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Google unveils new HQ plans with startling design

By Daniel DeBolt

Google has unveiled plans for an office campus that will undoubtedly be called extraordinary.

Google last week gave theV-oicea look at the plans for a 2.5 million-square-foot campus to accommodate 10,000 employees, the first buildings Google will have designed and built in Mountain View, despite the city's being home to its headquarters since its inception. Google hired European architects Bjarke Ingels and Thomas Heatherwick to develop the design, and the result is an astounding proposal for a largely car-free campus that blurs the boundary between nature and offices.

Perhaps the most usual aspect of the design is the changeable nature of the interior elements, made possible through the use of special crab- and crane-like robots to move furniture and



COURTESY OF GOOGLE

Google has proposed an eye-popping 2.5 million square foot expansion in North Bayshore.

“prefabricated units” around. Google has called them “crabots” and has already invested heavily in the technology through the 2013 purchase of robotics company Boston Dynamics.

Designs show a lightweight, translucent canopy draped over

an open, multi-story office area, with meandering walking paths, parking hidden under picturesque green landscapes, and retail stores and cafes open to the public. The buildings would be LEED platinum, with water recycling on site to achieve “net

zero” water usage — basically all water would be recycled on site.

“We’re trying to re-create the qualities that were there (in North Bayshore) in the first place,” to transform it from a “sea of parking lots into a natural landscape with an abundance of

green, not only outside, but also inside,” Ingels says in a video about the project now posted on YouTube.

Heatherwick added that “a humanistic spirit is something we feel is really important” in the design.

The reach of the proposal extends beyond North Bayshore. Google proposes to help fund a new network of bike paths in Mountain View and surrounding cities, including a bike boulevard on Latham and Church streets. The proposal includes two new pedestrian bridges over Highway 101 (one at Shoreline Boulevard and another at Charleston Road).

There’s a long list of \$200 million-worth of public benefits that could be hard to turn down, including a new public safety building, two new parks and a new educational science center in North Bayshore, a major expan-

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Water district set for big rate increase, thanks to drought

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S NEIGHBOR CITIES CRITICIZE WATER DISTRICT'S "UNFAIR" TAXES

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling it the most “severe drought in California’s history,” the Santa Clara Valley Water District is poised to increase water rates following a depletion of groundwater supplies and a growing need to buy water from other, more expensive sources.

Last month, water district

board members sat down and mulled over the numbers. The groundwater production charge, based on the severity of the drought, is expected to grow by double-digit numbers later this year unless the Bay Area gets deluged with rain in March and April. Most of the county — everything north of Cottle Road in San Jose — could be looking at a 31.5

percent rate increase, according to the district website. That amounts to about \$8 a month for each household.

Increasing the rates has been a “very difficult” thing to do, according to water district CEO Beau Goldie. Goldie said at a board meeting last month that despite internal cuts, some of the

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Mountain View's Grand Central Station is in the works

COUNCIL MEMBERS LEAN TOWARDS CLOSING CASTRO STREET AT THE TRAIN TRACKS

By Daniel DeBolt

The City Council began talking about a major new downtown transit center and Caltrain station on Tuesday, along with the big question of how to make the Castro Street train crossing safe.

Among the many things that could be included in a new downtown transit station were shops and cafes, new bike lock-

ers, wider train platforms and an underground bus terminal.

Train ridership at the station is now more than three times higher than the 1,000 morning riders it was designed for in the 1990s, the city reports, and the platforms are often packed with people.

“I think this could be a world-class center,” said Mayor John

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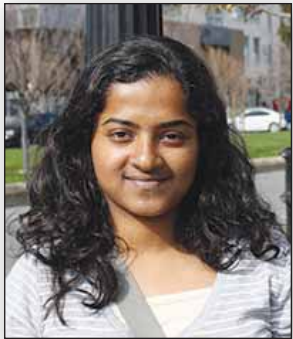


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AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Rachel Lee.

What do you think of Google's proposed new campus?



"It definitely looks good and they're putting the land to good use. It's pretty good for Google employees, at least, and it's open to the public, which is nice."

Shirasamberi Kaman, Sunnyvale



"I think it's a really good idea. And as long it's open to the public, I think it would be really great for both Google and the community."

Kim Yung, San Jose



"It's probably good for the area since it'll be creating jobs."

Brian Godfrey, Tullahoma, Tenn.



"My initial thought is that it would be amazing. I've been to the Google office before and it's such a tourist attraction already, so ... having this facility can only be a good thing for the economy and all the residents as well."

Michelle Jones, Glasgow



"This new compound seems like a good idea, it'll help get the community together."

Rajat Hiresave, Los Altos

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March 24, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Take Control of Your Headaches

March 24, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Sunnyvale Public Library

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Don't Turn Green, Live Green
March 31, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Los Gatos Public Library

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CRIME BRIEFS

UMBRELLA ASSAULT

Police arrested a man Monday after he allegedly attacked someone at his apartment complex with an umbrella over suspicion that someone had entered his apartment illegally.

Thuc Dang, a 42-year-old Mountain View man, believed that someone working at the apartment complex where he lived had entered his apartment in the 400 block of Tyrella Avenue, according to police. At around 8:30 a.m. Monday morning, Dang allegedly attacked the first employee he found, a 30-year-old Redwood City man who worked at the complex, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Dang allegedly attacked the man with a large umbrella, and caused abrasions and swelling on the victim's forearm and thigh areas. The victim also complained of pain to his fingers and was treated for his injuries, Jaeger said.

Dang was arrested and booked into San Jose Main Jail for assault with a deadly weapon, and is being held on a \$125,000 bail.

COMPUTER HACKED

A 75-year-old Mountain View woman told police she was scammed into giving control of her computer to another person claiming to provide online technical support.

The woman, according to police, received several pop-up messages last month requesting that she call a number regarding technical support for her computer. When she called the representative, she was tricked into giving the scammer information

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POLICE LOG

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1300 block San Domar Dr., 2/28
200 block Castro St., 3/2
400 block Tyrella Av., 3/2

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700 block Continental Cir., 3/2
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200 block Castro St., 2/28
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300 block Sylvan Av., 3/3

GRAND THEFT

200 block Bryant St., 2/26
500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 2/26
200 block San Antonio Cir., 2/28

100 block Calderon Av., 3/2
500 block Showers Dr., 3/2
2200 block California St., 3/2

PEEPING TOM

1700 block Spring St., 3/3

SALE OF MARIJUANA

2400 block Charleston Rd., 2/26

STOLEN VEHICLE

400 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/27
500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 3/2
2500 block Leghorn St., 3/1

TERRORIST THREATS

2500 block Grant Rd., 3/1

VANDALISM

1700 block Rock St., 2/25
200 block Sierra Vista Av., 2/27
1900 block Latham St., 3/2

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Mountain View's Chamber of Commerce is hosting a contest to select this year's official logo for the 2015 Art and Wine Festival. The chamber is accepting entries for the logo from until 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20.

Designers should submit up to three logo ideas and should include all of the following words in their design: Chamber of Commerce Mountain View, Art & Wine Festival, 44th, September 12 & 13, 2015, and the tagline: A Cultural Community Celebration.

Chamber of Commerce organizers are looking for a bold design that highlights the festivity and liveliness of the event.

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Anna, 12, adjusts the second prototype of the "Click-On Shoe" at Startup Weekend at Crittenden Middle School on March 1. Teams of middle-schoolers competed to come up with the best new product by the end of the weekend.

Startup weekend attracts Bay Area students

CRITTENDEN BEAT OUT COMPETITION FOR BEST IDEAS FOR A NEW PRODUCT

By Kevin Forestieri

Silicon Valley is immersed in a startup culture where innovative ideas, backed by investors, seem to sprout up every day. Last weekend, kids from all over the Bay Area gathered at Crittenden Middle School to get a taste of that entrepreneurial spirit by developing their own new ideas at the annual Startup Weekend event.

The event sounds a little grueling at first, as 72 middle school-aged kids have to

scramble to pitch an idea for a startup, work on the idea in groups and present it — all within 54 hours. But to the students participating, it's anything but daunting, according to Crittenden Principal Geoffrey Chang, who said the kids didn't space out or lose interest the whole time.

"It's a little hectic, but in a positive way," Chang said.

This year's event was the second annual Startup Weekend, and included students from 10 schools, including

Egan and Graham intermediate schools in Los Altos, Joaquin Miller Middle School in Cupertino and Summit Denali in Sunnyvale. Startup Weekend launched last year and was wildly popular among parents and students who came from as far away as Oakland, and well-attended beyond what Crittenden staff expected, according to Chang.

At the end of the weekend, students present their startup

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City's bike plan lists 170 ways to make cycling safer

By Daniel DeBolt

It became evident during a City Council meeting Tuesday that the life-and-death issue of bike and pedestrian safety is getting significant attention in Mountain View.

Thanks to advocacy from local cyclists and generous funding from Google, the city appears set to embark on a huge number of projects, from small to large, to make bicycling safer and more attractive all over the city.

Possibilities revealed in a study session Tuesday include flashing signals to alert drivers to the presence of cyclists, trail extensions, wider sidewalks, new bike routes around schools and lengthy buffered bike lanes for Moffett Boulevard, Rengstorff Avenue, North Whisman Road and Miramonte Avenue, as well as Castro Street in front of Graham Middle school, among others.

"Very few things you will do will have to do with life-and-death issues," resident Patrick Moore told the Council. "These are life-and-death issues. These determine whether someone is struck and killed or not, whether a grandfather gets to see his grandchildren or not."

A city consultant revealed that over 170 potential projects have been identified, including numerous "spot" improvements that could close gaps on otherwise safe bike routes. The draft

of the Google-funded Bicycle Transportation Plan will return to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee this spring and could be approved by the City Council in early 2016.

'These are life-and-death issues.'

