the future of the country."

Vijay Mohan, Milpitas

Have a question for [Voices Around Town](#)? Email it to editor@mv-voice.com

Vote For



Lisa Matichak

The only candidate endorsed by all 3 outgoing Councilmembers

Mountain View City Council

Qualified to Lead

5th year on Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)
Founding President Wagon Wheel Neighborhood Assn.
15-year resident (8 as renter, 7 as condo owner in N. Whisman)
CERT certified since 2008
Master of Business Administration (MBA), UCLA
Over 25 years in the high tech and IT security industries

Key Priorities

Support our neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for our diverse mix of residents
Advocate for high-quality housing that is affordable
Add parks and open space in our increasingly urban City
Maintain Mountain View as a financially strong City



www.LisaForCouncil.com

Good For Your Neighborhood

Endorsements (partial list)

Margaret Abe-Koga, Ronit Bryant, and Jac Siegel
Former Mayors and Current City Councilmembers
Nick Galiotto, Laura Macias, and Matt Pear
Former Mayors and City Councilmembers
M.V. Police Officers Association
M.V. Professional Firefighters
Chamber of Commerce M.V.



South Bay Labor Council
Steve Rasmussen (Milk Pail)
Laura Brown, Robert Chang
Chris Dateo, Thida Cornes
Robert Cox, Jessica Gandhi
Paul Lansky, Maria Marroquin
Joe Mitchner, Jamil Shaikh
Bob Weaver, Helen Wolter

Paid for by Matichak for City Council 2014 FPPC# 1366232

Share YOUR SMILE

The More You Share, The More We Give!

SMILES DENTAL CARE Loves Referrals!

Refer A Friend, Family Member, or Co-Worker & Smiles Dental Will Donate \$25!
For more information please visit SmilesDental.com/smile

\$99

New Patient Special!

Includes: Exam, Digital X-Rays & Cleaning

A \$366 VALUE!

Offer valid for new patients only. Second opinions welcome. Call for details. Some restrictions may apply.



DR. WILLIAM HALL ~ DR. TIFFANY CHAN ~ DR. J. JANICE CHOU

100 W. El Camino Real, Suite 63A
Mountain View (Corner of El Camino & Calderon)
WWW.SMILESDENTAL.COM | 650.564.3333

SMILES
DENTAL CARE
QUALITY · SATISFACTION · TRUST



JOE MITCHNER

Re-Elect

MVLA High School Board

- High performing schools
- Effective leadership
- Proven results
- Commitment to students

Endorsements:

Mountain View Councilmembers:

- Chris Clark
- John McAlister
- Ronit Bryant
- Mike Kasperzak
- Margaret Abe-Koga
- Jac Siegel

Los Altos Councilmembers: (current/former)

- Jeannie Bruins
- Jim Thurber
- Curtis Cole
- Ron Packard
- David Casas
- Lou Becker

County Supervisor: Joe Simitian

School Board Trustees (current/former)

- Judy Hannemann (MVLA)
- Julia Rosenberg (MVLA)
- Dave Williams (MVLA)
- Laura Casas (Foothill-DeAnza)
- Ellen Wheeler (MVWSD)
- Christopher Chiang (MVWSD)
- Rose Filicetti (MVWSD)
- Steve Olson (MVWSD)
- Gloria Higgins (MVWSD)
- Steve Taglio (LASD)

Mountain View Voice

MVLA District Teachers Association

Friends of Los Altos

I would be honored to receive your vote on November 4th.

www.votejoemitchner.com

Paid for by Joe Mitchner for MVLA School Board 2014 FPPC#1369919

CRIME BRIEFS

MAN SLASHED WITH KNIFE

Police arrested a Mountain View woman last week after she allegedly got into an argument with a roommate, picked up a knife and cut the victim several times in an apartment on the 2400 block of West El Camino Real.

According to police, the woman got into an argument with her roommate, a 27-year-old man, about "apartment rules" a little after 10 p.m. on Oct. 15. The argument escalated when she allegedly picked up a knife and threatened the man. A struggle ensued after he tried to grab the knife, resulting in several cuts to his hands, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

When the man turned around, the woman slashed his lower back, resulting in another cut. The police report lists minor injuries, but no additional medical information was provided.

► See **CRIME BRIEFS**, page 6

POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

2400 block W. El Camino Real, 10/15
200 block S. Rengstorff Ave., 10/18

AUTO BURGLARY

900 block W. El Camino Real, 10/15
2100 block W. El Camino Real, 10/15
2400 block W. El Camino Real, 10/15
1300 block Grant Rd., 10/20
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 10/20
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/20
700 block Sylvan Av., 10/20
800 block California St., 10/20

BATTERY

600 block Showers Dr., 10/14
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 10/18
1300 block W. El Camino Real, 10/19

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

700 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/15
400 block N. Whisman Rd., 10/16
2500 block Garcia Av., 10/16
2400 block Old Middlefield Way, 10/21

GRAND THEFT

200 block Calderon Ave., 10/14
1900 block W. Middlefield Rd., 10/16
700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 10/20

STOLEN VEHICLE

900 block Rich Ave., 10/16
200 block Higdon Ave., 10/18
Betlo Av. & Nita Av., 10/16

VANDALISM

400 block National Ave., 10/14
2100 block W. El Camino Real, 10/16
800 block Leong Dr., 10/19
400 block Palo Alto Ave., 10/19

CORRECTION

The *Voice* mistakenly referred to City Council candidate Mercedes Salem as being Iranian in last week's issue. Salem identifies herself as Iranian-American.

Larry's knows Subaru.

(& other Japanese Vehicles)

You know you are dealing with experts when ...

- Technicians are Nationally Certified Masters
- Technicians receive over 40 hours of specialized training every year
- They are certified environmentally friendly
- All repairs are guaranteed in writing for 3 years/ 36,000 miles — no other shop does this!
- Each technician is a specialist on the vehicle they service.



"The work was done expediently and thoroughly. All personnel is friendly and helpful. the work was explained in detail. Thank you all!"

— Anita M. from Palo Alto, Subaru owner

"Very high quality. Great attention to customers. Very friendly. I trust their opinions and recommendations."

— Kay P. from Palo Alto, Subaru owner

LARRY'S
AutoWorks
When you want it right!

Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

2526 Leghorn Street, Mountain View
650-968-5202 | Autoworks.com



Remember when neighbors helped neighbors?



linkAges TimeBank

GIVE & RECEIVE HELP • SHARE HOBBIES & INTERESTS
LEARN NEW SKILLS • CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

SIGN UP FOR AN ORIENTATION AT:
TIMEBANK.LINKAGES.ORG OR CALL 650-934-3556





NATALIA NAZAROVA

HALLOWEEN, MOFFETT-STYLE

Children play among the Halloween decorations at Moffett Field's military housing on Oct. 18. "Kids have been constantly playing together since we moved here a couple of months ago. It feels like the '70s," said a resident about the friendly community.

Google-donated shuttle service gets green light

COUNCIL OKS PILOT PROGRAM AFTER DEBATE OVER SHUTTLE'S ROUTE

By Daniel DeBolt

In January, a small fleet of white and blue electric shuttle buses will begin rolling down the streets of Mountain View on a route that aims to hit the city's popular destinations.

Council members unanimously approved a two-year pilot program for the free community shuttle service, expressing thanks to Google, which is footing the bill as a gift to city. The service hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and from noon to 8 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Four shuttles are set to run a loop around the city going as far south as El Camino Hospital, as far east as Sylvan Avenue, north to Shoreline Boulevard and Pear Avenue (near the movie theaters) and west to San Antonio shopping center. There are 30 stops, including the downtown transit center, Whisman and Middlefield roads, Rengstorff Park and the Senior Center.

Each shuttle includes free WiFi, bike racks, wheelchair lifts and space for 16 passengers. Member Jac Siegel was unimpressed with the signage on the buses, saying "I'd liked to have seen something that stood out a little more, personally."

The approved route is similar to one proposed in August, but council members removed a leg between El Camino Hospital and Alta Vista High School (near Mountain View High School) to increase frequency of service from every 38 minutes to 31 minutes on weekdays and from 75 minutes to 70 minutes on weekends. City staff had also removed a stop at Flynn and Tyrella avenues, and a stop at the DMV office on Showers Drive.

Three residents spoke to the council, all in favor of an alternative route with an eastern loop and western loop converging on Shoreline Boulevard and the downtown transit center for

shorter connections to downtown from across the city. That route also added a leg extending to Costco and other stores in Charleston Plaza. Transit planner and resident Cliff Chambers, who helped design shuttle routes in Menlo Park, had also backed the two-loop option in an email to council members. City staff recommended against it, citing concerns that users would find it too complex, and that it would mean 47-minute intervals between shuttles on either loop, which would mean fewer people would be encouraged to wait for the shuttle without having seen a schedule.

"The two-loop option is very attractive in terms of providing more service," said member Ronit Bryant. "On the other hand, it really reduces frequency of service. While some of us read service schedules easily I think most people would not be that quick to do it."

For residents of the neighborhood around North Whisman Road, the approved single loop would "do little to make it faster to get

downtown, which is a shame," said resident Greg Coladonato. City staff estimated a 33-minute travel time between Easy Street and Middlefield Road and the downtown transit center for the single loop, but only 14 minutes with the two loop option.

Coladonato added, "As far as I can tell, the one-loop route is largely duplicative of VTA service," including community shuttle line 34, which runs between Castro Street, Montecito Avenue, the Senior Center and San Antonio shopping center. Line 34 was nearly eliminated by VTA because of a lack of ridership.

Council members decided to remove a stop for the shuttle at Alta Vista High School, partly because it is already served by VTA bus line 51 to Castro Street

'We've taken our best shot without an expansive study, it is a bit of a test.'

MIKE FULLER,
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Teachers agree to district's salary offer

RESOLUTION TO PAY RAISE IMPASSE STILL NEEDS SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is one step away from approving a salary increase of 7 percent for its teaching staff. Teachers with the Mountain View Educators Association voted to ratify the tentative agreement on Monday, Oct. 20.

The agreement includes a 5 percent overall increase to the salary schedule this year, as well

as an additional 2 percent "off-schedule" increase that will not carry over into future years. This is up from the district's originally proposed 3 percent salary increase, as well as the modest increase to 3.25 percent offered by the district during the Sept. 24 negotiations.

The agreement would also allow veteran teachers to join the district at a higher salary than before. Previously, the district would give an initial salary to

new teachers based on the number of years they taught, but only for up to nine years. Now there is no limit.

