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City approves 600 new homes for South Whisman

SUBDIVISION WITH ROW HOUSES AND APARTMENTS IS LARGEST HOUSING PROJECT IN RECENT MEMORY

By Mark Noack

In what would essentially create a new neighborhood in the South Whisman area, Mountain View leaders on Tuesday night approved a 600-home subdivision that is the city's largest residential development in recent memory.

The plans, which involve

two development firms and five landowners, are focused on a 38-acre swath of land off Ferguson Drive near Highway 237. One of the applicants, the Atlanta-based Pulte Homes, pitched building just under 200 for-sale row houses as well as a new 2.75-acre public park along the western portion of the property. Meanwhile a second firm, EFL

Development, proposed constructing nearly 400 stacked rental apartments as well as about 3,000-square feet in commercial space along the eastern side of the property.

The council approved the project in a 6-1 vote with Councilman John Inks dissenting.

The scope of the project was nothing new for city officials, some of whom recalled reviewing past iterations of the plan nearly a decade ago. Since that time, the project took a hit in the recession and struggled to move forward.

The area is currently occupied by a series of old industrial buildings that would be

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Trustee resigns from board to head recall campaign for MV Whisman school board member

CHRIS CHIANG SAYS HE CAN NO LONGER SERVE WITH CONTROVERSIAL BOARD MEMBER STEVE NELSON

By Kevin Forestieri

School board president Chris Chiang announced Friday night that he will step down from his post with the Mountain View Whisman School District over what he called insults, harassment and bullying by

trustee Steve Nelson toward district staff, parents and community members. On Monday, he said resigning will allow him to head the recall campaign to replace Nelson.

In a June 12 email to the school board, Chiang stated that after the June 11 meeting he could

no longer serve on the board "in good conscience" while a fellow board member "insults and bullies fellow board members, staff, teachers and families." His resignation will be effective June 22, but he said he will not attend

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School board postpones Whisman school decision

By Kevin Forestieri

Residents urging the Mountain View Whisman School District to open a new school in the Slater and Whisman neighborhood area retain a glimmer of hope after the school board decided to postpone a vote on school boundaries that could have killed the chances for opening a new school.

The district's Boundary Advisory Task Force, formed to advise the district on balancing enrollment at schools, recommended that the district not open a ninth elementary school, citing a lack of student enrollment that would strain operational costs and compromise the academic programs at neighboring schools.

A decision to accept the recommendation at the board meeting on Thursday, June 11, would have precluded, at least in the short term, building a school in the northeast quadrant of the city. About 700 students currently live in the area and are without a nearby public school.

After hearing an avalanche of opposition by residents in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area, the board decided to punt the decision until later this year.

"We are very happy with the decision," said Tamara Wilson, one of the parents who led the charge to keep the new school option alive.

Board president Chris Chiang said he changed his opinion on the task force recommendations after hearing from the community, and said that there were a number of flaws in the process that troubled him. Chiang said it was wrong for the board to assign the task force restrictions that constrained the number of options for opening a new school.

"We made these walls that did a disservice to that committee," Chiang said.

Among some of the restrictions was that no existing school could be closed or moved. Trustee Greg Coladonato, who consistently had said the task force should have everything on the table, agreed that the process should have been less "artificially restrained."

"I don't think that's a good way to think about this situation at all," he said.

Decisions put off until the fall include whether to move the boundaries in the Whisman area and switching residents in the

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VOICE FILE PHOTO

Board president Chris Chiang announced that he would be stepping down to head a recall campaign against trustee Steve Nelson.

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AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Shannon Chai.

What would you change about your school's homework policy?



"A lot of my classes gave me a lot of busy work that I feel like didn't help me learn anything. So if they gave us fewer assignments like that, that would be nice."

Andrea Lowitz, Redwood City



"I'd like to see homework assignments catered to the individual. Everybody is different. You cannot just force everybody to do the same kind of work."

Divya Ranjan, Mountain View



"Teachers should be aware of our other classes. They should talk to other teachers to make sure students' workloads are manageable."

Jessie Martinez, Mountain View



"I think schools should include more innovative projects that are relevant in real life. There should be less problem sets and more assignments that involve going out in the world and applying the skill that you learned."

Matt Kurata, Los Angeles



"Maybe teachers should meet, so they know when they're each assigning big projects. Then they could move due dates around so we don't get too many assignments at once."

Andrea Rodriguez, Mountain View

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

PEDESTRIAN HIT-AND-RUN

Police are searching for the driver of a white sedan that struck a pedestrian in downtown Mountain View last week.