RESIDENT PATRICK MOORE

Community concern for bike and pedestrian safety was apparent later in the evening as well. Moore dedicated a minute of his allotted speaking time to a moment of silence for Robert Schwehr, the 68-year old Los Altos man who was struck and killed Feb 16. Schwehr was walking in the crosswalk on Charleston Road at Independence Avenue, and his daughter said was probably headed to REI to find a fishing pole for his granddaughter.

"Can we make this person the last person to die in Mountain View this year?" Moore said.

Former council candidate Greg Unangst said he identified with Schwehr, who still had "a lot to live for."

It was "broad daylight, perfect weather and the driver was unimpaired," Unangst said.

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Fierce competition ahead for North Bayshore projects

By Daniel DeBolt

Google's dramatic new campus proposal isn't the only project vying for a piece of the North Bayshore pie. On Feb. 27, Mountain View city planners received six other major North Bayshore development proposals that will be competing with Google for the City Council's favor in April.

The City Council's wish to restrain new development and job growth in North Bayshore to reduce impacts on local housing and traffic will be a serious challenge, given the number of high-profile proposals and enticing community benefits that have been submitted to the city for

review.

Only 2.5 million square feet of new development is allowed in North Bayshore, and Google's project, if approved, would use up that entire allotment. The development cap was set by council members after facing considerable heat last year as office development was blamed for worsening Mountain View's housing shortage.

Now, plans for more than double the available amount have been proposed (6.2 million square feet of offices); that figure includes Google's 2.5-million-square-foot proposed campus.

The second largest proposal is for 1.6 million square feet of additional office space for

LinkedIn, with cafes, shops, a Villasport spa and fitness center, and a new two-story, 15-screen Century movie theater. LinkedIn and theater owner Syufy Enterprises propose to redevelop the entire movie theater site and adjacent buildings at the corner of Highway 101 and North Shoreline Boulevard, now home to Gold's Gym, Togo's Laserquest and Cheryl Burke dance studio, among others.

To entice the council to approve the project, LinkedIn and Syufy are offering to renovate the city's library — a project the city valued at \$1.4 million last year. They would build a new pedestrian bridge over Highway 101 along North Shoreline Boulevard and

set aside 30,000 to 50,000 square feet of space to help save some local small businesses. Their LEED platinum buildings would have "net-zero" energy usage, thanks to efficient design and a massive solar panel installation.

If the project is cut in size, some of those benefits would go away.

If council members find the LinkedIn and Google proposals irresistible, they may be looking to cut back one of the remaining five proposals:

■ a 108,000 square-foot, five-story, 200-room hotel by the Shashi Group for 1625 North Shoreline Blvd.

■ a 1 million-square-foot campus of seven-story buildings with

underground parking proposed by Peery-Arillaga for addresses on both sides of North Rengstorff Avenue, just north of Highway 101.

■ a three-story, 190,876-square-foot office building by developer Rees Commercial for 2629 Terminal Blvd.

■ a 703,148-square-foot campus by the Sobrato Organization with four new buildings that are three- and four-stories tall, at 1255 Pear Ave., with parking garages.

■ a 224,505-square-foot, six-story, LEED platinum office and parking structure 1625 Plymouth St. by developer Broadreach Capital.

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RATE INCREASE

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costs are going to have to get handed off to county residents.

"It would be much better to not have to bring a rate increase to the public. Unfortunately in terms of the costs that we've been able to reduce and looking at our programs, there's not much of a choice," Goldie said.

Mountain View receives about 10 percent of its water from the district, with the rest coming from Hetch Hetchy.

The revenue from increased rates is expected to pay for about \$37 million in extra expenditures the water district expects to make in order to maintain its water supplies and update water infrastructure, among other things. The money, for example, would go towards purchasing imported water for the district's groundwater basin, which is a growing problem for the district.

Last year's drought dropped the amount of water stored in the groundwater basin from 339,000 acre-feet at the beginning of 2014 to 260,000 acre-feet at the end of the year.

An acre-foot of water is equal to the amount of water it takes to cover an acre at one foot deep.

If this year remains dry, that

number could drop down to as low as 182,000 acre-feet, according to Vanessa De La Piedra, groundwater monitoring and analysis manager at Santa Clara Valley Water District.

What does that mean? Beyond dwindling water resources for county residents, Goldie said it could cause subsidence, causing the ground to sink and impacting sanitary lines, stormwater systems and could cause saltwater intrusion.

"Depletion of the groundwater basin (would) have a tremendous impact, not on just the water users, but on the entire economy of Santa Clara County," Goldie said.

Other uses for the \$37 million include plans to construct and retrofit dams, pipelines and pump stations, as well as maintain existing pipelines in order to sustain groundwater supplies.

Board member Tony Estremera, defended the way the board has handled setting rates in the past and said they've been "very realistic" so far. He said there's been plenty of cuts to staff prior to considering a rate hike, but the drought has pushed the issue to the forefront.

"Everyone has experienced the drought, it's no secret that we don't have enough water," Estremera said.

Mountain View silent on tax issue

Because North County residents draw most of their water from the Hetch Hetchy reservoir, a bump in water rates shouldn't affect residents of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos too much. But that didn't stop representatives from Palo Alto and Los Altos Hills from coming to the board last month demanding they reconsider the rates.

In a letter to the water district board dated Feb. 10, Palo Alto City Manager James Keene laid out the problem. Palo Alto residents pay taxes that fund the State Water Project but don't receive any of the state water, which is substantially cheaper than water from the Hetch Hetchy regional water system. Why should the the district set water rates, the letter challenges, under the assumption that they should continue to receive 100 percent of the State Water Project tax revenue from the North County?

"First, the Board should develop and adopt Groundwater Production Rates that will allow it to abandon the untenable 100

percent property tax approach this year, and replace it with meaningful movement towards a more equitable funding structure," Keene said in the letter.

Mountain View is in a similar situation, as 90 percent of its water comes from Hetch Hetchy and only 10 percent comes from the Santa Clara Valley Water District. But unlike Palo Alto, which has questioned the tax since at least 2012, the city has not officially weighed in on the issue, according to Mountain View City Manager Dan Rich.

Steve Jordan, a board member for the Purissima Hills Water District, showed up at the Feb. 10 board meeting also demanding the district board reassess their reliance on North County taxes to pay for projects from which they receive little or no benefit.

"We're here because you're starting the groundwater (production charge) process, and the state water project is a core assumption," Jordan said.

Board president Gery Kremen, who won a seat on the board in November and vowed to fight the "unfair" tax on North County residents, said cities like Mountain View and Palo Alto end up paying the most for a water system they can't even use. Kremen said he estimates that the North County, which includes about 14 percent of Santa Clara County's population, ends up paying for about 25 percent of the annual taxes.

"We're subsidizing everyone else," Kremen said.

But if revenue declines, that could mean an even greater rate increase for the rest of the county, or higher taxes for San Jose and other South County cities later on — a prospect that concerned Estremera.

"If we provide some kind of benefit to certain districts because they don't want to pay the taxes they're required to, we have to get it from somewhere else," he said.

Estremera, who represents a district including East and South San Jose, said it wouldn't make sense to lower taxes on one of the wealthiest areas in the county and raise taxes in his area, which he said is the second-poorest area in the county.

The water district will have a series of opportunities for the public to provide input on the rate proposal, including both an open house and a formal public hearing in April. ▣

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TRANSIT STATION

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McAlister. “Something along the lines of the Ferry Building in San Francisco; they have some great stores there.”

One member of the public suggested that a design contest for the new station be held among the world’s top architects.

Council members said they realized the importance of answering an old question before redesigning the station: How does the city redesign the adjacent train crossing at Castro Street to make it safer and improve traffic flow? The concern is that the back-up of vehicles wait-

He later added he was leaning toward closing Castro Street at the tracks, but was hesitant to take a position without studying it first.

“We should make a quicker decision and do a quick study,” Siegel said. “Tell the public, ‘We’d like to close Castro Street at the tracks.’ Get the public feedback, get the decision made and do the rest of our planning.”

City Manager Dan Rich said it was clear that council members wanted a study of the various grade-separation options done soon. The plan could be completed in 18 to 24 months, he said.

Siegel had a number of ideas for what appears to be a challenging station design on what is now a 7.5-acre footprint. He suggested building some of the station over Central Expressway and extending it west of Castro Street where light rail isn’t in the way. Someone else suggested depressing Central Expressway so portions of

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COUNCILMAN LENNY SIEGEL

ing for trains to pass during rush hours will only get worse with the growing demand for train service, along with increased chances of a pedestrian fatality.

“A lot of people die at the train tracks. It’s hard to believe in this day and age we can’t prevent that kind of contact,” said council member Lenny Siegel.

Over the years council members have discussed possible solutions, from sinking Castro Street under grade-level tracks, to raising the tracks over the street, to the cost-prohibitive option of putting the tracks in a trench.

On Tuesday, some council members were leaning towards closing off Castro Street, and diverting traffic down Evelyn Avenue onto Shoreline Boulevard.

“People actually are warming up to the idea of closing Castro Street,” said council member Pat Showalter, mentioning how it is already done for special events.

“A grade separation is going to be destructive to what we’ve been building in downtown for the last few decades,” Siegel said. “The space required to go up or down will be enormous compared to the benefits we would get.”

the light rail track could be pushed north and hang over the expressway, making room for a bigger station footprint.

“Put the parking structure and bus loop on top of Central Expressway,” Siegel suggested. “Land values are such that going vertical may not be as difficult as it used to be.”

A parking structure could help solve the problem of how to get people over the tracks, he said. “We need to solve the problem of north access to the train station. Our employment growth is to the north. Ignoring that would create all kinds of problems to the downtown area.”

Consultant Jim Litebody had told the council that putting bridge structures over the expressway would be difficult and was not in the presentation because it was deemed not worth the trouble. ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

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that allowed him to gain access to her computer, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department. The woman was “locked” of her computer, which prompted her to call police, he said.