The school board will still need to approve the agreement in order for it to take effect, but Superintendent Craig Goldman said he is confident it will be approved. The board is scheduled to vote on the agreement on Nov. 6.

► See **TEACHER SALARY**, page 8

MVLA school board: Dave is top spender

BIG DISCREPANCIES IN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATE SPENDING

By Kevin Forestieri

It's a mixed bag when it comes to campaign finances for Mountain View-Los Altos school board candidates. Candidate Sanjay Dave lent his campaign over \$10,000, making his war chest twice the size of anyone else's in the race, according to recent campaign finance reports. He also reported spending the most, while two candidates spent less than \$1,000, and the rest fell somewhere in between.

The election marks the second

contested school board election for the high school district since the 1990s, as seven candidates compete for three school board seats. The candidates are incumbents Joe Mitchner and Debbie Torok, and challengers Dave, Dana Bunett, Fiona Walter, Doug Moore and Kevin Kramer.

Campaign finance reports covering the period ending Sept. 30 show that Dave out-raised and outspent his opponents, largely thanks to a personal loan to his campaign. Moore and Kramer, by contrast, raised and spent

less than \$1,000. The next filing period for campaign finance is Oct. 23.

Sanjay Dave

Dave almost exclusively funded his campaign with his own money, lending himself \$10,073. He also reported \$300 in contributions, \$250 of which came from self-employed Los Altos resident Annamalai Rajendran.

Dave's campaign spending totaled \$6,722, and includes

► See **MVLA**, page 8

Modest spending in school board race

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN CANDIDATES SPEND \$1,000 OR LESS

By Kevin Forestieri

So far, campaign spending is low this year for candidates seeking a seat on Mountain View Whisman School District. Not only is it lower than neighboring districts, it's lower than the last school board election in 2012. And that can be a good or a bad thing, depending on who you ask.

According to campaign finance reports for the period ending Sept. 30, all four candidates have raised \$1,000 or less for their campaign for the school board. Candidates include incumbents Ellen Wheeler and Phil Palmer, as well as challengers Greg Coladonato and Hafsa Mirza.

The nearby Los Altos School District, on the other hand, has been a high-cost election for all candidates, where the smallest reported war chest for a candidate exceeds \$9,000. A majority of the candidates in the Mountain View-Los Altos high school district also raised upwards of \$3,000 during the same period.

Wheeler said it's normal for Mountain View Whisman school board candidates to spend any-

where from \$1,000 to \$3,000, and that she has spent less than \$1,000. Her campaign spending so far, she said, has been on campaign signs and fliers that she's had available when she walks door-to-door.

Mirza, likewise, has spent less than \$1,000. She said most of her budget so far has been on door hangers, yard signs with stakes, minimal website costs and fliers.

To Wheeler, the low-cost campaigns are a "refreshing contrast" to some other school districts. She said she recently did a survey of campaign expenditure practices among school board candidates for the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, and found that expenditures are all over the place.

"Some areas of the county hardly spend any money, and other areas spend up to \$40,000," Wheeler said. "Some big spenders lose, too."

Candidate Greg Coladonato said he doesn't think raising and spending a minimal amount of money on the school board election is a good thing, and said many people in the community are left not knowing the issues or

even the candidates running for the school board this November. He said it may be a "point of honor" that the candidates are all running positive campaigns, but it would be even better to actively engage the public.

Coladonato said that the district's commonly uncontested elections for the school board is not a positive aspect the school district either, and is "not reflective of an engaged and high-expectations community."

On the other hand, Coladonato said it's a good thing that the board race is not funded by any outside sources, which he considers to be a problem in the Mountain View City Council race.

"I'm glad in our school board election there's none of that," Coladonato said.

Making it easier to run

The low spending by school board candidates might make it easier for more people to run and compete on an even playing field, but it's the Mountain View Whisman School District itself that helps candidates overcome the first hurdle — the filing fees.

candidate statements."

According to the bylaw, the district will pay all but \$200 of the fees. Coladonato said as far as he's aware, that's not common practice among school districts.

Superintendent Craig Goldman said the district pays Santa Clara County for the cost of the candidate statements as well as the "actual costs" of the election, which he said cost the district about \$45,000 last election. ■

CRIME BRIEFS

► Continued from page 4

Lyai Polintan, 26, was arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Kevin Forestieri

BURGLARY SUSPECT SOUGHT

Mountain View police have released video footage of person of interest in a burglary of a downtown business last week.

The person is seen entering a business in the 200 block of Castro Street where a cellphone was stolen on Oct. 12, police said.

The person is described as a black man with a medium to heavy build seen in the video wearing a black San Francisco Giants jersey and a black San Francisco Giants hat, police said.

The video footage from the store's surveillance system does not accurately show the colors of the man's clothing, according to police. Go to mv-voice.com to view the video.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call Mountain View police at (650) 903-6395.

—Bay City News

VOTE FOR MARGARET CAPRILES

- Currently serving as Environmental Planning Commissioner
- 27 years at Hewlett-Packard, extensive international experience; then owned Consulting Business
- Graduate, Leadership Mountain View; LMV Advisory Committee Chair
- YMCA Advisory Board Member and past El Camino Branch Board Member
- El Camino Hospital Foundation's H2H Grants Committee, Co-Lead
- Information Systems Management degree from USF
- Distinguished Service Award, YMCA



Having raised a family in Mountain View for over 45 years, I have seen the community change in many ways. Mountain View is a great city that serves as a role model in innovative thinking and management and I

want to ensure we maintain that leadership role. My top priorities are:

1. Work to achieve attainable housing and balanced growth
2. Expand infrastructure to support safe bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation
3. Attain water conservation
4. Encourage civic engagement for all residents



MOUNTAIN VIEW CITY COUNCIL
Community. Commitment. Capriles. www.margaretcapriles.com

Paid for and authorized by Margaret Capriles for City Council 2014 (FPPC ID#1345372)

ENDORSEMENTS

- Anna Eshoo, U.S. Congresswoman
- Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View Councilmember
- Jerry Hill, California State Senator
- Rich Gordon, California State Assembly
- Matt Pear, Former Mountain View Mayor
- Art Takahara, Former Mountain View Mayor
- Evan Low, Campbell City Councilmember
- Liz Kniss, Palo Alto Vice-Mayor
- Sidney Espinosa, Former Palo Alto Mayor
- Santa Clara County Democratic Party
- Sierra Club
- Mountain View Professional Firefighters
- South Bay Labor Council, COPE
- Silicon Valley Asia Pacific American Democratic Club
- California Apartment Association, Tri-County Division
- Bob Burns, Former Mountain View Fire Chief
- Aila Malik, Chief Strategic Officer, Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)
- Gay Krause, Chairperson Mtn. View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Challenge Team
- Gianluca & Chiara Pecora, Mtn. View Residents
- Peggy Franczyk, Mountain View Resident
- Jean Yeh, Former President, American Cancer Society, CA

Vote #7 on November 4th for
Community, Commitment, Capriles!

MV restaurant fined over unpaid overtime wages

Xanh Restaurant in Mountain View will be paying more than \$90,000 to employees after a U.S. Department of Labor investigation found the company failed to pay overtime wages.

Half of the \$93,381 to be paid by the Vietnamese restaurant will compensate workers for overtime, and half will be paid to the workers as damages, said Jose Carnevali, deputy regional director of public affairs, U.S. Department of Labor in San Francisco.

"This settlement puts money back in the hands of employees who rightfully earned it," said Susana Blanco, district director, San Francisco Wage and Hour Division, U.S. Department of Labor. The labor department found the restaurant owes back wages and damages to 18 workers.

Workers were paid straight time rather than time and a half, and the restaurant disguised the straight time payments as bonuses on its payroll, the labor department said in a statement.

"When an employee works beyond 40 hours in a workweek, every hour worked after that needs to be paid at time-and-a-half," Blanco said. The labor

department's news release says the Fair Labor Standards Act is the law that applies to overtime wages.

Before the City Council moved to raise the city's minimum wage by \$1.30 an hour to \$10.30 on Oct. 9, Xanh co-owner Amanda Pham-Huynh told the council she was concerned about having "an adequate flow of income" to pay waitstaff, who earn minimum wage plus tips. Waitstaff make up three-quarters of her 70 employees. She said she has employed as many as 400 to 500 people in the restaurant's eight years of business.

"When you count tips in a two-week time frame I have to pay \$60,000" to employees in tips, Pham-Huynh told the council. "That's a lot of money to give and our rent is very high in downtown Mountain View."

The release says the FLSA makes employers liable for paying workers back wages and damages, and both are paid directly to workers.

Xanh Restaurant will also be paying \$1,683 in penalties to the federal government.

Bay City News Service. Daniel DeBolt contributed to this report.

Support
Local Business



The online
guide to
Mountain View
businesses

- Make purchases
- Write and read reviews
- Find deals and coupons
- Buy gift certificates
- Discover local businesses

Good for Business.

Good for You.
Good for the
Community.

ShopMountainView.com

**COLLABORATIVE LEADER.
YOUTH ADVOCATE.**

COMMITTED TO:

- Transparent and inclusive governance
- Effective stewardship of the public's dollars
- Growing programs that support the success of our most vulnerable students
- Parent Leadership and Positive School Climate

Dana BUNNETT

**MVLA HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD**

Endorsed by:

The MVLA District Teachers Association • La Raza Roundtable • Santa Clara County Democratic Party • DAWN

Paid for by Dana Bunnett for Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Governing Board 2014. FPPC # 1371127

www.democracy.com/danabunnettformvla

**SUPPORT
LOCAL
JOURNALISM**

Support
Mountain View Voice's
print and online
coverage of
our community.