The pedestrian was walking westbound in the crosswalk on El Camino Real at the Castro Street intersection on Thursday, June 11, some time between 3:15 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. when the driver made a right turn onto Castro Street and hit the pedestrian, according to police. The driver of the vehicle did not stop and was last seen heading south on Castro street, police said.

The victim suffered minor injuries, including abrasions to the foot and hand, police said.

The vehicle is described as a white, four-door sedan, and the driver is described as an Asian female between 40 and 50 years old with long dark hair. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has any information on the incident is asked to contact traffic officer Dan Garcia at 650-903-6344, extension 6763, and refer to case number 15-3205.

ATTEMPTED THEFT AT GOOGLE

A 20-year-old Mountain View man was arrested on Saturday after he allegedly attempted to make his way into a Google building in order to steal a bicycle.

At around 4:45 p.m. on June 13, Google security spotted Israel Jara and a woman, later identified as 25-year-old Elizabeth Youmans of

Mountain View, attempting to use a fake Google badge enter a building on the 1000 block of Joaquin Road. Police detained both suspects, and Jara eventually admitted that he tried to get into the building to steal a bicycle, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

Jara was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of attempted burglary. Youmans admitted to being in the area with Jara and loitering on the property, Jaeger said, and she was issued a citation for prowling and released at the scene.

FRAUD SUSPECTS SOUGHT

Police are searching for two suspects who stole a wallet from a shopping cart and went on a spending spree totaling \$10,000 in fraudulent charges earlier this month.

The suspects allegedly took the wallet from a cart at the Bed, Bath and Beyond in Mountain View on Monday, June 1, and used it to purchase items from the Target on Showers drive, according to Sgt. Saul Jaeger of the Mountain View Police Department.

One suspect is described as a Hispanic man in his 20s, 5-foot-7-inches tall and weighing 180 pounds. He was wearing a black and white baseball cap, and a black shirt and pants. The other suspect is described as a Hispanic woman between 20 and 30 years old, 5-foot-4-inches tall

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Maddie Manzagol twirls her flag during the new Spartans color guard camp at Mountain View High School on Tuesday, June 16. It's one of the camps, which range from water polo to whiffle ball, offered this summer by the high school's athletics department to raise funds for coaches' salaries. It also gives student athletes a chance to pass on their skills. Serving as camp counselors allows them to gain perspective, according to Associate Director Richard Appler.

City moves ahead with Rengstorff center upgrades

NEIGHBORS DECRY IMPACT OF PROJECT ON PARKING, NOISE

By Mark Noack

A \$17 million face-lift for the community center at Rengstorff Park is moving full-steam ahead, but the project seems to have run into new opposition from the residents living right next door.

On Tuesday, Mountain View city leaders signed off on a design review of the plans, but their approval came amid complaints from several residents

from the nearby Parkview West condominiums. Those neighbors expressed frustration at the current noise, traffic and parking demand coming from the community center, and said they saw little reason to believe the city's bid to expand the building would remedy these problems.

"Building something of this size in a residential area is preposterous," said Parkview West resident Karl Blum. "This is time, space and money ill-spent,

I think."

Explaining they were receptive to residents' concerns, council members nevertheless touted the merits of the community center upgrades. The building, originally constructed in 1964, is showing its age and accruing its share of plumbing and accessibility problems. The new plans call for a total of about 6,800 square feet to be added to the center, which

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Stevenson PACT principal resigns

TYLER GRAFF TO HEAD ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO

By Kevin Forestieri

In a decision that appears to have caught some by surprise, Stevenson PACT's principal, Tyler Graff, announced last week that he would be stepping down for the opportunity to head an alternative school in San Francisco.

Graff, who has led PACT for the last three years, said the decision to resign was not something that he had been planning for. He

said he recently met with administrators with San Francisco Unified School District and they offered him a leadership position with the Claire Lilienthal alternative school.

"I didn't formally apply for any positions, it kind of fell in my lap and it was a good fit for me," Graff said.

At the June 11 school board meeting, board president Chris Chiang suggested that dysfunction on the school board and

bullying from board member Steve Nelson pushed out high-quality school administrators, including Graff. Graff did not indicate to the Voice that Nelson's actions affected his decision to leave.

Graff said he was lucky to be hired by former Superintendent Craig Goldman and the district's hiring panel right out of graduate school, and that he was fortunate

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Upgrades on the way for some MV Whisman schools

BOARD GIVES THE OK TO START BUILDING DESIGNS FOR FOUR SCHOOLS, OTHERS MUST WAIT

By Kevin Forestieri

Old, leaky building riddled with dry rot soon will be a thing of the past for elementary schools like Monta Loma. The Mountain View Whisman School District approved building plans last week that will bring many of its elementary schools up to a "common standard," including spacious libraries and multi-purpose rooms.