Jaeger said similar scams are fairly common and usu-

ally involve people who are not savvy with technology, and that police advise people never allow remote access to their computer for any reason. He added that the community should also be wary of anything pretending to be online technical support, and it might be better to bring a computer with problems into a repair shop.

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STARTUP

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ideas to judges — a small panel made up of people in the startup world, like Jennifer Coogan from the education technology startup Newsela, and Andrew Sutherland, founder of the educational app company Quizlet. Despite the competition from high-performing schools, Crittenden students came out on top.

The first place team, made up almost entirely of Crittenden girls, came up with an app called “Tracker Tacker” that would allow people to find things they misplace using tracking devices and their smartphones. Once the tracking devices are slapped on to an object, users would be able to see a map pinpointing its location at all times.

Second place went to a team that developed an idea where electricity-generating turbines could be installed into household water pipes, using the water flow to generate electricity.

Though women are generally underrepresented in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math — which are the mainstays of many startup ideas — Startup Weekend continues to break that trend with high female representation. In the year prior, the winning team was entirely composed of girls from Piedmont, Crittenden and Graham. The team created a “game-ified” electronic student notebook and agenda, Chang said.

“It was really neat, and they had the cleanest and most developed product. That’s why they won,” he said.

The winners this year, like last year, will get a free trip to Facebook to meet high-ranking executives and check out the headquarters of the popular social media platform in Menlo Park.

Running the gambit

Startup Weekend could be seen as a crash course in how to brainstorm, start and market for a business from the ground up. Students are taught about busi-



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The winning team of Startup Weekend poses after designing their successful “Tracker Tacker” technology.

ness development, marketing and coding, and forced to think critically about what people would want to buy.

About 15 coaches helped guide students through the different fields, developing empathy maps to help figure out the customer base, brainstorming on whiteboards and even doing some programming using App Inventor. The ultimate goal is for students to find a solution to everyday problems for consumers.

“It’s not good enough to just point out a problem, you have to find a way to solve it,” said John Baldo, a facilitator who introduced students to the event Friday.

On Saturday, kids got to hear from local startup entrepreneur and Stevenson parent Nik Kalyani, who gave kids some first-hand insight into the startup world. He said the goal is to make a product that acts as a pain reliever rather than a vitamin, and that products designed to alleviate a problem work a whole lot better than supplementing something that works fine already. Determination is what fuels the success of new companies, he added.

Just as the kids learned new ideas about the startup world, the event itself relied on resources from a wide array of tech companies, parents and organizations

in Mountain View and across the Bay Area. On top of help from the school PTA, employees from the tech company Quixey in downtown Mountain View participated in the event, and Microsoft pitched in some 3D printers for students to use.

Startup Weekend received financial support from two local dentists, Maria Fu and Sarita Wang, who underwrote the whole event.

Although it seems like a foreign idea that kids would be champing at the bit to sacrifice their weekend for an school-related activity, Chang said there’s a lot of student interest in the event. Tickets to Startup Weekend were sold out in less than 36 hours.

“There is this pent-up demand for these kinds of activities,” Chang said.

The appeal of Startup Weekend, he said, really comes down to letting kids do a creative exercise without too many restrictions. And while designing a new product and coming up with a business model may sound “above” what middle school students can handle, Chang said it’s the perfect time for students to take on the task.

“Kids are ultimately unencumbered by reality, and that’s a good thing,” he said. “With startups, you have to think like a beginner.”

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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—Rachel Lee

NORTH BAYSHORE

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Community benefits for those projects include

a 61,000-square-foot park from Sobrato, new trails at the western Shoreline Park entrance from Rees, and a \$10.2 million payment to

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GOOGLE

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sion of the city's shuttle system and \$1.5 million in scholarships for high schoolers.

Google officials say they are aiming to develop all of the additional 2.5 million square feet allowed in North Bayshore under the city's new regulations for the area. Various other developers are vying for a piece of that same pie, including LinkedIn, which proposed 1.61 million square feet of offices last week. Proposals for large North Bayshore office projects were due Friday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m.

"Google's plans are ambitious, but they're not the only application turned in today," City Council member Ken Rosenberg said last week. "I very much look forward to sorting through all of the varying requests with my colleagues while we advance the conversation about the North Bayshore Precise Plan. This is terrifically exciting and the community benefits (from the various applications) may give us much of what we need."

Google also reveals in its proposal that it is "eager" to design a residential neighborhood on land it has intentionally left undeveloped on Shorebird Way and the west side of Shoreline

Boulevard, something the City Council recently voted to study after it was a top election issue in November.

While the designs are stunning, the impact on the city's housing shortage also could be extraordinary. There's been talk of adding 5,000 homes in North Bayshore, though Google's proposed development could add 10,000 employees, and LinkedIn and other developers are proposing space for thousands more jobs.

"Google's plan for Mountain View's North Bayshore area is even more imaginative than I expected," said council member Lenny Siegel, who was elected on a pro-North Bayshore housing platform in November. "It will be the City Council's job to ensure that Google is not the only business whose proposal is fully evaluated, and to make sure we don't allow the over-building of offices. We will be working with the companies to ensure that we do our best to provide housing and transportation for the people who work there."

Google has proposed only "affordable" homes as part of a public benefits package worth \$200 million, if all four sites are developed. The homes would be built on a property Google owns at 800 East Middlefield Road, part of a 24-acre site Google

bought after the City Council rejected a 750,000-square-foot office proposal for the site last year on grounds that the land would be better used for housing.

"Google's position (on affordable housing) is not surprising, since as far as I can recall, the outgoing council did not list housing or affordable housing as a community benefit," Siegel said. "I believe that the new council will be able to work with Google and other companies to include a significant fraction of less-unaffordable housing in new housing developments."

Google's Davis White estimated that up to 300 to 400 affordable homes could be built on the Middlefield Road site, but the city would have to allow Google to build 10,000 square feet of additional office space for every additional unit. That could mean adding 2.5 million more square feet of offices for 250 additional units.

Bike network

Google proposes to provide a significant part of its public benefits funds towards a "world class" bikeway network through Mountain View and surrounding communities, called in the proposal the "8-to-80 bike gap closure program." "We envision a future where Mountain View and the surrounding communities have become the best and safest place to ride a bicycle in the entire country," the company says.

The project calls for spending \$2 million on a bike boulevard on Latham and Church streets, which the city has proposed as well, with "traffic calming" barriers to discourage cut-through

car traffic and provide a safer route for cyclists.

There are numerous public benefits to encourage biking in the city, including a bike shop in North Bayshore as large as 3,000 square feet. Free rent for three years and \$100,000 in corporate spending would be given to the proprietor, and Google says it will be giving preference to local bike shops looking to expand.

Commuters would benefit from a resurfacing of the Bay Trail to make it more rideable in winter. There are funds for bike safety classes for kids, a plan to distribute 1,000 bicycle-light kits, and 10 electric bicycles for city employees, among other things.

Other miscellaneous public benefits offered include \$250,000 for a new playground to serve the 900 residents of North Bayshore's Santiago Villa mobile home park, \$3 million to convert old Mountain View city library offices into children's play rooms, a plaza made available for food truck festivals and outdoor movie nights, \$2.25 million for three new city staff positions to help process all of the new real estate development, and a new gazebo and educational storyboard at Shoreline Park.

"There's over 30 acres of new habitat and open space we would add to campus," said Audrey Davenport, Google's ecology project lead. Designers asked, "how can we create a place for Googlers that really connects them to North Bayshore ecology" to create a sort of park-like destination?

Among those efforts would be the widening of Permanente Creek in North Bayshore, with higher banks in case of flood-

ing, and the restoration of marsh lands and burrowing owl habitat.

"What we've tried to do is take a step back and say, 'How do buildings work with nature?'" said Google real estate director David Radcliffe.

It may be hard to believe, but the campus buildings are designed to be publicly accessible, Radcliffe says.

"We really want to try and make spaces open and accessible so it's not just for Googlers but anybody (who) wants to come by," Radcliffe said.

"Google's presence in Mountain View is simply so strong, it can't be the fortress that shuts away the neighbors," architect Heatherwick said. "It really needs to become part of the neighborhood in Mountain View."

Google's proposal states: "Instead of block after block of concrete structure, lightweight structures and open spaces will invite the public and the outdoors in. Visitors and employees alike can walk and ride, not just around but through campus buildings."

Davis told the *Voice* that the buildings were designed in consideration of the possibility of a large new housing development next door.

"We have been studying the potential locations of housing in North Bayshore nearly as long as we have been advocates," according to Google's proposal documents. "We have intentionally left our holdings on the west side of Shoreline undeveloped to preserve the potential option for housing as a future use."

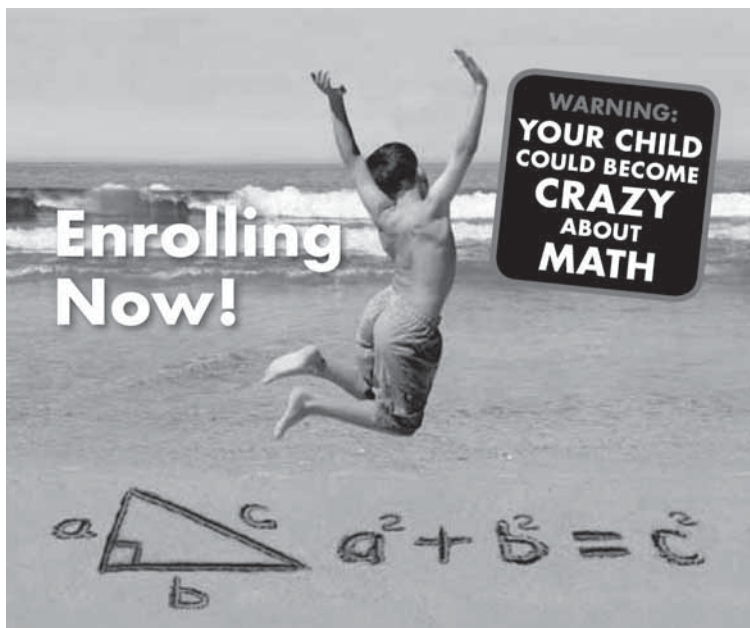
Google also proposes to spend \$900,000 over three years to fund an unnamed ad-hoc group that is working to advocate for affordable housing in Silicon Valley, the documents say.