Join today: SupportLocalJournalism.org/MountainView

FINE EUROPEAN FURNITURE AND DECORATIVE ARTS

Monday October 27, 10am
San Francisco

PREVIEW

October 24-27

INQUIRIES

+1 (415) 503 3413

jeffrey.smith@bonhams.com



1 A GEORGE I PARCEL GILT WALNUT SECRETARY
first quarter 18th century
\$8,000 - 12,000

2 AN ITALIAN BAROQUE ENGRAVED BONE AND SHELL INLAID PAINT DECORATED EBONIZED WALNUT CABINET ON STAND
first half 18th century
\$3,000 - 5,000



3 A FRENCH GILT BRONZE AND SÈVRES STYLE PORCELAIN MOUNTED TRIPLE SINGING BIRD AUTOMATON
Bontems, Paris
late 19th century
\$5,000 - 7,000

4 A VERY FINE FRENCH WALNUT CENTER TABLE DEPICTING THE AMERICAS
late 19th century
\$2,000 - 3,000



5 AN AMERICAN GOLD AND QUARTZ HEADED CANE AND A GOLD HEADED CANE
presented to the Dollar family, California
first quarter 20th century
\$4,000 - 6,000

6 A FINE REGENCE GILT BRONZE MOUNTED KINGWOOD AND ROSEWOOD PARQUETRY COMMODE
first quarter 18th century
\$20,00 - 30,000
Being sold to benefit the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco



Bonhams

bonhams.com/furniture

©2014 Bonhams & Butterfields Auctioneers Corp. All rights reserved. Bond No. 57BSBGL0808

MVLA

► Continued from page 5

\$2,400 for filing fees with the Registrar of Voters, and \$1,162 to Political Data Inc. for polling and survey research. Other expenditures include \$781 for fliers, \$801 for yard signs and \$1,578 for other campaign literature and mailings.

Dana Bunnett

On top of \$3,000 in loans to herself, Bunnett raised \$1,525 in contributions for a total of \$4,525. Contributors include a

handful of people working with nonprofit organizations, including \$100 from Wendy Ho, program manager at United Way, and \$100 from Liz Figueroa, vice president of Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. She also received \$100 from Patricia Gardner, executive director of the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits.

Other big donors include \$250 from Los Altos resident Rosemarie Nahm and \$250 from Ellyn Corey, a property manager.

Bunnett spent a total of \$3,603, the lion's share of it on \$2,400

in campaign filing fees, \$902 on signs, and \$140 for an ad in the Mountain View High School Oracle newspaper.

Joe Mitchner

Joe Mitchner, like Dave, funded his campaign mostly through loans to himself. He raised a total of \$4,224, which includes \$3,950 of his own money and \$274 in monetary contributions.

Mitchner spent \$3,308 for his campaign, of which \$1,426 went into campaign signs, and \$1,609 into printing costs for fliers.

Fiona Walter

Walter raised \$3,557 for her campaign entirely through monetary contributions, although that includes \$650 in contributions she made to her own campaign. Her biggest donation was \$100 from Los Altos resident Marcene Van Dierendonck.

Walter spent just shy of \$3,000, mostly on printing costs. She spent \$1,289 on 300 lawn signs, and \$1,528 on thousands of campaign printouts from Fed Ex Kinko's in Mountain View.

Debbie Torok

Debbie Torok struck the closest balance between loans and contributions. She raised \$875 in monetary contributions, and loaned her campaign \$1,000. Big donations include \$200 from Maria Dickerson, the treasurer of her campaign and chair of "Save Our Schools," a nonprofit school fundraising foundation in Los Altos.

Torok had spent only \$50 as of Sept. 30, according to her campaign report.

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com

TEACHER SALARY

► Continued from page 5

The agreement came after a month of difficult negotiations between the district and its teaching staff. Teachers asked for a 7 percent salary increase that they said would bring the district up on par with other, similar school districts in the county, and would help them better afford for the high cost of living in the Bay Area.

Board meetings throughout September were packed with parents, teachers and community members in support of better teacher compensation. The high turnout at board meetings, starting Sept. 4, caught the school board and district administrators off-guard, as salaries had not even been discussed in negotiations for the year.

In an email to members of the teacher union, Jonathan Pharazyn, president of the Mountain View Educators Association, said the work that's been put into securing better compensation for teachers in the district has been "inspiring."

"This is just the initial step in transforming our district into a destination district, where teachers want to stay, and feel valued," Pharazyn said.

The agreement between the district and the teachers union also includes an agreement to continue to negotiate on additional collaboration and preparation time for staff teaching first through third grades, as well as a memorandum of understanding reaffirming class sizes for kindergarten through third grade.

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com

Experienced Leadership for El Camino Healthcare District Board

Dr. Peter Fung is concerned about the confusing healthcare market that has been evolving; but he is prepared and has the experience to deal with the challenges.

With more than 30 years in professional medical practice, Dr. Fung fully understands how healthcare decisions are vital to your daily life.

With passion, innovation, and team work, Dr. Fung successfully elevated El Camino Hospital Stroke Center to one of the best in the nation. Even under tight budgetary constraints, the award-winning Stroke Center delivers outstanding outcomes and a world-class patient experience.

As a Board Director, Dr. Fung's vision is to expand this excellence of patient-centric care to all other service lines provided by the hospital, and that these services will be easily accessible and affordable to all.

He is your advocate — an experienced physician on your side.

Efficiency | Transparency | Accountability

DR. PETER FUNG
EL CAMINO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
www.VotePeterFung.com

Paid for by Fung for El Camino Healthcare District 2014
P.O. Box 3412, Los Altos, CA 94024

MountainView ONLINE

LET'S DISCUSS:
Read the latest local news headlines and talk about the issues at Town Square at MountainViewOnline.com

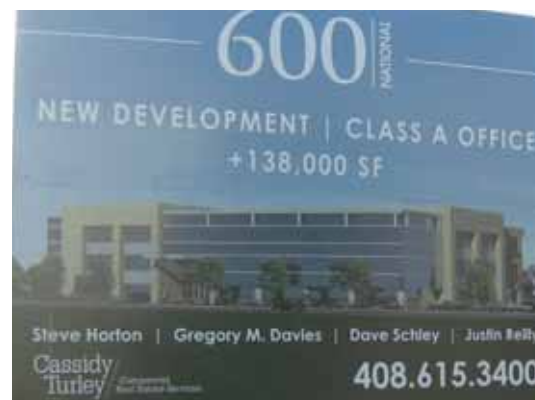
Mountain View is about to make decisions that will impact not only Mountain View, but also the rest of the Bay Area, for a generation. We have been permitting the unconstrained growth of office employment with no place for new workers to live or drive. Housing is scarce and expensive. Traffic is increasingly impassable. Our quality of life, diversity, and the environment are threatened.

Lenny Siegel is the Mountain View City Council candidate who is leading the fight for a more balanced Mountain View.



Mountain View City Council
Elect Lenny Siegel

FOR A
More Balanced Mountain View



To endorse, donate, request a yard sign, volunteer, or simply join the Lenny for Council e-mail list, go to:
<http://www.LennySiegelForCouncil.net>

Lenny Siegel for Mountain View Council 2014
Box 391072, Mountain View, CA 94041
Martin Gorfinkel, Treasurer
FPPC #1368922
Web: <http://www.LennySiegelForCouncil.net>
Facebook: [Facebook.com/LennySiegelForCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/LennySiegelForCouncil)

SHUTTLE

► Continued from page 5

and Moffett Field, though only in the morning and afternoon.

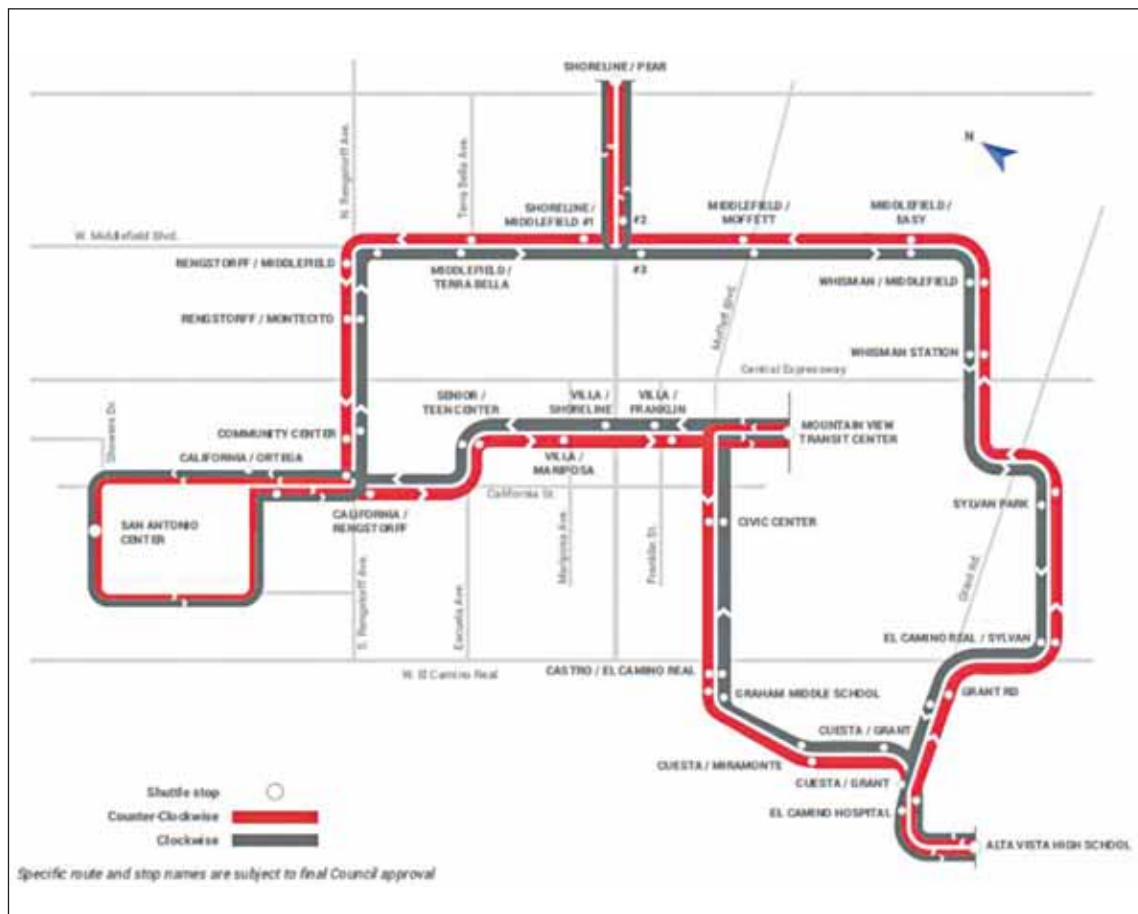
While the single loop provides more frequent service, Chambers said forcing users to make indirect trips could mean lower ridership.

“The single loop requires significant out-of-direction travel to many key destination including downtown,” Chambers said. “For example, an origin and destination between Shoreline/Pear and downtown Mountain

View would require long circuitous routing to get downtown and would discourage (use). This is true of many desired origins and destinations.”

“Downtown Mountain View will very likely be the primary destination for the shuttle and service should focus there and the two-loop routing accomplishes this,” he said.