But questions still remain on what to do with Stevenson and Theuerkauf Elementary, which share a site with limited space, and whether the \$43 million earmarked for upgrades to Castro Elementary could use a little trimming.

Members of the District Facilities Committee spent the last six months figuring out how to spend the remaining \$100 million in Measure G bond money on new school facilities and renovated classrooms, and developed a base facility standard that keeps all the schools within the budget and fairly similar to one another.

"There is a principle of equality here," said committee member Patrick Neschleba. "You're not going to have one school that has a better multi-use room than another. You're not going to have another school that has a better library than another."

The facilities standards call for new, 3,000-square-foot libraries and administration buildings at each school, as well as multipurpose rooms big enough to house the school's entire student population at the same time. The standards also call for modernization of existing classrooms and any new classrooms needed to bump schools up to a total of 18 classrooms.

Board members voted 4-1 for the plans, with board member Greg Coladonato dissenting. Coladonato said he wanted to see more trade-offs and more

options that would bring the total cost of the projects both over and under the \$100 million budget. His concern, he said, is that construction costs will go over-budget and there won't be enough money left for the schools scheduled to get upgrades last.

But picking and choosing from the list may cause some problems, according to Todd Lee, construction project manager for Greystone West. Lee

The district loses about \$220,000 in 'opportunity costs' every week that it waits.

PATRICK NESCHLEBA, DISTRICT FACILITIES COMMITTEE

said Bubb, Huff and Landels Elementary all have libraries and multi-use rooms with serious seismic issues that need to be addressed, and called the current facilities "dysfunctional" and in need of an upgrade.

"You're talking about leaving libraries at those three sites at a 2,400-square-foot portable," he said. "You're leaving your multi-use room with horribly undersized kitchens."

If multi-use rooms or libraries are cut from the project list, Lee said it would also lead to disparities across the district and substandard facilities at some schools that could mean the difference between a 5,000-square-foot library and a portable that's half the size.

Lee said there will be some places to make cuts later on, but the savings won't be enough to open a school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area.

"I promise you I will come back to you with some options to cut costs," Lee said. "I do not believe you're going to find enough options to cut costs out of this to be able to afford your ninth campus."

The board agreed to have construction start at Monta Loma Elementary first, which has the highest maintenance costs of any school in the district. Monta Loma missed out on some improvements during

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is now 21,800 square feet. That expansion includes building out a “social hall” with a kitchen and seating for around 250 people, making it a suitable venue for wedding receptions or other large events. Under the plan, there would be six multipurpose rooms and a new administration area.

Councilman Lenny Siegel pointed out that some of the noise from events at the center would be dampened due to how the building upgrades would rearrange the space.

“I’m sympathetic to the noise, but in doing this building I think we’re helping with that,” he said. “This would add new life to an old building.”

The project would also add a bit more parking — about 20 more spaces — as well as new drop-off points for passengers to exit vehicles. The lot now has just under 100 spaces.

At a meeting in March, the council made its major decision on the overall concept of the new facility. On Tuesday, the city leaders’ task was much easier: pick an exterior design and review the plans for the

‘This would add new life to an old building.’

COUNCILMAN LENNY SIEGEL

construction.

In prior meetings, the city’s committees disagreed on what the building should look like. The city’s Development Review Committee backed a design focused on stone columns with horizontal wooden cladding. The Parks and Recreation Commission favored a different plan with metal and wood cladding and a sloped roof. Splitting the difference, the council took an architect’s idea to meld the two designs. It was purely an aesthetic choice with no discernible cost savings, staff explained.

The project remains a long way off. City staff members said they expect to complete the design by next summer, with construction to start in early 2017. Completing the upgrades is expected to take 18 to 24 months. ▣

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and 130 pounds, wearing a black and gray baseball hat, a tie-dye shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone who has any information on the incident or sus-

pects is asked to call 650-903-6362 and refer to case number 15-2976.

POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING MAN

Police are seeking the public’s help in finding a missing Sunnyvale man who works in Mountain View, and was last seen on Tuesday, June 9.

Mountain View police say Odon Fajotina is described by family members as “extremely reliable,” which makes his absence unusual and places him at risk. He last spoke to a family member on Thursday, June 11, at around 9 p.m., police said.

Fajotina is described as a 5-feet-6-inches tall, 160 pounds with black hair and eyes, and tattoos on his right arm, according to police. While his home is in Sunnyvale, he works at a location on the 600 block of Showers Drive, police said.

The man’s vehicle is described as a 2002 Pontiac Sunfire with license plate 5FXW771, with “distinctive racing stripes” on the sides and on the hood.