The proposal describes where Google officials believe housing should go in North Bayshore.

"We also feel that other locations in the Shorebird neighborhood are potentially good residential sites," the proposal says. "These could be located close to existing housing at Santiago Villa, within a quarter-mile walk of transit lines, located along planned bike routes, and in beautiful, park-like settings. Creation of a North Bayshore community will take significant design consideration and we are eager to make that happen."

The proposal also reveals that Google is bidding on the VTA bus yard's site on La Avenida, and would add a new northbound off-ramp onto La Avenida and Inigo Way to help alleviate congestion on Shoreline Boulevard.

The City Council is expected to review the proposals for large North Bayshore office projects, including Google's, in late April. ▀



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New cancer center set to open its doors

EL CAMINO'S LARGER FACILITY TRANSFORMS FORMER DIALYSIS CENTER

By Kevin Forestieri

El Camino Hospital is just steps away from opening its new cancer center this month. The new center, more than double the size of the old facility, will be able to handle the thousands of new cancer patients the hospital receives each year.

A community open house is set for Saturday, March 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., featuring children's activities, music, food and laughter yoga sessions.

Hospital officials announced last year that El Camino would move the cancer center from a 6,000-square-foot suite in the Melchor Pavilion building to the roomy, newly-vacated Oak Pavilion on South Drive. The Oak Pavilion used to house a dialysis center at El Camino, but the hospital has since shut down its outpatient dialysis services.

The \$5.5 million new cancer center, expected to be ready for patients by mid-March, will be a significant improvement over the old facility because it will be able to handle the growing number of patients coming in each year, according to Shyamali Singhal,

medical director of the cancer center at El Camino Hospital. It's an improvement from when she worked for the hospital back in 2005, when there wasn't a cancer center or coordinated cancer services at the hospital at all.

Singhal said prior to the cancer center, the hospital would get about 700 patients with new cancer cases each year, and they would get diagnosed and end up finding treatment elsewhere. The hospital board approved funding for a cancer center in 2005, and in late 2007 it was opened for patients.

"We wanted (patients) to have those services here, where their family is," she said.

But it's been a little cramped in the cancer center lately. Just as Silicon Valley has experienced population growth, Singhal said they have seen an "unbelievable" amount of growth in patients at the cancer center, with about 2,000 new cancer patients each year. To put that into perspective, she said Stanford Hospital's cancer center, which is over 200,000 square feet, gets about 2,800 patients.

The new facility has a number of amenities that aim to make patient visits a little more comfortable than in the past, including greater separation between the 18 "infusion pods" where patients are given chemotherapy treatment. The pods are outfitted with memory-foam chairs and "radiant heat panels," according to Dolores Esparza, executive director of the cancer center. Rather than just have curtains separating patients, there are now private rooms and full-wall separations, and each room is very slightly different from the others, so patients who come in regularly can find the best fit for them.

"Everyone will have a favorite one, there's something for everyone," Dolores said.

The center also includes a "healing space" designated for recreational support services for patients like yoga, art and lectures, and provides a much-needed larger space for meetings with support groups and nutritionists on how to cope with the effects of cancer and cancer treatment, Dolores said.

At the old cancer center, Dolores

said they would have to host the yoga classes across the hospital campus at the Park Pavilion, and there wasn't any room for art classes and other large-scale activities.

The new center has some creative ways to avoid having to go from one building to another for everyday services. Rather than have hospital staff ferry blood samples from the new center to the main hospital building for testing at the lab, the cancer center has a pneumatic tube set up that runs underground between the two buildings. Vials of blood can be loaded up and sent at high speeds through the tube to the main hospital and back. For patients, that means less waiting around in the lobby waiting for test results to come back, Dolores said.

A holistic approach to cancer care

Many of the features in the new cancer center focus on services outside of treatment, giving patients ways to better cope with the effects of cancer and chemotherapy and find better ways to re-enter normal life once they go into remission.

There's a boutique store within the center selling headscarves, gifts, cards, anti-nausea medicine and makeup. To Singhal, these have a significant effect on

the well-being of patients.

"Retail therapy works almost as well as chemotherapy," Singhal said, half-joking.

The new center will also allow the center's survivorship program to expand, which is intended for patients who have recovered from cancer but are still dealing with the fallout and side-effects of treatment. Cancer patients have a 66 percent survival rate five years out, making it much less of a death sentence than it used to be, Singhal said, and there's a lot of bodily changes they need to deal with. They can experience fatigue, sores and nausea, and even suffer from mechanical changes to their body and changes to their taste buds.

In the survivorship program, patients continue to come to the cancer center and talk with nurses and take part in things like nutritional counseling programs to try and get back on their feet.

Singhal said the larger center give the hospital the means to provide these services amid ongoing 35 percent growth in cancer patients each year, drawing people from as far as 100 miles away to the hospital for treatment.

"(The center) means we've addressed a need from our community," Singhal said. ■

BIKE PLAN

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"How did this happen? What I would suggest is that we launch a 'vision zero' program in the city," making a goal to have zero pedestrian fatalities in the city.

"The city should analyze, 'Why did that person driving make a mistake?' Let's not let this tragic incident slide into history and we forget about it," he said.

According to 2011-13 census data, 6.5 percent of Mountain View's population commutes by bicycle, compared to 1.9 percent throughout the county, 3.7 percent in San Francisco and 9.10 percent in Palo Alto.

The city reported that, generally speaking, nearly 60 percent of the population is interested in bicycling but only under safer conditions. Only 33 percent say they will never ride a bicycle while only 8 percent is confident about cycling on city streets. The numbers came from a study done by the city of Portland.

Google promised many millions of dollars in funding for a regional bike network — "if you accept our building plans" for a large new campus, Google's Jeral Poskey told the council Tuesday.

"What we've learned is you can have a wonderful network with many miles (of bike paths)

and all it takes is a few dangerous intersections to turn people off from cycling," Poskey said of the company's famously bike-friendly headquarters in Mountain View. Google has work underway to build a large "green loop" — a path for cyclists and pedestrians around North Bayshore, identified in the city's new precise plan for the area. Google has also funded numerous other bike projects, from bike racks downtown to an extension of the Permanente Creek Trail.

Google's new campus in North Bayshore that could come with a huge number of bike-related benefits throughout the city. The largest is a completely new bike-pedestrian bridge across 101, near Rengstorff Avenue and Charleston Road. "We've identified Rengstorff is just as dangerous as Shoreline for bicycling across Highway 101," Poskey said. He mentioned another benefit: "We want to increase safety and education among our schoolchildren (with) safe routes to school," and offered to give free bike helmets to all school children.

Poskey mentioned the \$2 million from Google that could go towards a bike boulevard on Latham and Church streets, a narrow two-lane street that runs parallel to El Camino Real where bicycles contend with cut-

through car traffic and parked cars. Car traffic diverters have been proposed for the street to make it what was termed a "low stress" route for cyclists, but some expressed skepticism that it could ever be as "low stress" a route as Palo Alto's bike boulevards, because of the number of parked cars and busy neighborhoods along the route.

"We do have signs that say we have a Bike Boulevard," on Montecito Avenue, said council member Pat Showalter, an area she said the city defines as a low-stress environment. "I personally would not have considered that

low-stress," she said.

Council member Lenny Siegel, a regular cyclist, had a long list of problems he's observed while riding around town over the years, a significant number of which he says could be fixed by spending very little money, such as prohibiting cars from parking at narrow street sections where cyclists are forced to ride around parked cars and into traffic. He said there's a need for a standard way to make left turns at stoplights safer for bicyclists and the need to fix non-functioning stoplight sensors installed in the ground for bikes, forcing cyclists to get off their

bikes and hit crosswalk buttons.

Siegel called for widening the Stevens Creek Trail where possible, so cyclists can have their own passing lanes. "Yesterday I avoided a child on a tricycle who was on the wrong side (of the trail)," he said. With the number of bike commuters racing down the trail, "it's an accident waiting to happen."

More information on the bike transportation plan can be found on a website the city has dedicated to the effort: bikemountainview.com. ■

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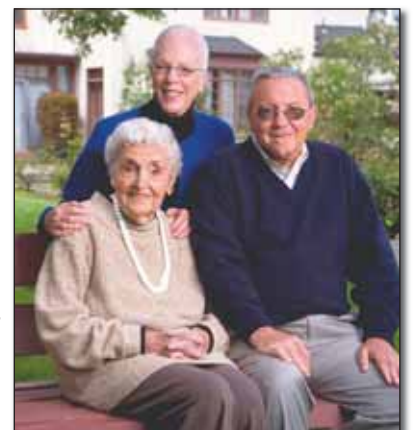