City staff said the two-loop option would mean longer rides in some cases because of transfer delays. For example, a trip from the Senior Center to Grant Road could take 34 minutes at



The Alta Vista stop was dropped from the shuttle route the council approved on Tuesday.

least, instead of 31 minutes on the single loop. A trip from El Camino Hospital across town to Montecito and Rengstorff would take 40 minutes on the two-loop route instead of 34 minutes. Chambers says transfers could be avoided with the two-loop alternative by “interlining” the two loops into a figure eight.

“Interlining means that the west loop counter-clockwise bus becomes the East Loop clockwise bus in a figure 8 configuration,” Chambers said. “Many community transit services have such a community center hub with interlined buses for passenger convenience. There are many transit marketing professionals out there who can make such a system easily understood. In the long-term, it would help to build ridership.”

Making the two-loop configuration work might mean adding vehicles to reduce intervals.

Chambers said that intervals above 30 minutes cause drops in ridership. At this point, Google has only offered to pay for four vehicles operating at any one time, with two backup shuttles, for a total of six.

Margaret Abe-Koga said she had often wondered why much Shoreline Boulevard has yet to be served by transit, something the two-loop option does much more of than the single loop.

Council members were reminded several times that the shuttle is a pilot program designed around public input.

“We’ve taken our best shot without an expansive study, it is a bit of a test,” said public works director Mike Fuller of the route design.

Transportation and business manager Linda Forsberg said, “We have done our best to meet the articulated needs of the community.”



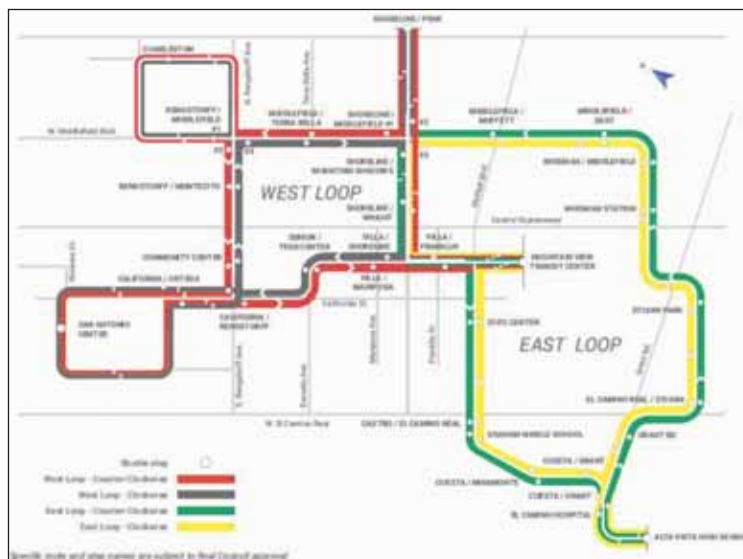
COURTESY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Shuttles funded by Google are part of a free pilot program in the city.

A city survey which drew 248 responses indicated that most preferred intervals of 30 minutes for the shuttles, and 90 percent said they’d be willing to walk five blocks to and from the shuttle.

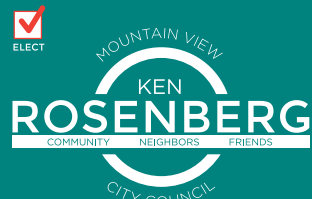
There have been a number of requests that the service run later on weekdays and weekdays. In August the city received six comments from people wanting it to run later. Mayor Chris Clark said those who use it to catch a movie may be stranded if their movie runs late.

City staff said they would run the shuttle as approved for at least three months before making any changes, and the City Council will get a full report on its performance in one year. City Manager Dan Rich said changes to the service could be brought to council for approval before then.



Specific route and stop names are subject to final Council approval

Elect Ken Rosenberg for Mountain View City Council



Honored to receive the endorsement of the Mountain View Voice!

Endorsed by Mountain View organizations and leaders.

Community Leaders

- Joe Simitian**, Santa Clara County Supervisor
- Jeff Rosen**, Santa Clara County District Attorney
- Ronit Bryant**, Former Mayor and current Council member, City of Mountain View
- Tom Means**, Former Mayor and Council member, City of Mountain View
- Matt Pear**, Former Mayor and Council member, City of Mountain View
- Greg Perry**, Former Vice Mayor, City of Mountain View
- Dr. Barry Groves**, Superintendent, Mountain View Los Altos High School District
- Fiona Walter**, Former President and Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District
- Christopher Chiang**, Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District
- Philip Palmer**, Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District
- Steve Olson**, Former Trustee, Mountain View Whisman School District
- Maria Marroquin**, Executive Director, Day Worker Center of MV

- Rachel Grossman**, Former Chair, Environmental Planning Commission
- Bruce Karney**, Former Chair, MV Environmental Sustainability Task Force
- Helen Wolter**, Chair, MV Parks and Recreation Commission
- Thida Cornes**, Commissioner, MV Parks and Recreation Commission
- Aila Malik**, Commissioner, MV Human Relations Commission
- Elna Tymes**, Member, MV Senior Advisory Committee
- Oscar Garcia**, CEO, Chamber of Commerce MV
- Cynthia Greaves**, Chair, Chamber of Commerce MV Board of Directors
- Bruce England**, Member, MV Bicycle/Pedestrian Committee

Organizations

- Palo Alto Daily Post
- Mountain View Police Officers Association
- Chamber of Commerce Mountain View
- Mountain View Voters for Housing Diversity
- Mountain View Housing Council
- Silicon Valley Association of REALTORS®, PAC

Additional endorsements at: www.MountainViewKen.com
Paid for by Ken Rosenberg for Mountain View City Council, FPPC#1364075

Email Daniel DeBolt at ddebolt@mv-voice.com

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CHILD SERVICES HEAD IS FIRED

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors has terminated the county's director of child support services following claims that he obtained free personal travel services from county business trips, a spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The board formally released John Vartanian from his position on Monday, Oct. 20, after county officials placed him on paid leave on Sept. 9 to investigate the claims, county spokeswoman Gwen Mitchell said.

Deputy County Executive Sylvia Gallegos, appointed to oversee the child support agency in Vartanian's absence, will manage the department until the board appoints an acting director and then a permanent one, Mitchell said.

Vartanian was put on leave as the county looked into reports that he used a credit card to pay for expenses related to county business trips, then used travel points earned from the trips to receive free travel services for himself and members of his staff, according to Mitchell.

Mitchell declined to provide further details, saying it was a confidential personnel matter.

The Department of Child Support Services manages child support payment cases within the county, including enforcement of court orders of financial support for custodial parents and establishing the paternity of children, according to its website.

—Bay City News Service

COLD WEATHER KITS FOR HOMELESS

Mountain View's Community Services Agency is raising funds to buy supplies for the city's homeless who are facing the first winter since the cold weather shelter at the Sunnyvale Armory closed.

While the Santa Clara County officials and several other non-profits have been scrambling to find alternatives to replace the 136 beds at the Sunnyvale Armory, CSA staff members are preparing to help the growing number of homeless clients they see who may not find shelter at all.

"We really need to work together as a county for the people who are literally going to be left out in the cold," said Maureen Wadiak, assistant director of CSA.

Friday, Oct. 24, is the last day to donate money or supplies to the program, which is providing

the homeless with "survival kits" or backpacks packed with survival gear, including ponchos, hand-warmers, blankets and first aid kits. So far the campaign has met only 72 percent of its goal of 100 kits, with help from a church donation.

To donate, go to roonga.com/CSAhomelesskitdrive.

—Daniel DeBolt

TOOLS FOR VOTERS

The League of Women Voters has rolled out new tools to help voters get informed about candidates and statewide ballot initiatives.

This year, the League announced a new partnership with Voter's Edge. Voter's Edge is a website for California residents with unbiased data that will be useful for voters looking to be educated before heading to the polls this upcoming November, league officials said. Due to the partnership between the League of Women Voters and Voter's Edge, this information will list all the relevant federal and state election topics in a voter's area.

Another tool the league suggests using is Smart Voter, which provides election information to present an accurate and complete ballot.

To use Smart Voter and Voter's Edge, go to smartvoter.org and votersedge.org.

GOOGLE GIVES \$40,000 TO CSA

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, Mountain View Mayor Chris Clark and Google's food team announced a surprise donation of \$40,000 to the Mountain View Community Service Agency (CSA). For over 50 years, CSA has provided essential social services for residents of Mountain View, Los Altos, and Los Altos Hills.

The announcement was made at a benefit dinner at Google that was hosted by Google and Chefs Who Care. Chefs Who Care dinners take place throughout the year and are hosted by restaurants that dedicate their menu to CSA. On Oct. 22, Google's Kitchen Sync was one of these restaurants.

One of the goals of the benefit dinners is to support the CSA food and nutrition program that serves local seniors and low-income families. The event was sold-out and with more than 350 tickets taken, more than \$10,000 for CSA was raised.

More information about CSA is at csacares.org.

—Madeleine Gerson

El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project

Notice of Availability of Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment

Public Meeting Notice

After months of planning, environmental analysis, numerous public meetings and listening to community comments VTA is releasing the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit Project. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) consists of a number of enhancements to make bus service along El Camino Real fast, frequent, and reliable. VTA is proposing to provide BRT improvements along 17.4 miles of El Camino Real.

VTA will hold four public hearings/meetings to share the draft results and listen to comments and concerns from the community. VTA is evaluating seven alternatives (including station options and options that vary the extent of the general use lane to be replaced for BRT) for providing BRT along El Camino. Come share with us which alternative you prefer.