Anyone who has seen Fajotina or his vehicle, or knows of his whereabouts is asked to call 650-903-6395 and refer to case number 15-3289.

—Kevin Forestieri

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the district's last bond measure because bond funds ran out, and the aging facilities dating back to the 1950s have dry rot and issues related to drainage and leakage problems.

The committee made a number of cuts and slimmed down the project list to stay in the budget, including ditching solar panels, flexible classroom walls and extra outdoor study areas for the schools.

Special ed classrooms added

While previous recommendations from the committee said there was no room in the budget for permanent special education classrooms at all of the sites, Neschleba said district staff revisited the plans and found that a portion of the 4,000 square feet designated for "multi-use space" can be set aside to construct additional classrooms at a no extra cost.

At the May 21 board meeting, some board members voiced concerns that the committee's recommendations included upgrades to the elementary school kitchens but left out the special education classrooms. Parents complained that students in special education

are routinely transferred from school to school when enrollment numbers rise at a campus and space gets tight, causing stress and trauma to their children.

Board president Chris Chiang said he had trouble approving \$2.5 million for new kitchens when special education classrooms are left out of the budget.

Both are now included in the final recommendations, but Neschleba defended the decision to include the "full-prep" kitchens in the plans at the June 11 meeting. He said the district stands to reduce its operating costs by enticing more kids with food prepared on-site, rather than having it shipped in from the central kitchen at Crittenden Middle School, and it would help to reduce the stigma associated with school food.

"There are schools in our district where getting school lunch is a sign that you're socio-economically disadvantaged," Neschleba said. "Getting more kids to participate in the lunch program because they want to is going to reduce that stigma."

Decision held off for Theuerkauf and Stevenson

Absent from the recommendations at the board meeting were any specific plans on what to do

with Theuerkauf Elementary and the Stevenson PACT program, which share a site next to the district office.

The District Facilities Committee left money in the budget for both schools, but scrapped its earlier recommendation to have the campuses share a new multi-use room and library. Instead, the committee recommended that the board continue to study ways the two schools can share the 17-acre site. And while the district prepares to draft designs for Monta Loma, Huff, Bubb and Landels, PACT parents and teachers voiced frustration that upgrades to their parent-participation school have been put off.

Jennifer Pierson, a PACT parent, told the board she wanted the renovations for Stevenson PACT sooner rather than later, and that the inadequate, small portables on the campus continue to hinder the students' ability to learn. Pierson said when the school invites an author to speak to kids as part of Project Cornerstone, only two grade levels can see the presentation at a time because of the space constraints of the 1,600-square-foot multi-use room. She said the library is only 960 square feet, meaning only 20 to 25 kids can be inside at a time.

"Our teachers and families work very hard to make sure our facilities situation is not detrimental to our students' learning, and inevitably it is," Pierson said.

PACT teacher Terri Hygate urged the board to move Stevenson to the head of the pack for facilities improvements. She said the school continues to operate out of the worst facilities in the district despite a promise from the district that the current facilities are temporary and would be replaced with bigger, permanent buildings.

Hygate explained that her cramped, 700-square-foot kindergarten classroom housed 28 children last year, and while the school's other kindergarten classroom is slightly larger, they had a student in a wheelchair.

"To make that facility ADA compliant our other kindergarten teacher had to remove every single chair from that classroom so the children had to work the whole year standing up," Hygate said.

Coladonato said he has been against approving any capital plan that leaves out schools for months, and that his biggest fear is that the school district is going to run out of money. He said that extends to the board's decision last year to commit \$58

million to the middle schools without considering what trade-offs would need to be made for the elementary schools.

The committee recommended against delaying a decision to go forward with plans for Monta Loma, Bubb, Huff and Landels, emphasizing that the district has already lost millions in "opportunity costs" by delaying construction projects. Neschleba said the district loses about \$220,000 every week that it waits, and encouraged board members to keep that in mind as they make decisions on how to move forward.

While district staff still need to figure out what to do with Stevenson PACT and Theuerkauf, and schematic designs for Castro Elementary have yet to go through a careful vetting process outside of the Castro Site Planning Committee, Neschleba encouraged the board to get moving on the uncontroversial projects at Monta Loma, Bubb, Huff and Landels as soon as possible.

"There's 2,150 students in those schools today," Neschleba said. "We don't think they should be waiting while the district figures out what to do with the rest of the schools." ▀

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torn down for the new residences. However, representatives from Cisco Systems — one of the partners participating in the development — explained they had every intention to continue to operate one of the company's major data centers next door to the new homes, creating what one councilman dubbed an industrial "island" in the middle of the new neighborhood. Cisco representatives gave assurances their data center wouldn't cause noise or other disruptions.