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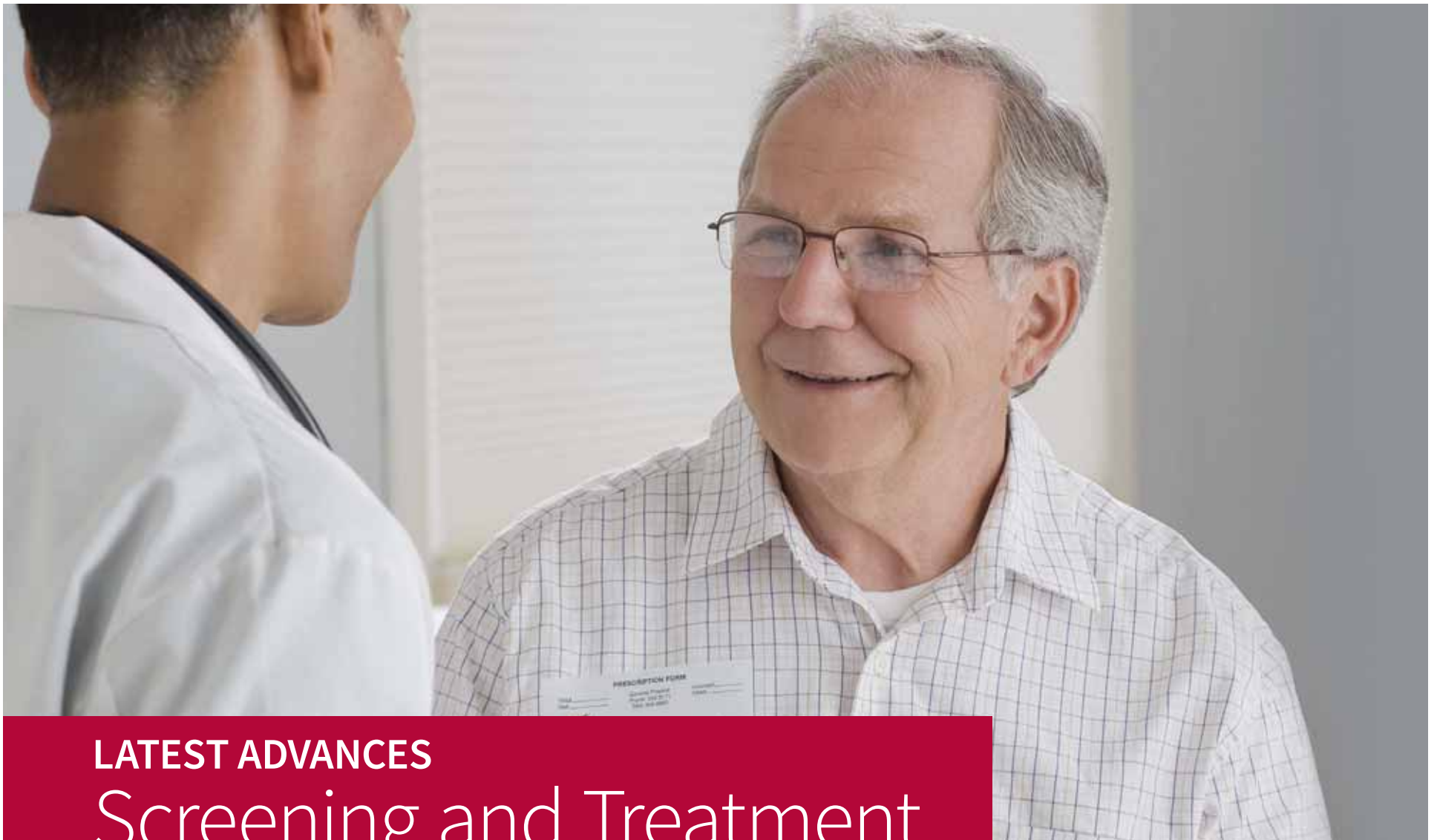
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■ EDITORIAL

THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Supervisors' action undermined the public process

Railing against the increasingly invasive use of high-tech tools to keep track of what we do, where we are, what we're reading and who might be coming over for dinner is a noble but often futile effort. Horse out of barn. Full gallop. Barn door closed. Alas.

The speed of technological development makes it unlikely if not impossible for a wired society to stay informed of the latest data-mining and other capabilities sneaked in by Google, Facebook and other private companies, and outpaces the ability of elected leaders to develop strategies to protect our privacy and due process rights, even when they care to try.

When a government agency, such as a police department or sheriff's office, introduces a plan for yet another potentially intrusive high-tech tool, the best we can do is thoroughly scrutinize the device and its capabilities, and put into place well-defined laws and strategies to protect the public from government overreach. And to do it *before* the agency is authorized to buy the equipment.

That's exactly what Supervisor Joe Simitian fought to do late last month when the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors was asked to approve Sheriff Laurie Smith's request to buy a cellphone tracker. The sheriff wanted to spend nearly \$503,000 from a Department of Homeland Security fund on a cellphone triangulation system that could be used to locate individuals. The tracking device would help the department find wanted criminals, suspects or people at risk, she told the board.

Sounds like an appealing proposition, right? Except that the device could also be used to keep track of any of us, compromising our rights to privacy and due process. When the sheriff presented her case for the cellphone tracker to the supervisors, there had been no open public review, and no policy on the device's use had been developed, much to Simitian's chagrin.

The supervisors did the public a disservice by authorizing the purchase, with Simitian casting the single "no" vote, prior to an open public review and the crafting of a policy to protect the public from abusive use of the tracking device.

Simitian argued that the sheriff's request should be put on hold until a policy was developed — with public input — but his colleagues forged ahead. Why? Sheriff Smith argued that the funding could be withdrawn if her department didn't act soon to purchase the tracker, and the supervisors appeared to accept that premise. But the grant that includes funding for the device was approved in 2013, and the sheriff's office discussed buying the tracker at various times in 2014, at least as early as July. Why were elected officials and the public left in the dark all that time, only to be pressured in the final weeks to approve the purchase or lose the money? And why is the sheriff's office so vague about a policy for use after all these months of discussion?

The supervisors have rewarded the county's law enforcement agency for its lack of transparency and its end run to put undue pressure on them to rush through a process that requires rigorous scrutiny by them and the public. The caveat in approving the purchase is that the tracker cannot be put into use until a policy is discussed and approved. But what's missing in that way forward is another important aspect of the public process: an open discussion of whether the cellphone tracker is an item residents of Santa Clara County want their sheriff's office to have in its toolbox.

Simitian last year called for the development of a policy addressing the overall use of surveillance tools in the county. Such a policy would provide a framework to protect the public from abusive application of these high-tech tools that, like it or not, are here to stay. It's time to have a public discussion on such a policy, then act to put one firmly in place. ■

■ LETTERS

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Building caps are imprecise in measuring employees given the changing office setups. If the true negative externalities are traffic and pollution, let's approve far beyond the cap if they can innovate even further and lower pollution and traffic beyond current numbers. I think they could handle the bold engineering challenge.

Christopher Chiang
Space Park Way



La bella vita

CARE AND TASTE ABOUND AT ARTE RISTORANTE

*Review by
Sheila Himmel*

*Photos by
Veronica Weber*



Arte Ristorante's osso buco has tender braised veal shank served atop saffron risotto.

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

From zuppa to pesce, the menu at 3-month-old Arte Ristorante in downtown Palo Alto is easy to scan on one page. The owners, two guys from Sicily, want nothing to be difficult.



Arte Ristorante's owners divided up the cavernous space into several distinct areas, including a warm-hued dining room (left) and a long, polished wood bar.

Had a hard day? “Forget your stupid boss, your ridiculous employees,” co-owner Eduardo D’ignoti advises. Relax, enjoy and feel a little Italian while dining.

For starters, you don’t have to ask for bread. Half-inch-thick slices of focaccia arrive warm, having been perfectly toasted so that the inside is still soft. Fresh olive oil accompanies.

Even the wine list, though packed with little-known Italian and boutique wines, is made effortless with the help of enthusiastic servers. And co-owner Mario Alessi, who continues to refine the list, is always there with advice.

At a recent dinner, a beet salad (\$15) was a refreshing daily special. Lots of restaurants overcook beets, but this mélange of red and

yellow offered just enough tooth resistance, pairing perfectly with pomegranate seeds (both sweet and tart), crisp baby arugula and dabs of mild, creamy goat cheese.

Alessi and D’ignoti worked together at two previous Italian restaurants in this cavernous space at 473 University Ave. Wisely, they brought in Michael Meyer Fine Woodworking to divide it up, so that now there

are multiple venues. Each serves a different purpose. Customers can relax in the lounge area with a drink (and not be annoyed by the televisions over the bar), pull up a bar stool (and enjoy soccer without the sound), explore the wine room (always 57 to 58 degrees) and dine casually near the street scene or more privately

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Ossobuco had depth of flavor in the incredibly tender veal shank braised in onions, tomatoes, carrots, celery and more.

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Spaghetti carbonara is a classic dish made with pancetta, eggs and Parmesan cheese.

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farther back (with white tablecloths).

On the whole, service was excellent. You get the idea that real people are behind this restaurant, and that they care. Sometimes plates were cleared a little too expeditiously, while tablemates were still eating.

A larger lapse occurred when our server listed specials but not prices and, foolishly, we didn't ask. So it was an unhappy surprise when two specials turned out to be much more expensive than other items in their categories. Lobster bisque, though delicious, cost \$14. The soup of the day and the minestrone were half that. And the beet salad was \$15. OK, you pay for lobster and perhaps for someone else to pry delicate pomegranate seeds from their nests, peel and cook beets and deal with the juicy messes of both.

The server clearly knew the menu, and steered two of us to share spaghetti carbonara (\$17) and ossobuco (\$27), both terrific and reasonably priced. Portions are generous. A person would have to be very hungry to down both a primo and a secondo in one sitting. Keep in mind that you really want to save room for dolce.

For the carbonara, noodles were cooked just enough to absorb flavors, and the supporting players were evenly spread so that in just about each mouthful you got a chew of pancetta with creamy sauce. Wisps of Parmigiano were sprinkled on top.

Ossobuco also had depth of flavor in the incredibly tender veal shank braised in onions, tomatoes, carrots, celery and more.

One of D'ignoti's hometown dishes is braciola alla messinese (\$22), rolled beef scallopini. He learned to cook from his grandmother.

"She never trusted the younger generation of women, so she taught me instead," he explained. The wine list is a joy, and

servers clearly enjoy sharing it. Each varietal list goes in order of price. There are lots of good choices, especially among the voluminous Italian whites, in the \$30-\$40 range. Then there is a small multi-hundred-to-\$1,800 range. With no half-bottles, there could be more selections by the glass. On the other hand, they have invested in a wine dispenser that protects the open bottles and precisely measures the pour.