To learn more or offer formal comments about the project, please attend one of the following public hearings/meetings. The same format and content will be offered at each meeting:

Thursday, November 20, 2014

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Presentation begins at 8:45 a.m.)
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Presentation begins at 5:45 p.m.)
Mountain View City Council Chambers
500 Castro Street, 2nd Floor, Mountain View, CA 94041
This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 22, 34, 35, 51, 52, 522, and VTA Light Rail

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (Presentation begins at 8:45 a.m.)
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. (Presentation begins at 5:45 p.m.)
Santa Clara City Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050
This location is served by VTA Bus Lines 22, 32, 60, and 522

If you are unable to attend these hearings/meetings, project information and presentations can be found online at vta.org/el-camino-brt. Comments on the Draft EIR/EA must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014, at the postal or email address listed:

To comment on the Draft EIR/EA

Mail: **VTA Environmental Planning Department**
3331 N. First Street, Building B-2,
San Jose, CA 95134
Attn: Christina Jaworski



Email: ecbrbt@vta.org

Copies of the document are available online at vta.org/el-camino-brt and at the following location:

VTA Building B-Lobby
3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134

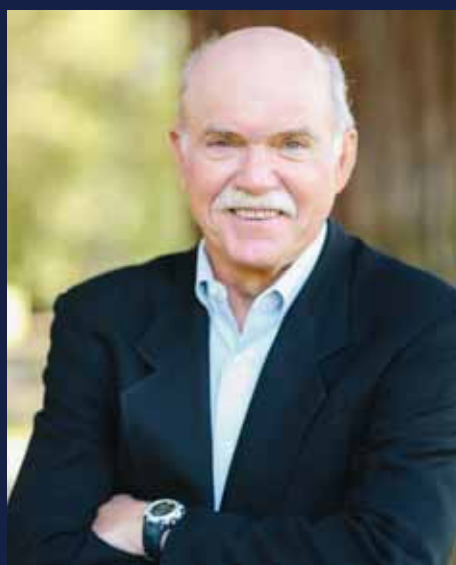
*Please see website for a list of local libraries where the document can be viewed.

Individuals who require language translation, American Sign Language, or documents in accessible formats are requested to contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575 / TTY (408) 321-2330 at least 5 business days before the meeting. For more information call (408) 321-7575, or email community.outreach@vta.org

For more meeting details please call VTA Community Outreach (408) 321-7575, or email community.outreach@vta.org.



1401-9741



Greg Unangst for Mountain View City Council unangst2014.com

- Mountain View Homeowner since 1998
- 28 years of military service - West Point graduate, Retired Lieutenant Colonel - US Army Reserve
- Mountain View Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Chairman
- Mountain View Environmental Sustainability Task Force
- Friends of Stevens Creek Trail - Board of Directors
- Housing Advocacy Network
- 33 Year Aerospace Career

**ELECT
GREG
UNANGST**

NOV 4, 2014

Let's Plan for the Future

Paid for by Greg Unangst for City Council
P.O. Box 390303, Mountain View, CA 94039



3611 Lupine Avenue, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,988,000

Bright and Airy Gem in Palo Verde

Enjoy the quintessential California lifestyle with this 4 bedroom, 2 bath home of 1,678 sq. ft. (per county) on a lot of 8,050 sq. ft. (per county). Walls of windows and sliding glass doors suffuse this private retreat with sunlight, and provide easy flow between the indoor and outdoor spaces. Relax in the living room by the brick fireplace, or dine alfresco on the expansive patio. The kitchen offers granite countertops, a center-island with bar-top seating, Thermador 4 burner range with a grill and oven, and Sub-Zero refrigerator. The bedrooms, including the master suite, are conveniently grouped together. New paint inside and out, new landscaping, and large front courtyard. Close by are Ramos Park, Mitchell Park and Library, Charleston Plaza, Midtown shops and restaurants, and top schools. Palo Verde Elementary (API 961), JLS Middle (API 943), and Gunn High (API 917) (buyer to verify enrollment).

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.3611Lupine.com



Ken DeLeon
CalBRE #01342140



Michael Repka
CalBRE #01854880



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday, 1-5 pm
Complimentary Lunch &
Lattes Served



650.488.7325 | info@deleonrealty.com | www.deleonrealty.com | CalBRE #01903224



433 Guinda Street, Palo Alto Offered at \$2,388,000

Mediterranean Beauty in Crescent Park

Renovated 3 bedroom, 3 bath home of 1,979 sq. ft. (per appraisal) on a 5,000 sq. ft. lot (per county), plus converted bonus room of 278 sq. ft., features wide plank Brazilian Cherry hardwood floors, a stunning glass stairway, soaring ceilings, and 3 bedroom suites. Soft sunlight streams in through tall windows, skylights, a clerestory, and two sets of French doors, providing natural illumination and creating a blissful atmosphere. The spacious kitchen has Caesarstone countertops, high quality cabinetry with soft-close drawers, a GE Monogram side-by-side refrigerator-freezer, Bosch dishwasher, Bosch 5 burner cooktop, Zephyr hood, and Bosch microwave combination wall oven. Nearby are restaurants and shops of downtown Palo Alto, Johnson Park, Eleanor Pardee Park, and easy access to Highway 101. Addison Elementary School (API 947), Jordan Middle School (API 934), and Palo Alto High School (API 905) (buyer to verify enrollment).

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.433Guinda.com



Ken DeLeon
CalBRE #01342140



Michael Repka
CalBRE #01854880



OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday, 1-5 pm
Complimentary Lunch &
Lattes Served





Kozy Brothers
De Martini Orchard
 www.demartiniorchard.com
 66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
 650-948-0881
Farm Fresh and Always the Best

Open Daily
 9am-1pm
 Prices Effective
 10/22 thru 10/23



CALIF. GROWN
SEEDLESS GRAPES
 FINEST QUALITY
 RED OR GREEN
 SWEET CRISP
\$1.99
 LB.

APPLEPALOOZA
 WITH OVER 30 VARIETIES
 NOW IN SEASON
 SAMPLE THEM ALL AND
 FIND YOUR NEW
 FAVORITE APPLE

TEXAS SWEET
GRAPEFRUITS
 NEW CROP-STAR RUBY
 VERY SWEET AND JUICY
 DARK RED
4 FOR \$2.00

RASPBERRIES
 LOCALLY GROWN
 ORGANIC \$3.49
2 PKG FOR \$5.00

NATURAL GIZDICH RANCH
APPLES
 NO SPRAY NO WAX
2 LBS FOR \$3.00

NORTHWEST
COMICE PEARS
 THE SWEETEST PEAR
2 LBS FOR \$3.00

ORGANIC BROCCOLI
\$1.99
 BUN.

ORGANIC SPINACH
\$1.99
 BUN.

ORGANIC FINGERLING POTATOES
 SIX DIFFERENT VARIETIES
\$2.99
 1 1/2 LB. BAG

ORGANIC ZUCCHINI
\$1.49
 LB.

ORGANIC ROMAINE LETTUCE
99¢
 BUN.

Your Everyday Farmers Market
Online at www.DeMartiniOrchard.com

LOS ALTOS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



LEADERSHIP, ACADEMICS, CHARACTER & SERVICE



Private Preschool through 8th Grade
 30 years of academic excellence in a family friendly environment

SCHOOL TOURS

Saturday, Nov. 8th - 10 a.m.

www.LACS.com
 RSVP: LaSha.Heard@lacs.com
 625 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos, CA 94024 • 650.948.3738

Re-Elect Debbie Torok

MVLA High School Board
www.reelect.debbietorok.org



"I have always been dedicated to doing whatever is necessary to help ensure the success of our students, and I believe my recent experience on the board has me better prepared than ever to serve the district and the students in a meaningful way."

"MVLA schools are in the top 1% of the country and Debbie Torok is one of the reasons why. She's hard-working and tech-savvy, actively listens to members of the community, and works collaboratively to accomplish excellence."

Julia Rosenberg, Former Trustee, MVLA Union High School District

"Debbie brings an incredible depth and breadth of knowledge to the board through her volunteerism and advocacy for quality education for all students in the MVLAHS District. Her understanding transcends personal experience to bring a rounded perspective to board decisions."

Steve Taglio, Trustee, Los Altos School District

"I am supporting Debbie for the MVLA School Board because she has a proven track record of dedicated volunteer service to students, strong oversight of the district's finances, and deep understanding of the high school curriculum including utilizing technology efficiently to educate all students."

Elena Shea, Parent and Volunteer

Endorsements : Newspapers: Los Altos Town Crier and Mountain View Voice; Joe Simitian, Supervisor, District 5, County of Santa Clara; Chris Clark, Mayor Mountain View City; Los Altos Council Members: Jan Pepper, Jeannie Bruins; Former Los Altos Council Members: Bob Grimm, David Casas, Lou Becker, Ron Packard, Curtis Cole; Former MVWSD Trustee Rose Filicetti; Foothill-DeAnza Community College District Trustee Laura Casas-Frier; John Radford, Mayor Los Altos Hills; LASD Trustees: Tammy Logan, Mark Goines, Doug Smith; Former LASD Trustees: Bill Cooper, Dave Pefley; MVLAUHS Retiring/Former Trustees: Judy Hannemann, Julia Rosenberg; Dee Gibson, MVLA Scholars Co-Chair; Maria Dickerson, Save Our Schools Chair; Ken Lorell Board Friends of Los Altos; **Community Members:** Lara Daetz, Elena Shea, Bill Crook & Sue Swartz, Steve Hope, Claudia Hevel, Catherine Vonnegut, Steve & Amy Mueller, Jerry & Ann Sorensen, Sarah Rachel Botsford, Carol & Graham Sangster, Reed, Shirley Pefley, Deb Gatta, Helena Marc Rogers, Pearl & Mike Garvin, Joanne er, Cathy White, Jill Cook, Jana Schlansker, Wrenn, Charles Clark, Tim Heidmann, Shari Fischer-Colbrie, Randy & Marcia White, Rachel Kolm, Ed Baer, Kerri Havnen Gor-Westbrook, Pat Kapp, Karen Shea-Daley, Mary Feliz, Kathleen & Mike Anderson, Fair-Mulkey, Susan Klepper, Julie Iskow & Marty Christiansen, Diane Wachs, Kirsti Elder, Joanna Beyer, Pam & Brett Lytle, Ann Bennett, Terri Dempsey, Kristen Brown, Sumeeta Vasishtha, Sarah Bennett, Tanya Rowe, Smriti Deokule, Bryn Stuebner, Kim Farwell, Katie Roper, Elsbeth TeBrake, Shernaz Daver, Vicki Amon-Higa, Lucy McAllister, Renee Hinson, Lisa Walton, Kathleen Creger, Roxanne Coish, Laurel Iverson, Linda Fairfax & Family, Laura Roberts, Ted & Becky Liu, Orit Yefet, Annick Mohageg, Marjorie Hartter, Pat James, Randy Kenyon, Mike Stanley, Debra Harkins, Pam Andrews, Judy Rucker (partial list)



Torok Family with Nobu Iwata, Japan Exchange Student

Multimedia Advertising Sales Representative

Embarcadero Media is a locally-owned and independent multimedia company based in Palo Alto. We have published in Palo Alto for the last 35 years, with award winning publications such as the Palo Alto Weekly, Mountain View Voice and Menlo Park Almanac on the Peninsula, and the Pleasanton Weekly in the East Bay. In each of these communities our papers are the dominate, best-read and most respected among its various competitors. We also operate extremely popular interactive community news and information websites in all of our cities, plus unique online-only operations in Danville and San Ramon.