City leaders have already given tentative approvals for the new residences. Council members established a precise plan for the neighborhood back in 2009, laying out a vision for a pedestrian neighborhood within walking distance of the light-rail station. Since then, the council as well as the city's Development Review Committee members have scrutinized the developers' proposals in a series of study sessions.

In a sense, the city prodded the development forward in December by approving an increase in rental-impact fees from about \$10 to \$17 per square foot. Melinda Denis, the city's deputy zoning administrator, pointed out that projects already in the pipeline were exempt from the increased fees as long as they received approvals by the end of this month.

For EFL Development, already on the hook to pay \$3.9 million in rental fees, it became vitally important to get those approvals. If the higher fees took effect, the company faced paying an additional \$2.6 million.

But exactly what the developers are offering for below-market housing became a point of debate for the council. The for-sale homes being built by Pulte would likely go on the market for about \$1.15 million each, according to city staff. Rather than set aside a percentage of homes to be sold at a lower, subsidized price, Pulte offered to pay what are known as "in-lieu fees," a lump \$6.1 million that the city could later apply to an affordable-housing project. Given the high ancillary costs of the neighborhood, that upfront payment made the most sense, said Councilman Michael Kasperzak.

"The implication of people living in a \$1 million house and paying \$3,000 a month, they may not have the means to live in the neighborhood," he said. "The city getting that money and then getting to use it for other housing is the better way to do it."

In contrast, EFL Development representatives wanted to provide affordable apartments for rent, but what they were offering fell short of what city officials expected. Based on her math, Denis said EFL should be required to provide 18 affordable apartments; however, in the days leading up to the decision the company indicated it would only build 12 units. Staff recommended that EFL pay in-lieu fees for the difference.

Rents would range from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per month for a two-bedroom unit.

Speaking before the council, EFL representative Frank Kalcic offered a new deal on the spot, saying he could provide 16 units, not the 18 being requested. He explained that he disagreed with the methods staff used to tally the fees.

"We based our calculations on the current data, and we found it to be consistent with the recently approved Grey-star project," Kalcic said, referring to the city's approval last year of a 164-apartment building at Castro Street and El Camino Real.

Asked how expensive the apartments would be to rent, Kalcic said they would range from \$3,500 to \$4,500 per month for a two-bedroom unit. Hearing those costs, Councilman Lenny Siegel pressed for the city to demand EFL to pay an equivalent in-lieu amount for two additional units.

"Given the rents they are going to be charging, I don't think we'll be significantly harming them by asking them to make up the difference," he said. "I'm concerned: I don't want to relax our in-lieu fees for housing."

Siegel proposed an amendment to tack on this demand to a motion made by Kasperzak, but the city's attorney warned that the city couldn't make that a condition for approval, despite the staff recommendation.

"Really the choice here is are we willing to take this offer or would we prefer the rental housing fee?" said City Attorney Jannie Quinn. "Under our rental impact housing fee, the developer can always choose (what) to offer."

Siegel ended up withdrawing his motion. ▣

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area between Tyrella Avenue and Whisman Road from Huff to Theuerkauf school. Parents in that area opposing the proposal told the board they would be forced to do an intra-district transfer out of Theuerkauf, the district's lowest performing school, and send their kids to private school or move out of the area.

The changes would go far to solve what many board members called the immediate problem of over-crowding at Huff, but the idea of families getting shifted from Huff to Theuerkauf, only to possibly be moved again if a new school opened, didn't sit well with board members, who voted 5-0 to put off all recommended actions.

Wilson criticized the recommendations, and told the board that she and the rest of the Whisman and Slater community were given assurance last year that their neighborhood would get a new school. Instead, she said, the district opted to split Castro's Dual Immersion program into a separate school, which will get its own substantial allocation of Measure G bond funds and leave nothing for the northeast neighborhoods.

"The entire Mountain View community will get a choice before Whisman-Slater gets a voice," Wilson said.

Christine Oran, a Whisman-Slater neighborhood resident, said it's embarrassing that nearly 30 percent of the school-age children in the city are opting for private rather than public schools, and that building a neighborhood school with a focus on STEM curriculum could be an enticement for parents to enroll their kids in district schools.

Pitted against one another

While board members said they were put off by the lack of options on the table throughout the task force process, the early stages included dozens of scenarios that made radical changes to the district. Some scenarios called for moving the district's parent-participation program, Stevenson PACT, to either the Slater or Whisman campus; others called for Theuerkauf to close to make room for Stevenson's program.

The result was that many parents and teachers showed up at task force and board meetings to support keeping their school open and in the same spot. Parents pointed out that the task force's goals explicitly stated that the recommendations should be minimally disruptive for students and their families.