A glass of Italian Barolo (\$20) may be worth the memory. Or, go local with a refreshing aperitif such as Jardesca, from Sonoma (\$12).

Desserts include chocolate mousse, chocolate cake, maybe an almond cake. Have the tiramisu (\$7). A deep glass of light cake plunged in mascarpone, coffee liqueur and rich chocolate, this tiramisu lives up to its translation: "Carry me up." You walk out happy. ▣

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MOVIE OPENINGS

Deep waters

"LEVIATHAN" IS A WHALE OF A PARABLE

★★★ 1/2 (Aquarius)

Andrei Zvyagintsev's "Leviathan" is a film of ideas. The title alone works on two levels, borrowed from Thomas Hobbes' 17th-century treatise of the same name that argues for sovereign rule to avoid an anarchist society, and at the same time alluding to a biblical sea monster churning the waters of Chaos. Although the most accessible of the director's four features, the drama sometimes waivers between pretension and profundity.

But this film of ideas took courage to make.

The narrative, co-written



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Director **Andrey Zvyagintsev's** moody political parable "Leviathan" is rich with metaphor.

by Oleg Negin who also collaborated with Zvyagintsev on "The Banishment" and "Elena," begins with a simple premise: Auto-repair shop owner Kolya (Aleksey Serebryakov) must fight to keep his home and land from being seized by the crooked mayor (Roman Madyanov) of a remote fishing village

near the Barents Sea in northern Russia. The tension escalates between the working-class citizen and iron-fisted government in this thinly veiled political parable criticizing Vladimir Putin's regime. Like the waves repeatedly crashing against the

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MOVIE TIMES

A la Mala (Not Rated) Century 16: 11:20 a.m., 4:35, 7:10 & 9:50 p.m., Fri & Sat 2 p.m. **Century 20:** Noon, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:20 p.m.

American Sniper (R) ★★
Century 20: 1:05, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.

Birdman (R) ★★★ Aquarius Theatre: 1:30 & 9:55 p.m. **Century 20:** 11:05 a.m., 4:45, 7:35 & 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:55 p.m.

The Birds (1963) (PG-13)
Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 3:20 p.m.

Bolshoi Ballet: Romeo and Juliet (Not Rated)
Century 16: Sun 12:55 p.m.
Century 20: Sun 12:55 p.m.

Chappie (R) Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 12:05, 1:35, 3:05, 4:35, 6:10, 7:35, 9:10 & 10:35 p.m.
Century 20: 12:05, 2:55, 5:50 & 8:45 p.m.

The DUFF (PG-13) ★★1/2
Century 16: 10:50 a.m., 1:25, 4:15, 7:15 & 10 p.m.
Century 20: 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

Fifty Shades of Grey (R) ★★
Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 & 10:25 p.m.
Century 20: 10:50 a.m., 1:50, 4:45, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m.

Focus (R)
Century 16: Noon, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.
Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 12:10, 1:45, 2:45, 4:25, 5:25, 7:05, 8:05, 9:40 & 10:45 p.m.

The Imitation Game (PG-13) ★★★
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Jupiter Ascending (PG-13) ★★
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Kingsman: The Secret Service (R) ★★1/2
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Leviathan (R) ★★★1/2
Aquarius Theatre: 12:30, 3:45, 7:05 & 10:10 p.m.

McFarland, USA (PG) ★★
Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m.
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Psycho (1960) (R)
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The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG) ★★1/2
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Still Alice (PG-13) ★★1/2
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Sunset Boulevard (1950) (Not Rated)
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Unfinished Business (R)
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What We Do in the Shadows (Not Rated) ★★1/2
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MOVIE OPENINGS

Check-in time

'EXOTIC MARIGOLD HOTEL' REOPENS FOR ROMANTIC OLD FOLKS

★★ 1/2 (Palo Alto Square, Century 20)

One wedding, one divorce, two fraught business deals and a still-impressive ensemble cast populate "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," a certified follow-up to 2011's "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel." When, in a pre-title sequence, Maggie Smith's Muriel Donnelly calls a cup of tea "tepid nonsense," it's fair to wonder if we're in for two hours of the same. Though the film won't be to everyone's taste, returning screenwriter Ol Parker and returning director John Madden keep a collective eye on the quality control, delivering an amiable sequel that will surely please fans of the first film.

All of the still-living characters from the first film return, played by the same actors, and the sequel proposes romantic complications for the couples while offering up some fresh romance for currently unattached "old" and new faces.

The opening shot is a surprise, placing Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel) and Muriel — co-managers of an Indian hotel "for the Elderly and Beautiful" — in an iconic American landscape. Their overseas jaunt sets up the investment consideration of an American hotel magnate (David Strathairn), who promises to send an undercover hotel inspector to check out the Jaipur estab-



Laurie Sparham/Fox Searchlight

Maggie Smith returns as dry-witted hotel manager Muriel Donnelly in "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel."

lishment and a potential second property. That promise serves as the spine for this mostly conventional light farce, with Sonny nearly unraveling while trying to please the presumed inspector

(Richard Gere's Guy Chambers) and not ruin, through inattention, his pending wedding to Sunaina (Tina Desai).

Eight months have passed since the events of the first film,

and Evelyn and Douglas (Judi Dench and Bill Nighy) have gotten off on the wrong feet in their relationship.

Though Gere's American twinkle makes for a slightly jarring addition to this essentially British comedy, "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" shows little strain in maintaining its cute factor, thanks to the drily winning personalities of the likes of Smith, Dench and Nighy, and the comic ebullience of Patel. For now, "Second Best" offers viewers one more chance to savor late-blooming romance, played out across long summer days and sultry Jaipur nights. As the film's carpe diem message goes, "There's no present like the time."

Rated PG for some language and suggestive comments. Two hours, 2 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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LEVIATHAN

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rocks, the volatile Kolya slams against a corrupt, powerful system bent on crushing any opposition.

Kolya and his former military buddy Dimitri (Vladimir Vdovichenkov), a hotshot Moscow lawyer, try to blackmail the mayor after exhausting attempts to work through the legal system. At the same time, tempers flare at home, where Kolya's unhappy second wife Lilya (Elena Lyadova) and his teenage son from his first marriage (Sergey Pokhodaev) complicate matters. Each character makes self-serving choices that develop the concept of Hobbes' social contract and raise moral questions.

The film's humor helps keep the portentousness in check, particularly as Kolya's losses mount and he begins to resemble a present-day Job tested by God.

The bones of a dead whale on the beach counterpoint the live whale roiling the waters while Lilya contemplatively watches. These leviathans, dead and alive, take on another form as a monstrous machine with a destructive claw threatens to demolish the home that Kolya has loved all his life.

When the priest quotes a passage from the Book of Job — "Can you pull in Leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope?" — Kolya swears at him for talking in riddles. For some viewers, the enigmatic, slow-paced film may elicit the same reaction. Others will revel in its depths.

Rated R for language and some sexuality/graphic nudity. Two hours, 20 minutes.

— Susan Tavernetti

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'H2O — Water' A Gallery 9 exhibit called "H2O — Water" of black and white photography by Bay Area artist Roy V. Harrington will include images capturing forms of water including clouds, lakes and streams, and ice. A reception will be held on March 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. March 2-29, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. www.gallery9losaltos.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Found Sounds with Herb Moore For this Mountain View Public Library event, Herb Moore will lead participants in experimenting with ordinary objects to create sound and music. March 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Simple Sewing: Zip-up pencil case This Simple Sewing event for sewers of all levels will instruct participants in how to put a zipper in a small pouch. Space is limited, and registration is required. March 9, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/5obeU9

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Kirtan and meditation sessions BookBuyers in Mountain View will host a session of meditation and Kirtan song each Saturday morning. All are welcome. Saturdays, March 7-May 2, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com/event/kirtan-meditation-3/

Peninsula Astronomical Society meeting At the next meeting of the Peninsula Astronomical Society, Dr. Sarah Kernasovskiy of Stanford University will give a free public talk on "Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization and Life at the South Pole." The observatory will be open after the meeting until 11 p.m., weather permitting. Attendees should park in lot 6. March 13, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, Room 5015, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.pastro.org/dnm/

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Adult story time with Grimm and Anderson This Mountain View Public Library story-time event for grown-ups will feature a librarian reading murder ballads and stories by the brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson. RSVP is optional. March 11, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/yomCQO

CSA Homeless Outreach Twice monthly a Community Services Agency social worker will come to the Mountain View Public Library to offer assistance to low-income and homeless individuals, including information and referrals to community resources. Second and fourth Tuesday of the month, year-round, 9-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Library tours The Mountain View Public Library will offer two tours: one in the 2nd floor training center at 1 p.m. sharing its e-book collection; and the other at 1:30 p.m. acquainting attendees with the physical collections and library operations. March 12, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

linkAges TimeBank orientation This event will introduce community members to linkAges TimeBank, a neighborhood service-exchange network that enables people to share interests and skills and help one another. March 10, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-934-3556. timebank.linkages.org/component/dtregister/

Mountain View Arbor Day festival The City of Mountain View will hold its annual Arbor Day celebration at Pioneer Park, where there will be a book reading for children at the library;

arts and crafts activities; info booths staffed by public agencies and local environmental groups, including UC Master Gardeners; a tree planting ceremony with the mayor; a tree walk; and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. March 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/depts/cs/parks/arbor_day.asp

Summer Camp Fair This fair will provide information for families on the summer programs offered by Mountain View's Recreation Division. Camp and aquatic staff will be on hand to answer questions. March 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/register

CONCERTS

'Chamber Music a la Mode' The San Francisco Bay chapter of the National Association of Composers will present a concert of new music, with chamber works by Anne Baldwin, Greg Bartholomew, John Bilotta, Sondra Clark, Nancy Bloomer Deussen, Ben Hippen and Karl Schmidt. March 7, 8-9:30 p.m. \$17 general; \$12 student, senior. Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos. Call 408-768-1941. www.nacuasf.org