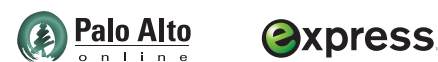
We're looking for talented and articulate Outside Sales Representatives for our Retail Sales Team. Experience in online, social and print media sales is a plus, but not a requirement. Familiarity with the advertising industry and selling solutions to small and medium size businesses is a big plus. Four year college degree is preferred.

As a Multimedia Account Executive, you will contact and work with local businesses to expand their brand identity and support their future success using marketing and advertising opportunities available through our 4 marketing platforms: print campaigns, website and mobile advertising, and email marketing.

The ideal candidate is an organized and assertive self-starter who loves working as a team to achieve sales goals, possesses strong verbal, written, persuasive and listening interpersonal skills, can provide exceptional customer service and is not afraid of hard work to succeed.

If you have the passion to achieve great success in your career and can contribute significantly to our leadership position in the market, please email your resume and a cover letter describing why you believe you are the right candidate for this fantastic opportunity. (NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE)

Submit your resume and cover letter to:
Tom Zahiralis, Vice President Sales and Marketing
tzahiralis@embarcaderopublishing.com



450 Cambridge Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.326.8210
PaloAltoOnline.com | TheAlmanacOnline.com | MountainViewOnline.com

SOUTH WHISMAN

► Continued from page 1

strip on the north-west side adjacent to the neighboring office buildings. It would all be built around a 3-acre park.

The plan has been proposed by several developers, including Pulte Homes; Redus Ferguson, LLC and EFL Development Company. A second phase could add more homes on a portion of the plan area where Cisco Webex houses a web server operation, but the company said it continues to invest in the site and has no plans to sell.

Much of the discussion was about whether to study the feasibility of retail space in the plan, slated to go either along Ferguson Drive or with plaza space along near the park along "D Street" under the stacked flats. Most council members said it wasn't worth the trouble. A 2007 study cited poor freeway access and low traffic volume to the site as challenges for retail at the site, city staff said.

"You are not going to be able to do much with 5,000 square feet of retail out there," said council member Mike Kasperzak. "Studying what I think is already a foregone conclusion doesn't make sense to me."

Member John McAlister, who owns Mountain View's Baskin Robbins and often expresses concern about the city losing small business space, said it should be studied.

"Would you put your ice cream shop in there?" asked Margaret Abe-Koga. "No," replied McAlister. "There's your study," said council member John Inks. "That's not a factual study," said McAlister.

"I'm trying to imagine who would go there other than people who live there," Kasperzak said. McAlister pointed out, "You've got an office complex just to the north," to which Kasperzak replied, "They've already got all their own services."

"We have learned so much over the past eight years about designing mixed-use — this is not mixed-use," said council member Ronit Bryant, representing the majority opinion.

Council members voted to remove a street from the plan to allow the park to be increased in size from 2.6 acres to 3 acres. The street ran between the park and the homes most adjacent to it. Council members wanted to increase park space even more to the 3.6-acre maximum the city could require, given the amount of housing in the plan,



MAP COURTESY OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Developers seek approval of 593 homes on Ferguson Drive.

but city staff said it made more sense to charge \$2.45 million in "park in-lieu fees" for the remaining 0.6 acres because actually building it would mean

the loss of 32 homes. "As unit count goes down you have to right-size the park," said planning director Randy Tsuda. "It really is criti-

cal we right-size the park and design around it."

Email Daniel DeBolt at ddebolt@mv-voice.com

A D V E N T I S T H E A R T I N S T I T U T E

If you're living with A-Fib, this LiveCast Webinar will be music to your ears.

Learn about new treatment options, including the Hybrid Maze procedure, a revolutionary treatment for Atrial Fibrillation.

If you experience a racing heart or palpitations, chest discomfort, light headedness, shortness of breath and fatigue, or you've been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, we have good news.

Here, you'll learn about the latest treatment options for A-Fib, including the revolutionary Hybrid Maze, a new minimally invasive procedure through small incisions on the sides of the chest with success rates as high as 90%. Patients benefit from better outcomes, a shorter hospital stay and quicker recovery.



Gan Dunnington, MD | Cardiothoracic Surgery

Dr. Gan Dunnington is an emerging leader in cardiothoracic surgery. He comes to us from Stanford University Medical Center. He is one of few surgeons on the West Coast who performs the minimally invasive Hybrid Maze procedure.

Join Dr. Dunnington as he discusses the latest treatment options for atrial fibrillation. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions and he will personally address them. Now is the time to get your life back in rhythm.

Join Us Online for a Free LiveCast Webinar Register Today

November 18, 2014
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | LiveCast Webinar

Register Today at
www.AdventistHeart.org/LiveCast





Open house draws huge crowd to NASA Ames

PHOTOS BY NATALIA NAZAROVA

The public got a rare peek inside the gates of NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field on Saturday. The first open house in 17 years drew well over 100,000 people curious to see the space-age wonders created over the years at NASA's Silicon Valley outpost, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The wildly popular event, which sold out

of 120,000 free tickets in under three days, overwhelmed local transit and caused massive traffic back-ups. For those who braved the long lines and crowds, the event offered a chance to talk to pilots about military and research aircraft, walk inside the skeleton of Hangar One, peer into the massive wind tunnel and learn about space biology research aboard the International Space Station.



Above: A child waves from the Air National Guard's Hercules C-130 stationed at Moffett Field. **Right:** The Gulfstream jet of NASA's UAVSAR program invites scrutiny. **Top:** Open house attendees walk through the hulking skeleton of Hangar One.



Above: Children play in the cockpit of the Hercules C-130. **Right:**

A NASA employee checks a moon rover that college students designed and assembled in one summer.

Below: Visitors were allowed to peek into the world's largest wind tunnel.



Inspirations

a guide to the spiritual community

LOS ALTOS LUTHERAN

Bringing God's Love and Hope to All

Children's Nursery
10:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Fellowship

Pastor David K. Bonde
Outreach Pastor Gary Berkland

460 South El Monte (at Cuesta)
650-948-3012
www.losaltoslutheran.org

To include your Church in **Inspirations** Please call Blanca Yoc at 650-223-6596 or email byoc@paweekly.com

MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTRAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.

Saturday Services: Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Study Groups: 10-11 a.m.

Pastor Kenny Fraser, B.A.M. DIV

1425 Springer Rd., Mtn. View - Office Hrs. M-F 9am-1pm
www.mtviewda.adventistfaith.org Phone: 650-967-2189

twitter



Follow us on Twitter

twitter.com/mvvoice

MountainView VOICE

FREE Admission Mountain View Community Dialogue

The City of Mountain View Human Relations Commission
Civility ROUNDTABLE



"Can Housing in Mountain View Be Affordable?"

Featuring discussion with...

Joe Simitian, Santa Clara County Supervisor

Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Leadership Group

Joshua Howard, California Apartment Association

and with **Louise Katz, Mark R. Kroll, Aracely Mondragon**

Moderator, **Chris Block** – CEO, American Leadership Forum

Facilitated Group Break Out Discussions with **Project Sentinel**

Event Details

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6:00 - 8:30pm

Mountain View Senior Center

266 Escuela Ave. Mountain View CA 94040

hrc@mountainview.gov or 650-903-6601



OUTSIDE MONEY

► Continued from page 1

the same with the information. The first time I learned anything about this mailer was when I saw it yesterday in our mail. I had no knowledge of its production or distribution.”

Records show that the NEC has also collected funds from several Indian tribes, Pacific Gas & Electric, unions representing boilermakers and ship builders, and DMV contractor Motor Vehicle Software Corporation. Landlords aside, PG&E is the only other group listed that appears to have an interest in Mountain View.

PG&E gave the NEC at least \$7,500 and may have an interest in preventing “Community Choice Aggregation” (CCA), which allows residents to collectively buy energy from other, cleaner sources in competition with PG&E. On his website, Rosenberg says he supports CCA, and that he was passed over for PG&E’s endorsement because of it.

As of Oct. 21, the NEC spent a total of \$27,789 on mailers for Rosenberg, \$15,505 on mailers for Showalter, and \$19,242 on mailers for Kamei.

Representatives of CAA were

not able to comment by press time. PG&E spokesperson Lyndsey Paulo said PG&E gave to the NEC with the understanding that “funds could be spent as the committee sees fit to further its goals.” She refused to confirm or deny that PG&E has opposed CCA, saying only that “we absolutely respect the energy choices our customers have. We will continue to cooperate with local governments” that are interested in CCA.

The influx of outside money appears to be a first for a Mountain View City Council election, as local groups such as city employee unions have been the only big independent spenders in previous elections, along with the Democratic Party Central Committee, which in 2012 put out a \$1,085 mailer supporting then-candidate Chris Clark.

The wave of independent spending may tempt candidates to compensate by raising and spending more than the city’s voluntary expenditure limit of \$22,689 this year, which all of the candidates have agreed to. That would mean breaking the tradition in Mountain View of keeping campaign spending low.

“If I knew I had to spend double or triple the amount of the VEL to be competitive with the



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Campaign signs proliferate at a busy Shoreline Boulevard intersection. A flood of outside spending on campaign literature is raising concerns about this year’s City Council race.

amount of independent money, I would not have chosen to run,” said candidate Greg Unangst, who said he chose to write his campaign a \$21,000 check to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

“The amount of independent money obliterates the intent of the VEL policy. It also puts those of us who ethically do not pursue this money at a distinct disadvantage,” he said. “I do not question the veracity of those who accepted these endorsements. I don’t think they knew the magnitude of the funds coming their way. It is legal and an accepted

practice, which I think is unfortunate.”

Phone poll, mailers for Rosenberg

Rosenberg’s campaign was the only one to benefit from spending by the National Association of Realtors Fund — the powerful, Chicago-based lobbying group that represents a wide range of people in the real estate industry. The association reported spending \$10,237 on mailers for Rosenberg. It was also apparently behind the mysterious phone poll that residents complained about in August, as the fund reported

spending \$15,500 on a phone poll in support of Rosenberg.

Candidate Lenny Siegel, who said he has received no support from special interest groups, is sticking by his recommendation that people elect him along with Pat Showalter and either Greg Unangst or Ken Rosenberg depending on how they feel about rent control. He says that would allow substantially more housing to be built in order to meet demand, hold down housing prices and reduce commuter traffic. All four support zoning to allow thousands of new homes in a new neighborhood north of Highway 101, something Matchak, Capriles, Kamei and Salem say they oppose.