At the time, Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly said it was just one of the many steps the district had to take to make

changes to school boundaries.

"People are upset that closing or combining a school is even being proposed, but the community needs to take that step to look at ideas and trade-offs," Skelly said. "If you don't do that and you drive to one conclusion and don't focus on alternatives, you don't get the best results."

Skelly said it's easy to be critical of the pace of the task force or the scenarios being presented, but the early stages of the process went "about as well as you can anticipate."

However, Chiang said at the Thursday meeting, what resulted was that parents felt pitted against one another. He called it a "major loss" for the task force that parents had to defend their own school, and said some parents felt shamed for having to stand up for their interests. "I think this process has been full of shame," he said.

Wilson told the board that she and other residents from the Whisman-Slater area shouldn't be vilified in their effort to get a school in their area.

"We are not the enemy here to take from all of you. We want the exact same thing you have — a walkable school option in our neighborhood," she said. "Your voices might be louder than ours, but our children deserve just as much as yours do."

Board member Steve Nelson said the process of deciding how to draw boundaries and build new facilities has been done with potentially biased committees stacked with parents from specific schools and areas, such as PACT, and little representation from Theuerkauf or the Whisman-Slater area. He criticized Skelly and district staff for making the appointments to the Boundary Advisory Task Force and the District Facilities Committee, both of which came out with near-unanimous decisions to recommend against a ninth school.

PACT's fate still up in the air

The delayed vote has left some parents of the PACT community uneasy about whether they will continue to have a permanent home at Stevenson, or whether the board has plans to move the program to the site of the long-closed Slater Elementary.

While it's unclear where the board majority stands on PACT's future location, board member Ellen Wheeler continued to advocate for moving PACT to a newly built Slater school and turning the area into a "hybrid" boundary, where PACT remains a district choice program with preference towards students in the nearby Slater and Whisman neighborhoods. That way, she

said, PACT gets a permanent home, a brand new school and an expanded 450-student capacity for the over-subscribed program.

"We have a community that doesn't have a school and we have a program that wants more money for a permanent site. I still think the best solution, long term, is to move PACT to Slater and have it be a hybrid model," Wheeler said. "That's what I think makes the most sense."

A petition signed by hundreds of PACT parents earlier this month states that the PACT community "vehemently opposes"

moving the program to either the Slater site or the now-closed Whisman school, and views a move as a "threat" to the program. A hybrid boundary would "give neighborhood preference priority above education philosophy in enrollment at PACT," which would threaten the mission and the vision of the parent-participation program, it says.

The petition garnered over 330 signatures in just 48 hours, according to Bridget Cash, chair of the PACT Foundation.

PACT parent Rich Tanner told the board that it's been difficult

for the PACT program to be "evicted" twice in the past 15 years by the district, and that the school is owed some level of stability. He noted that the German International School of Silicon Valley is willing to amend its lease with the district to remain on the old Whisman school site until 2045 in exchange for a substantially higher rent — \$1.5 million annually — just to have that added security.

"They can assure families they will be here without the threat of being closed or moved for 15 years. We cannot," Tanner said. ▀

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the June 18 meeting.

Chiang said the district has been dealing with tough issues including school boundaries, new facilities plans and addressing the needs of students in low-income families, and that it's difficult to do that when Nelson makes himself the center of any issue. He said he has been increasingly frustrated that people haven't stood up to Nelson. To help the school district, Chiang said, the best course of action was to step down so he could spearhead a recall effort to dump Nelson off the board.

"I've exhausted ways to change

things on the board," Chiang said. "It's the best thing I can do for the district now."

In an email to board members and the new superintendent, Ayindé Rudolph, Chiang said the problem is not just Nelson's actions, but the way board members have sat idly by and allowed the alleged abusive actions to continue. He said the board failed to take action when Graham Principal Kim Thompson refused to bring any of her students to board meetings because, she said, the board undermines the character development work she and her community are doing at Graham.

When reached by the *Voice*, Thompson declined to comment.

Chiang said Stevenson Principal Tyler Graff reported that his school's teachers and staff fear reporting to the school board. In an interview with the *Voice*, Graff explained that quite a

few third-grade students visited board meetings in the spring, and that it's important for the adults to model behavior for kids. He said some school board members do a great job, but others could use some work.

"I hope the school board is able to get to a place where they are focused on kids and students and it's a collaborative atmosphere," Graff said.

In 2013, the board censured Nelson for what it called unprofessional behavior and violations of the board's code of conduct. Among the reasons for the censure was an incident in which Nelson shouted profanities in the district office following a meeting with former Superintendent Craig Goldman.