'Musique de Joie' At this family concert, pianists Klara Frei and Temirzhan Yerzanov will perform George Bizet's "Jeux d'enfants" (Children's Games), as well as lively music by Shostakovich and Lutoslawski. March 8, 2-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/concerts.htm

Pianist Alexander Ghindin Steinway Society The Bay Area, a nonprofit organization supporting piano performance and music education in the Bay Area, will continue its 20th Annual Piano Series with a concert by Russian-born pianist Alexander Ghindin. March 14, 7:30 p.m. \$40-\$60. Foothill College, Smithwick Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. www.steinwaysociety.com

ENVIRONMENT

A Spring Tree Walk In conjunction with Mountain View's Arbor Day festivities, arborists will lead an educational walk through the awakening trees of Pioneer Park. The event will be held rain or shine, and all ages are welcome. Pets should be kept on leash. Registration is appreciated but not required. March 14, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library and Pioneer Park, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. goo.gl/qSrcXc

EXHIBITS

'Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller' The Krause Center for Innovation at Foothill College will host an exhibit called "Raúl Cañibano: Storyteller," which shares images by the Havana-based photographer that capture Cuba, its people and their struggles in the post-revolution era. Jan. 21-March 11, center hours. Free. Krause Center for Innovation, KCI Gallery, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7082. raulcanibano.wordpress.com

'Watercolors' by Maria Klawe The Community School for Music and the Arts will host an exhibit of watercolor paintings by Maria Klawe — a mathematician, computer scientist and president of Harvey Mudd College. Feb. 6-March 29, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

FAMILY AND KIDS

African Folk Tale and Poetry Slam Elementary school teacher Ellen Clark will lead an event with African folk tales and poetry to raise awareness for the 16th annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair on March 22. March 7, 1-2 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Chen and Goodman on 'Mei-Mei's Lucky Birthday Noodles' Author Shan-Shan Chen and illustrator Heidi Goodman will come to Linden Tree Books to share and sign their book "Mei-Mei's Lucky Birthday Noodles." The event, which includes a story time and craft, is best suited for children ages 3 to 7. Those interested should call to RSVP. March 14, 1-2 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Family Day/Young Minds at the Museum This Los Altos History Museum event will include hands-on learning about motion, living organisms and gravity; a visit from the Tech Museum's Social Robot; info on the history, technology and use of drones at 1 and 2:30 p.m.; and "Advice for Young Entrepreneurs" from 10-year-old Jamie Kurtzig and CEO Sandra Kurtzig at 3 p.m. March 14, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.losaltoshistory.org/lure_legends

Zimbabwe Run Poetry Slam Ellen Clark of The Sustainable Living Foundation will hold a child-friendly poetry slam entitled "Old Tagama had a farm" with her African animal mascots. The event will help to promote the 16th annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair on March 22, which seeks to inspire kids to stay fit, create art and help others. March 11, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Know Knew Books, 366 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-941-9206. www.zimbabweparaguay.net

FILM

Girls Innovate! movie night: 'Big Dream' Girls Innovate! invites girls from the community to attend a screening of "Big Dream," a 90-minute documentary about seven young women's journeys in following their passion for science, math, computing and engineering. A girl-led discussion will follow. Pizza will be on hand. March 7, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 617-755-3848. www.girlsinnovate.org/event/bigdream/

ON STAGE

'The Emerald Isle' In time for St. Patrick's Day, Free Range Opera will give two charity performances of composer Sir Arthur Sullivan's operetta "The Emerald Isle," a tale in which Irish townspeople rebel against English efforts to re-educate them. March 14, 8 p.m.; March 15, 2 p.m. \$25. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 415-385-4806. www.freerangeopera.com

'The Lake Effect' TheatreWorks will put on a production of "The Lake Effect," a new drama written by Rajiv Joseph and directed by Giovanna Sardelli in which the grown-up children of an Indian restaurant owner consider the legacy of the now-closed family business. See website for specific times and dates. March 4-29. \$19-\$74. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. www.theatreworks.org

Pear Slices 2015 The Pear Avenue Theatre will offer its annual Pear Slices production, which showcases an eclectic variety of original short plays written by members of the Pear Playwrights Guild. March 12-April 5, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$25/\$20 Thursday, Sunday; \$30/\$25 Friday, Saturday; \$10 preview. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org/slices15.html

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Reiki 1 class This course will teach the art of Reiki, which aims to reduce stress and enhance health and happiness through a gentle touch. March 7, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$200. Los Altos Reiki Center, 745 Distel Drive, #121, Los Altos. Call 650-862-2425. www.losaltosreiki.com

SENIORS

Nutrition label workshop This workshop at the Mountain View Senior Center will educate participants on how to read nutrition labels and then use the information to make healthy choices. March 10, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

Violin for Vitality music therapy During four events at the Mountain View Senior Center, high school senior Steven Cui will play an evening of violin and offer his thoughts on the role of music in each individual's health. Wednesdays, March 11-April 1, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

SPORTS

Mountain View Tennis Club membership special Mountain View Tennis Club is offering discounted membership rates until the end of March. Mountain View residents new to the club can sign up for a 2015 membership for \$10. City residents renewing their membership can get a rate of \$20, as well as add a new adult family member for free. All applicants must fill out a membership form online. Through March 31. \$10 new member; \$20 renewing member. Mountain View Tennis Club, P.O. Box 336, Mountain View. Call 408-221-2659. www.mvctc.net

LECTURES & TALKS

'Astronomy for Everyone' with Kevin Manning Astronomer Kevin Manning will share his excitement about astronomy in this talk covering the scale of the universe, the stars and other celestial features. The event will include hands-on activities and assorted visuals. March 10, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scd.org

'The Path to Publication' with author Shelly King Shelly King, author of "The Moment of Everything," will give a talk at BookBuyers called "The Path to Publication: Advice on Releasing Your Writing to the World." March 10, 7:30 p.m. Free. BookBuyers, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-968-7323. bookbuyers.com/event/shelly-king/

Assemblyman Rich Gordon on sea level rise The Peninsula Democratic Coalition will hold at lunch featuring Assemblyman Rich Gordon, who will speak and answer questions about sea level rise due to climate change. Those interested must register and prepay online by March 11. March 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 member; \$30 nonmember. Don Giovanni's, 235 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-941-8190. www.peninsulademocrats.com

Heifer International CEO at Hidden Villa Pierre Ferrari, CEO of Heifer International, will speak about the role of women in helping families around the globe become more self-reliant, as well as the nonprofit's work and how community members can contribute. March 14, 4-6 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-9702. www.hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events/day#2015-03-14

Marc Dollinger on California Jews In the next installment of his lecture series "Is it Good for the Jews?," Marc Dollinger will take a provocative look at California Jewish history. A book signing will follow the talk. March 10, 8-9 p.m. \$15 at the door. Oshman Family JCC, Room E104, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. paloaltojcc.org/Adults/Lectures-Dialogues

POST Lecture Series: Dan Barber The Peninsula Open Space Trust lecture series will continue with a talk by Dan Barber, the chef of Blue Hill and director of a nonprofit farm and education center. He tackled issues of food and agricultural policy in his recently published book "The Third Plate." March 9, 8-10 p.m. \$22. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-854-7696. openspacetrust.org

Sci-fi panel: Matt Richtel, Andy Weir and Mira Grant In celebration of the release of Matt Richtel's book "The Doomsday Equation," Books Inc. will hold a panel discussion about science fiction and the creative process with Richtel, Andy Weir and Mira Grant (Seanan McGuire). March 12, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. www.booksinc.net/event/matt-richtel-andy-weir-and-mira-grant-conversation-books-inc-mountain-view

VTA officials on Bus Rapid Transit proposals For this month's Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum, Public Communication Specialist Ethan Winston and Planner Steven Fisher from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority will describe the project alternatives for the El Camino Real Bus Rapid Transit project and outline the decision process going forward. March 10, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. tlan.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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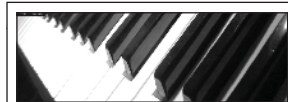
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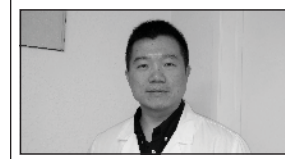
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 600731

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
LinkFix Global, located at 599 Fairchild
Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: An
Individual.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ABEBE GELLAW
1900 California St., Apt. 12
Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant/Owner has not yet begun
to transact business under the fictitious
business name(s) listed above.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on January 28, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2015)

MCLOUGHLIN CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601009

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
McLoughlin Construction, located at
1131 Judson Drive, Mountain View, CA
94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An
Individual.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
DAVID MCLOUGHLIN
1131 Judson Drive
Mountain View, CA 94040

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

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 4, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

AQUA BLUE SWIMMING POOLS
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601541

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Aqua Blue Swimming Pools
Construction, located at 905 N. 8th.
Street, San Jose, CA 95112, Santa Clara
County.

This business is owned by: A
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
AQUA BLUE SWIMMING POOLS
CONSTRUCTION INC.
905 North 8th. St.
San Jose, CA 95112

Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 5/2007.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 18, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

EASY FOODS COMPANY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601237

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Easy Foods Company, located at 299
Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041,
Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: Married
Couple.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
SIU NIN WONG
160 Holly Ct.
Mountain View, CA 94043

WEI LAN WONG
160 Holly Ct.
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 04/24/2000.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 10, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

MISH MOSH MEDLEY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601538

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Mish Mosh Medley, located at 1208
Phillips Ct., Santa Clara, CA 95051, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited
Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
KHINE-HEARTED, LLC
1208 Phillips Ct.
Santa Clara, CA 95051

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

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 18, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

AUTHENTIC MOVEMENT COACHING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601585

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Authentic Movement Coaching, located
at 2044 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain
View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An
Individual.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
ROSE CALUCCHIA
752 Nobel Drive, Unit A
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Registrant/Owner began transacting
business under the fictitious business
name(s) listed above on 12/1/14.