“The existence of well-funded independent committees makes a mockery of the spending limit, but I don’t blame the candidates who are receiving assistance from those committees,” Siegel said in an email. “Campaign financing in this country needs to be reformed, and right now it looks like that may take a Constitutional amendment.”

Orwellian website

On its website, the NEC claims to be a “coalition of professionals, parents, teachers, businesses, and concerned citizens working

DENTAL ANXIETY IS A THING OF THE PAST

No more needles, no more drills

NO ADDITIONAL COST!

Call for New Patient Specials!



SOLEA

95% OF OUR PATIENTS ARE TREATED WITH NO ANESTHESIA

98% OF THOSE PATIENTS SAY THEY FEEL NO PAIN

APPROVED FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Call today or visit our website to schedule an appointment:
105 South Drive, Suite 200
Mountain View

www.drmmcevoy.com

(650) 969-2600

CONVERGENTDENTAL

Like us on Facebook



Patrick F. McEvoy DDS FAGD
The Art & Science of Dentistry

Patrick F. McEvoy, DDS, is Mountain View’s premier practitioner of general and implant dentistry. When you need a trusted, reliable dentist that cares about your needs and can create a beautiful smile that you will love, Dr. McEvoy is the only name you’ll ever need to know. He has built a solid reputation in his field as a caring, knowledgeable dentist that can enhance the beauty of any smile. Dr. McEvoy has attained the highest level of training for implant dentistry and is a Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry and a Diplomate of the American Board of Implant Dentistry / Oral Implantology.

COSMETIC DENTISTRY • ONE TREATMENT LASER WHITENING • NO-PREP VENEERS • CEREC (ONE VISIT CROWNS) • GENERAL DENTISTRY • SEDATION DENTISTRY

to keep local dollars at the local level.” The NEC’s phone number leads to Crummitt and Associates, a Long Beach law firm that specializes in campaign finance reporting, which did not respond to a request for comment.

Somewhat ironically, the NEC website states that “lopsided spending in local elections has prevented many local campaigns from being a fair representation of local needs. Special interest spending tends to overlook the true need of the constituency. Local elections should be about the issues not about who raised the most money.”

“I am concerned about independent expenditures from the Neighborhood Empowerment Coalition because it is not clear who they are and what they want,” said candidate Lisa Matichak. “I don’t have an issue with independent expenditures from organizations that identify themselves and their agenda.”

There has been another, less controversial independent mailer supporting Capriles, Kamei and Matichak funded by the South Bay Labor Council, which reported an expenditure of \$1,615 for each of the three candidates.

Email Daniel DeBolt at ddebolt@mv-voice.com

Bikram Yoga
Mountain View



Intro Special
“10 Days for \$20!”

Fall Schedule

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 AM	X	X	X	X			
8 AM						X	X
8:15 AM	X		X		X		
10 AM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
12 PM						X	X
4 PM						X	X
4:30 PM	X	X	X	X	X		
6:30 PM	X	X	X	X	X		
8:15 PM	X	X	X	X			

1910 W. El Camino Real Ste E, Mountain View • 650.967.2968
E: info@bikramyogamountainview.com
<http://www.bikramyogamountainview.com>

SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM

Support Mountain View Voice’s print and online coverage of our community.

Join today: SupportLocalJournalism.org/MountainView

The City of Mountain View Recreation Division Presents

MONSTER BASH

Saturday, October 25, 2014
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Free Family Event!

On the big screen: Dr. Seuss’ The LORAX
Rated PG
6:30 p.m.

Crafts & Games

Outdoor Movie

Photo Booth
(Bring your own camera)

Giant Pumpkin Seed Hunt

and YOU!

at the Mountain View Community Center
201 S. Rongstorff Avenue
650.903.6331 • www.mountainview.gov/specialevents
Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mountainviewrecreation

Thank you to our event sponsor: **DIDAMS**



THE NEWEST
ALEXANDER’S
EXPERIENCE

ALEXANDER’S
PATISSERIE

209 CASTRO ST., MOUNTAIN VIEW
650.864.9999
WWW.ALEXANDERSPATISSERIE.COM

STUDENTS

► Continued from page 1

relevant to the students.

The close proximity has its advantages. All four school board candidates — challengers Greg Coladonato and Hafsa Mirza, and incumbents Philip Palmer and Ellen Wheeler — came to the class for in-person interviews, giving Mattea and the students a chance to ask questions directly about who they are, what their roles are and where they stand on the election issues.

Students also interviewed four

of the five current board members, as well as Superintendent Craig Goldman.

Mattea said he gave candidates a PowerPoint template and some questions in advance, including what they do for a living, whether or not they volunteer, and how they might characterize candidates who disagree with them on some issues.

During the interviews, Mattea said the students were ready to ask tough questions, inquiring about the achievement gap, teacher compensation, and even the standard teacher sal-

ary schedule as it compares to a merit-based model.

“One thing I was struck with was how furious some of my students took the responsibility of interviewing the candidates,” Mattea said. “There was some potential to not ask very serious questions, but there wasn’t any chance for them to be intimidated or hold back, either.”

The interviews lasted anywhere from 30 minutes to nearly an hour and a half. Greg Coladonato said his meeting with the students was 90 minutes long and included three breaks.

He said the kids in the class were engaged the whole way through and raised their hands a lot — though the questions weren’t always on-topic.

Mattea said candidates might have been surprised to have kids between the ages of 7 and 9 grill them on teacher pay and under-achieving student populations — subjects they were well-versed in by the time interviews rolled around.

Students read candidate websites and ballot statements, learning about Academic Performance Index, or API, scores and what

they meant. They also learned more broad election terms, like endorsements, and why they’re important for a candidate.

The students also created information pamphlets on the election and, in a field trip last week, handed out roughly 100 pamphlets to people in downtown Mountain View. They also handed out voter registration forms to about five people, and may have plans to go door-to-door with election information in a future field trip.

Mattea said a lot of kids are quick to focus on how they can’t vote and how their civic involvement is limited, and he thought the field trip would be a cool way for the students to participate in the election. He said they did have a little trouble finding a place to table, however. He said of the 10 to 15 places they asked to table at, most of them were worried it could have been perceived as “politically partisan.”

Still, the class was able to set up a table in the Civic Center Plaza, outside of Red Rock Cafe and the entrance to the Mountain View library.

Mattea said the class has since switched gears, with a new focus on which candidates appeal to the students and why. In a brainstorming session on the white board, he said students thought school board members should be people who have experience working with children, and ideally, have kids in the district. Other common issues students bring up include teacher pay, STEM courses and a new school location.

“They want to endorse candidates based on which of those things (the candidates) think is most important,” Mattea said.

If they do end up writing endorsements, no candidate will be left behind. Anywhere from two to eight kids support each candidate, he said.

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com



Continue to push boundaries



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The best way to fight breast cancer is to have a plan that helps you detect the disease in its early stages. Stanford Medicine physicians and researchers have been instrumental in developing leading technologies to understand and screen for hereditary cancer syndromes. Stanford Women’s Cancer Center physicians are pushing the boundaries to better identify breast cancer and to offer advances in screening, diagnosis and treatment.

For more information, call **650.498.6004** or visit stanfordhealthcare.org/breastcancer



express

Today’s local news
& hot picks

Fresh news
delivered
daily

Sign up today at
MountainViewOnline.com

Support
Local Business



The online guide to Mountain View businesses

- Make purchases
- Write and read reviews
- Find deals and coupons
- Buy gift certificates
- Discover local businesses

ShopMountainView.com

Graphic Designer

Embarcadero Media, producers of the Palo Alto Weekly, The Almanac, Mountain View Voice, PaloAltoOnline.com and several other community websites, is looking for a graphic designer to join its award-winning design team.

Design opportunities include online and print ad design and editorial page layout. Applicant must be fluent in InDesign, Photoshop and Illustrator. Flash knowledge is a plus. Newspaper or previous publication experience is preferred, but we will consider qualified — including entry level — candidates. Most importantly, designer must be a team player and demonstrate speed, accuracy and thrive under deadline pressure. The position will be 40 hours per week.

To apply, please send a resume along with samples of your work as a PDF (or URL) to Lili Cao, Design and Production Manager, at lcao@paweekly.com.



450 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE | PALO ALTO



PEERY
PIANO ACADEMY

Teaching Piano to Generations
of Children and Adults

We Offer 4 Programs:

Habits: Beginning

Players: Intermediate

Mastery: Competition and
Performance

Adults: Private lessons, pay as you go

Call us today to schedule an orientation!

650.292.0573

or info@peerymusic.com

221 Bryant Avenue, Mountain View
www.peerymusic.com

Stanford | Continuing Studies

FALL 2014



Late-Start Fall Courses Still Available

Upcoming Courses:

- Autumn in Wine Country: A Photography Field Workshop • Aging and the Brain
- The Brand Called You: Personal Branding and Online Reputation Management
- Software for Making Effective Presentations • Media Relations: Opportunity or Crisis
- How Can I Help? Counseling for the Non-Professional Helper
- Giving Wisely: Practical Steps to Make the Most of Your Charitable Dollars

Stanford Continuing Studies offers a broad range of courses in liberal arts & sciences, creative writing, and professional & personal development. Courses are taught by notable Stanford faculty, experienced professionals, and leaders in their fields. All adults are welcome to attend.

Fall quarter is underway. Many late-start courses still open - Enroll today!

Learn more and register: continuingstudies.stanford.edu

OPENHOUSE

Saturday,
October 25
11:00 A.M.

Saturday,
December 6
11:00 A.M.

SCHEDULE A SCHOOL TOUR OR STUDENT SHADOW TODAY!

Contact Michele Duncan, Admissions Director
408.481.9900 x4222 or admissions@tka.org
562 N. Britton Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(Near Fair Oaks and Hwy 101)
www.tka.org • ACSI AND WASC ACCREDITATION

Murphy Wallbeds Wallbeds "n" More

Get your guest
room ready for
the holidays!

Save
\$300 OFF
a wallbed
exp. 11/30/14



Our Wallbeds Are:
✓ Price Match Guarantee! ✓ Stylish
✓ High Quality ✓ Comfortable

EXPERT ADVICE • SUPERIOR QUALITY AND SERVICE

MOUNTAIN VIEW

650.477.5532 (Call for appointment)
www.wallbedsnmore.com

Wallbeds
"n" More

A comfortable extra
bed for any room!