In an email, Nelson said Chiang's comments appear to be a continuation of the points made against him during the censure vote. Nelson said he hopes Chi-

ang is able to take up a new job either as a trustee or a school administrator "commensurate with his drive and education vision."

"I think he could still be an effective trustee and advance his educational vision for (the district) by supporting our new superintendent," Nelson said.

Board member Ellen Wheeler, who has taken over as board president, said Chiang had been telling board members about his plans to resign for a while now. She said the strongest action they can do as board members against Nelson is to vote to censure him, and that speaking up against Nelson at meetings always led to complaints from the public that the board can't get along.

"It's definitely disturbing that he felt so strongly about this that (resigning) was the only way he could help the greater community understand the bullying going on on this board," Wheeler said.

In a letter to County Superintendent John Gundry, Chiang wrote that he no longer believes the Mountain View Whisman school board serves the best interests of all students, but instead "chooses which children, families, and schools deserve their support."

Chiang asserted in the letter that each family deserves to be treated with equal dignity and respect, and that he could no longer associate himself with a board that refuses to stand by that standard.

Nelson made comments at the June 11 board meeting alleging that the district's facilities committee was unfairly loaded with members from the more affluent Stevenson PACT community, without adequate representation from Theuerkauf Elementary.

Chiang responded by saying he had complete confidence that members of the committee were able to recommend building plans that reflect the needs of all students in the district, and apologized to the committee for Nelson's comments. After a back-and-forth between Chiang and Nelson, Chiang charged that some resignations have been tied to Nelson's actions and treatment of district staff.

"Trustee Nelson, we've lost so many people in this district because of (your actions). We've lost a great principal, we lost members of our district's leadership team."

It was announced earlier at that meeting that Graff would be stepping down from his position as Stevenson principal and leaving the district. Graff later said his sudden decision to depart from the district was for a new job opportunity in San Francisco, rather than any board-related

issues.

At the same meeting, Nelson also referred to Stevenson PACT as a "segregation program" based on the wealth of the families in attendance. Chiang called Nelson's comments inappropriate and said that the board "as leaders of the district should not stand by" and allow these comments to be made.

Chiang later told the *Voice* that it's the board's job to defend all of the schools, and that it's not acceptable for him to "pick" which schools and families to support. He said the district lost one of its best principals, Graff, because Nelson has made it unclear whether he, as a trustee, even wants the school to exist.

During a discussion over the reasons for Goldman's departure late last year, Chiang indicated there was a strong connection between Nelson's actions and the \$230,000 payout to Goldman for a "release of claims" against the district. At the time of the meeting, Chiang said an unnamed board member had caused a great deal of harm to the district, and that he would gladly be voted off the board if it meant replacing that board member as well.

Wheeler said there will be a meeting to decide how to move forward in the coming weeks. She said the two legal options are to either have a special election to fill the vacant seat or vote to appoint a fifth member to serve on the board until the 2016 election.

Wheeler said it's often preferable to appoint a new member because an election would cost the district about \$200,000, and she said there would be no shortage of viable candidates who could apply for the appointment.

"I'm confident with all the talented people in our community we're going to get a number of highly qualified applicants," Wheeler said.

Following Chiang's announcement, residents started a petition to recall Nelson, which picked up a little over 100 signatures as of Monday. In an email, Chiang said he supports the petition. Nelson's heart may be in the right place, he said, but his insistence on placing himself at the center of any issue "robs the board of its ability to make contemplative decisions."

Chiang said it's helpful to have the online petition, but going through the official process for a recall means all the signatures collected would need to be gathered again. It's a long and difficult effort to recall an elected official, but Chiang said he's familiar with how the process works.

"I don't think the school district can move forward with Nelson on the board," Chiang said. ▣



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to be given a shot leading the PACT program. He said he has learned “a ton” from the administrators in the district, and that he believes Stevenson PACT has accomplished quite a bit in just three years.

Since Graff took over as principal, the school has been forging ahead on project-based learning initiatives at all grade levels, where students tackle a complicated question like “How do I design and market a product with given constraints?” or do in-depth exploration on how a local school board election works.

Stevenson PACT recently began participating in Project Cornerstone, which teaches interpersonal skills to students, including how to be a good friend and how to stand up for one another when they need help.

PACT Foundation Chair Bridget Cash said Graff brought talented staff to the school and championed professional development, and also maintained a good relationship with the students on campus.

“He is someone the students looked forward to seeing each day,” Cash said.

Graff said the school recently put together a five-year plan developed by teachers, parents and school staff laying out how to best improve project-based learning, social-emotional learning and encouraging socio-economic diversity at the school.