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 19, 2015.
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2015)

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THE SILICON VALLEY BARBERSHOP
CHORUS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 601639

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
The Peninsulaires, 2.) Silicon Valley
Barbershop Chorus, 3.) The Silicon Valley
Barbershop Chorus, located at 19021
Portos Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: A
Corporation.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
PALO ALTO MOUNTAIN VIEW CHAPTER
SPEBSQSA INC.
19021 Portos Drive
Saratoga, CA 95070

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

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on February 20, 2015.
(MVV Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015)

SKYLIT SIGNS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 602151

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as:
Skylit Signs, located at 933 Neptune Ct.
Apt. C, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa
Clara County.

This business is owned by: An
Individual.

The name and residence address of the
owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
DESEAN G. CASTANEDA
933 Neptune Ct. Apt. C
Mountain View, CA 94043

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

This statement was filed with the
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
County on March 2, 2015.
(MVV Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF:
JUNE J. WELSH

Case No.: 115PR175712
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-
tingent creditors, and persons who may
otherwise be interested in the will or
estate, or both, of JUNE J. WELSH.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that:
KIM HAJAISTRON be appointed as per-
sonal representative to administer the
estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held
in this court as follows: March 16, 2015
at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 10 of the Superior
Court of California, County of Santa
Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San
Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the peti-
tion, you should appear at the hearing
and state your objections or file written
objections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may be in
person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent
creditor of the decedent, you must file
your claim with the court and mail a
copy to the personal representative
appointed by the court within the later
of either (1) four months from the date
of first issuance of letters to a general
personal representative, as defined in
section 58 (b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of
mailing or personal delivery to you of
a notice under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may affect
your rights as a creditor. You may want
to consult with an attorney knowledge-
able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in
the estate, you may file with the court
a Request for Special Notice (form
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory
and appraisal of estate assets or of
any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request
for Special Notice form is available from
the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Sean R. Kenney
Myers Urbatsch PC.
625 Market Street, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415)896-1500
(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
ESTATE OF: ROBERT LEE FOSS aka
ROBERT L. FOSS

Case No.: 1-15-PR 176052
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-
tingent creditors, and persons who may
otherwise be interested in the will or
estate, or both, of ROBERT LEE FOSS aka
ROBERT L. FOSS.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:
BERTHA BERNICE FOSS in the Superior

Court of California, County of SANTA
CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that:
BERTHA BERNICE FOSS be appointed as
personal representative to administer
the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's
will and codicils, if any, be admitted to
probate. The will and any codicils are
available for examination in the file kept
by the court. Ancillary Administration
A HEARING on the petition will be held
in this court as follows: April 20, 2015
at 9:30 a.m. in Dept.: 10 of the Superior
Court of California, County of Santa
Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San
Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the peti-
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and state your objections or file written
objections with the court before the
hearing. Your appearance may be in
person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent
creditor of the decedent, you must file
your claim with the court and mail a
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appointed by the court within the later
of either (1) four months from the date
of first issuance of letters to a general
personal representative, as defined in
section 58 (b) of the California Probate
Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of
mailing or personal delivery to you of
a notice under section 9052 of the
California Probate Code. Other California
statutes and legal authority may affect
your rights as a creditor.

You may want to consult with an attor-
ney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the
court. If you are a person interested in
the estate, you may file with the court
a Request for Special Notice (form
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory
and appraisal of estate assets or of
any petition or account as provided in
Probate Code section 1250. A Request
for Special Notice form is available from
the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
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(MVV Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2015)



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Rental scam red flags

Edited by Anky Van Duersen

Q My boyfriend and I have been saving up to move into a place of our own, but we are having difficulty contacting our new landlord. We found an apartment listed on Craigslist and sent an email indicating our interest. The landlord responded by telephone and told us that, although he was out of town on business, we were free to stop by and take a look at the apartment. We drove by, decided we loved the place, and called him to let him know we wanted to be his tenants. His attorney sent us a one-year lease agreement. We signed the lease and paid him first and last month's rent, using an online cash card because the landlord was out of town and he had indicated that an immediate move-in required prompt payment.



Now we are receiving calls from the landlord's attorney saying that we must send additional money as a security deposit before

they will transfer the keys to us. Should we send the deposit even though we don't think the lease requires it? My friend says this might be a rental scam, but the phone calls are coming from a local area code and the landlord is listed as a community college professor on the Internet. How should we proceed?

A You are right to be concerned about a possible rental scam. You should take several immediate steps to investigate. You can search for this supposed attorney in the

State Bar of California database. If you can locate the name, you should call the attorney at his or her office and demand that the keys be transferred immediately. If a security deposit is not a part of the signed lease agreement then you would be under no obligation to provide a security deposit. And you should demand that the deposit request be withdrawn. Any reputable attorney would respond to these concerns.

However, if you find that no such name exists in the bar association database then it is time to begin thinking that someone is committing fraud at your expense. There are several red flags in your narrative. First, while Craigslist is a widely accepted place to find rental units, it is also a common mechanism for rent scammers. You should always, without exception, meet your prospective landlord or their agent in person. A landlord who is eager to rent a property can certainly make time to meet prospective tenants.

Second, you mentioned that you drove by and loved the property but also that keys were never made available. It is common for scammers to advertise vacant properties and suggest that people drive by to take a look. You should not rent a property without the landlord or agent first granting you access to the interior, which allows you to examine whether the property is suitable and whether the person offering to rent actually has access to the rental unit. Third, paying online without ever having met the landlord or ever having been allowed entry to the rental is strongly indicative of a rental scam. There are other payment methods that protect against fraud to different extents.

Finally, the fact that you received a phone call from your local area code does not mean that the call is not actually originating from overseas. Professional fraudsters are adept at using Internet phone protocols to disguise their origin in ways that make them appear to be

local residents. The same is true of an apparently legitimate identity. Scammers might use the name of people who are deceased or whom they know cannot be immediately contacted because they are traveling or otherwise unavailable. Every sentence of your question smacks of a rental scam and you would be well advised not to pay the requested security deposit and to contact your local law enforcement agency or the district attorney's office for guidance and assistance. For more information, contact Project Sentinel or your local Fair Housing agency.

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Mountain View	13	20	\$729,000	\$2,198,000
Los Altos	17	16	\$1,698,000	\$4,998,000
Los Altos Hills	11	8	\$1,985,000	\$15,000,000
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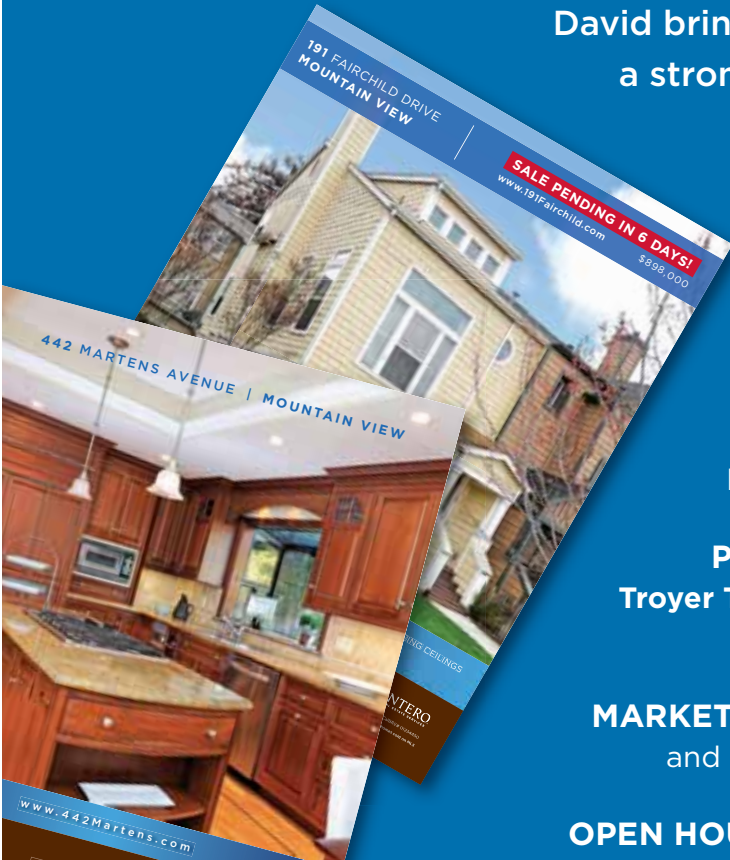
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\$1,850,000	\$1,801,000	58
\$1,595,000	\$1,800,000	7
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\$1,425,000	\$1,700,000	9
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- Extensively renovated with classic designer style in 2008
- One level with 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms
- Approximately 2,700* square feet of living space
- Hardwood floors in the main living areas and master suite
- Elevated ceilings and numerous skylights
- Attached and finished 2-car garage with abundant cabinetry, ideal for bonus room
- Beautifully landscaped with pool, spa, lawn area, majestic trees and lush plants and flowers
- Spacious cul-de-sac lot size with approximately 11,400* square feet
- Prestigious neighborhood around the corner from Oak Elementary and Mountain View high, minutes to El Camino YMCA/Hospital, numerous parks, Highway 85 and other commuter routes for easy access to all of Silicon Valley
- Top-rated Los Altos schools: Oak Avenue Elementary, Blach Junior High, and Mountain View High (buyer to verify enrollment availability)

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Elegant Mediterranean

Superbly crafted in 2006 with the utmost attention to design detail, and using the highest quality materials, this home spans over 5,071* sq ft. It features high ceilings, expansive arched windows and beautiful millwork. Stroll to Village of Los Altos

- 5 en suite bedrooms, 5 bathrooms and a powder room
- 16,552* square foot lot
- Chef's kitchen and great room
- Second family room, theatre, and wine cellar
- 3-car attached garage with electric car charger
- Beautiful grounds with outdoor living area and fireplace
- Top-rated Los Altos Schools

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