■ STAFF

EDITOR

Andrea Gemmet (223-6537)

EDITORIAL

Associate Editor

Renee Batti (223-6528)

Staff Writers

Daniel DeBolt (223-6536)

Kevin Forestieri (223-6535)

Intern

Madeleine Gerson

Photographer

Michelle Le (223-6530)

Photo Intern

Natalia Nazarova

Contributors

Dale Bentson,

Angela Hey, Sheila Himmel,

Ruth Schecter

DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Marketing and Creative Director

Shannon Corey (223-6560)

Design and Production Manager

Lili Cao (223-6562)

Designers

Linda Atilano, Colleen Hench,

Rosanna Leung, Paul Llewellyn

ADVERTISING

Vice President Sales and Marketing

Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

Advertising Representatives

Adam Carter (223-6573)

Real Estate Account Executive

Rosemary Lewkowitz (223-6585)

Published every Friday at

450 Cambridge Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94306

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

Email news and photos to:

editor@MV-Voice.com

Email letters to: letters@MV-Voice.com

News/Editorial Department

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

Display Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6300

Classified Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6490 • (650) 326-8286

fax (650) 326-0155

Email Classified ads@MV-Voice.com

Email Circulation

circulation@MV-Voice.com

The Voice is published weekly by Embarcadero Media Co. and distributed free to residences and businesses in Mountain View. If you are not currently receiving the paper, you may request free delivery by calling 964-6300. Subscriptions for \$60 per year, \$100 per 2 years are welcome.

©2014 by Embarcadero Media Company. All rights reserved.

Member, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce



■ WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

All views must include a home address and contact phone number. Published letters will also appear on the web site, www.MountainViewOnline.com, and occasionally on the Town Square forum.

Town Square forum

Post your views on Town Square at MountainViewOnline.com

Email your views to letters@MV-Voice.com. Indicate if letter is to be published.

Mail to: Editor Mountain View Voice, P.O. Box 405 Mountain View, CA 94042-0405

Call the Viewpoint desk at 223-6528

■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Voice endorsement: Water District

It is unusual, if not unprecedented, for a candidate running for a seat on the nine-member board of the Santa Clara Valley Water District to spend several hundred thousand dollars to get elected.

But that is what's happening in entrepreneur Gary Kremen's bid to unseat incumbent Brian Schmidt to represent Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto and Los Gatos in District 7.

Kremen, who is politically connected and himself a major campaign donor to many local elected officials and the Democratic party, has loaned his own campaign \$250,000 through the end of September and already spent more than \$300,000.

This high-powered politics is new territory for incumbent Schmidt, who has raised just \$13,000 and has been blind-sided by Kremen's high-spending bid.

Kremen has come out aggressively against Schmidt and says he will take that same approach if elected in dealing with the operation of the water district. Every meeting of the district board will be a "job interview" for the agency's CEO, Kremen promises, just like the private sector.

He has a litany of criticisms of Schmidt and the district, including not focusing enough attention on the drought, not doing enough to pressure the Regional Water Quality Control Board, a state agency, to approve badly needed flood control measures for San Francisquito Creek, and not undertaking needed seismic upgrades to the county's reservoirs. He also objects to the fact that revenues from a state water tax aren't being fairly distributed throughout the district.

Kremen, who is the founder of Match.com, is currently board president of the 6,400 customer Purissima Hills Water District in Los Altos Hills and founder and chairman of WaterSmart Software, a company that sells consumption monitoring software to retail water suppliers. The software produces reports that tell consumers how their water use compares with similar

households and offers conservation suggestions. He has also started a solar energy financing company.

Schmidt, who ran four years ago as a reform candidate critical of district management, is an environmental lawyer who has spent 15 years working on environmental and water issues, in part as the former legislative advocate for the Committee for Green Foothills. He rejects Kremen's criticisms, and says he's been part of a board majority that hired a new CEO, lowered director pay and established more transparency by moving board meetings to the evenings. He points to the work he has done on flood protection and habitat restoration, and especially to help forge broad support for the San Francisquito Creek flood control work and fighting for its passage in front of the water board.

With Mountain View's water supply coming mostly from Hetch Hetchy through the San Francisco Water Department, the Santa Clara Valley Water District's importance to the city is primarily in the flood control and creek habitat work where Schmidt has been most active.

Mild-mannered and earnest, Schmidt provides a sharp contrast to free-wheeling entrepreneur and political activist Kremen. Both have the smarts and technical knowledge and interest to serve the district well, but with drastically different styles.

Kremen would shake things up and bring politics much more into play, perhaps for the good. But we object to the excessive amount of money he is spending and don't believe Schmidt has done anything to warrant kicking him out of office. He's been a hard-working and committed board member, doing a more than satisfactory job at representing north county's interests. He just happens to be the one in the way of Kremen's political ambitions.

The Voice recommends reelecting Brian Schmidt to the Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors.

■ LETTERS

LOOK AT BIG PICTURE IN ELECTION

Some residents say put Mountain View residents first, in Palo Alto, they call themselves residentialists. Can you imagine if each member of Congress said they would always put their residents first, or state, or each city in our case. Is that what makes America great? Is that that how our society will solve its toughest problems?

Elected officials should represent the voice of the people of Mountain View, which is often, but necessarily the same as the narrowly defined self-interest of the people of Mountain View.

The framers of our nation believed Americans could prac-

tice what they called enlightened self-interest, an outlook that we the people choose to sacrifice for the greater good.

Unlike dictatorial nations where sacrifice is forced on the people, in a strong democratic republic, it's we the people who define for ourselves the common good and elect representatives accordingly.

Christopher Chiang
Space Park Way

PARENTS ON THE SCHOOL BOARD?

In thinking about whom I

► See LETTERS page 23



LETTERS

► Continued from page 22

will vote for in the local school board elections, the question of electing a parent of a current student strikes me as being very pertinent.

One of my sons, who works in the field of primary/secondary education throughout the U.S., has advised me that "parents on the school board is not a good idea." They tend to be overly invested emotionally and personally, thinking that that this somehow qualifies to comment on curriculum, instruction, assessment, etc. The "worst ever" board member, he added, is "a parent who is also a teacher in a neighboring district."

This strikes me as sage advice that I would like to pass on to others pondering their votes on school board candidates.

Robert Geise
Saint Giles Lane

We're Hiring Accounts Payable and Business Department Support

Embarcadero Media is seeking an Accounts Payable/Business Department Support administrator for our Palo Alto office.

This individual will also support payroll, circulation and other business department functions. This is an entry level position, approximately 25-28 (flexible) hours per week and will include paid sick, holiday and vacation hours.

The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, hard-working, a quick learner — and play nice with others. General accounting background a plus.

Embarcadero Media, a locally-owned media company, includes the award-winning Palo Alto Weekly, PaloAltoOnline.com, The Almanac and Mountain View Voice entities.

Resume and transmittal letter explaining why our search ends with you, can be emailed to Mike Naar, CFO, at mnaar@paweekly.com.



450 CAMBRIDGE AVENUE | PALO ALTO | PALOALTOONLINE.COM



Faith † Community † Leadership

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Open House

Sunday, October 26, 2014

1:30-3:30 p.m.

All Grades (K-8) Open House

Sunday, January 25, 2015

1:30-3:30 p.m.

- † All Prospective Families Welcome
- † Learn About Our Curriculum and Social and Emotional Programs
- † Meet Our Faculty & Community
- † Tour Our Beautiful 17 Acre Campus
- † A National Blue Ribbon School
- † WASC and WCEA Accredited



12816 El Monte Road † Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
650.941.4056 † www.StNicholasLAH.com



SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM

Support
Mountain View Voice's
print and online coverage
of our community.

Join today: SupportLocalJournalism.org/MountainView

Auto Loans

NEW & USED AS LOW AS

- Financing up to 100%

- Terms up to 7 years

1.85%*

■ APR

(408) 543-5202 | (866) 543-5202

1 STAR ONE
CREDIT UNION

www.starone.org

*APR: YOUR ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE (APR) MAY BE HIGHER BASED ON CREDIT QUALIFICATIONS. THE RATE SHOWN INCLUDES A 0.25% DISCOUNT WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSFER AND A 0.50% DISCOUNT WITH DIRECT DEPOSIT. ADDITIONAL 0.20% RATE DISCOUNT FOR AUTO LOAN AMOUNTS \$30,000 OR OVER (DOES NOT APPLY TO EXISTING STAR ONE AUTO LOANS). THE RANGE OF APRS IS 2.05% TO 8.55% WITH DISCOUNTS FOR LOANS UNDER \$30,000 AND 1.85% TO 8.35% WITH DISCOUNTS FOR LOANS \$30,000 AND OVER. A SAMPLE PAYMENT ON AN 84-MONTH LOAN AT 2.05% APR IS \$12.80 PER \$1000. A SAMPLE PAYMENT ON AN 84-MONTH LOAN AT 1.85% APR IS \$12.71 PER \$1000. RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Join Us! Membership is open to individuals who live, work or attend school in Santa Clara County.



Let's

Talk

University Health Care Advantage

Advancing Health with Trusted Care.

Many factors go into choosing a Medicare Advantage Plan that's right for you—from your health and lifestyle to personal financial considerations. University Health Care Advantage (UHCA) offers Santa Clara County residents an integrated and seamless health care experience from world-class Stanford Medicine and its affiliated provider network.

We offer all the coverage of Original Medicare plus additional features and benefits. From routine check-ups to complex care, with UHCA you get:

- Advanced clinical care, research and technology
- Access to over 200 primary care physicians and over 2100 specialists
- Preferred dental and vision coverage
- Member Care Specialists for one-on-one guidance
- MyHealth—Secure, anytime online access to your health information and appointments.*

University
HEALTH CARE
ADVANTAGE

For more information, please contact:

1-855-996-UHCA (8422)
www.UHCAMEDICARE.org

Enrollment runs October 15–December 7, 2014

University Health Care Advantage (UHCA) has a contract with Medicare to offer an HMO plan. You must reside in Santa Clara County, California to enroll. Enrollment in the University Health Care Advantage plan depends on contract renewal.

The benefit information provided is a brief summary, not a complete description of benefits. For more information, contact UHCA. Benefits, formulary, pharmacy network, provider network, premium and/or copayments/coinsurance may change on January 1 of each year. Other providers are available in our network. This information is available for free in other languages.

To speak with a UHCA representative, please call 1-855-996-UHCA (8422)/TTY Users: 711, 8am–8pm, seven days a week.

*Where available.

H2986_MM_054 Accepted 2015