Initiatives to improve socio-economic diversity, for example, include school staff meeting with the English Language Advisory Committee to identify the needs of students from low-income families and how to best address them.

“It’s important we have a long-term vision and that we’re making steps towards that five-year plan,” Graff said.

One of the things the school has been working hard on, Graff said, is getting out the message about how parent volunteering and donations work at Stevenson PACT. He said there is misinformation floating around that parents are required to volunteer a certain number of hours and required to donate money.

The reality is, he said, that the school doesn’t track donations and that the school is only looking for parents to volunteer in whatever capacity they can to partner up with teachers and school staff.

“We get tons of time from some parents, while others are working two jobs to get by and we’ll take what they give us,” Graff said. “There’s no accountability or requirement here, it’s



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Stevenson Principal Tyler Graff dressed up in a bucket that represents the social and emotional well-being of students as part of a Project Cornerstone event.

really about a philosophy.”

The school’s English Language Advisory Committee has been working closely with the school over the last two years talking about hard issues, Graff said, like how the school can attract and enroll more Latino families and families where English is a second language, and part of that means a shift in its message to make sure it accurately conveys what the school is about.

Graff said Claire Lilienthal is a parent-partnership school that runs from kindergarten to eighth grade, with a lot of similarities to Stevenson PACT. The school has a Korean Immersion program and an outdoor science education program, according to the school’s website.

He said the school is also much closer to where he lives in the city, and that it would drastically cut down on the two to three hours he spends commuting to and from Mountain View every day.

More important than the commute, Graff said, is that he would be working in the diverse city of San Francisco, where he said he will be able to work on equity-related issues through the alternative school. He said Stevenson has been working on something similar with its five-year plan and that it’s great the school is taking the issue head-on, but he said San Francisco has a very different type of diversity.

“Equity is really important to me, so moving my job to SF Unified will give a chance to work on some equity issues,” Graff said. ■

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with some of the dogs currently up for adoption. In addition, Peet's will be offering all drinks at half price. The event will run from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

The SVACA serves the communities of Mountain View, Campbell, Monte Sereno and Santa Clara. The staff available at the event will include an animal control officer from the field services team. The field services team is responsible for

multiple animal care situations, including rescuing animals in distress and providing stray animals with emergency veterinary care.

The executive director of the SVACA, Dan Soszynski, will be in attendance, as well as shelter manager Michael Limper and field services manager Jessica Hearn. "We're hoping to spread the word, not only about our adoptable pets, but also the oth-

er services we offer, like our spay and neuter clinic, our volunteer and foster opportunities and our field services," Soszynski said.

The animal control officers will be available to chat and answer questions at the event. Attendees will also be able to check out one of the field services team's rescue vehicles.

After the event, anyone interested in adopting a dog will need to come to the center to complete the formal adoption process.

—Shannon Chai

CROSSINGS VOTE A REPRIEVE FOR SNOZEN

Residents in the Crossings neighborhood last week voted overwhelmingly to overturn a set of new rules and fines that some believed would have forced a neighborhood dessert shop to close down.

The new rules were approved earlier this year by board members of the Crossings Homeowners' Association. Among the revisions, the rules would set stricter fines on parking and other violations in the neighborhood. But the change that drew the most attention was a rule to force businesses to abide by "quiet hours" after 6 p.m.

In effect, that rule only impacted SnoZen, a shop specializing in Taiwanese shaved snow and the only business that stays open in the evenings. SnoZen owners complained they were being unfairly targeted by an HOA board member who lives directly above the shop. A number of other residents rallied to their cause, and in the process, a loose opposition group dubbing itself "the Crossings Resistance" set up a website and hired its own attorney to scrutinize the board's actions.

In recent days, the brouhaha even got its own election after some neighbors petitioned to veto the board's revised rules. In a vote taken among about 230 households in the neighborhood last week, approximately 71 percent of the residents opted to overturn the new rules.

Pressing the advantage, opponents are now seeking to recall the entire HOA board. In recent days they presented a petition signed by more than 80 residents that calls for a special vote on a recall. If successful, an entirely new board of directors would need to be elected.

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Decision process for school spending raises questions

Deciding how to divvy up limited funding for campus facilities in the Mountain View Whisman School District was bound to be a daunting task, complicated by the need to design the new buildings in ways that accommodate fresh teaching methods demanded by the times. To help with the process, the district created a committee charged with reviewing funding needs and making recommendations to the school board on how to spend the remaining revenue from the \$198 million bond approved by voters through ballot Measure G.

Trying to figure out if that process has unfolded in a reasonable manner is turning out to be a daunting task, too — and confusing. With the first portion of the funds, about \$55 million, going to rebuild the two middle school campuses, the District Facilities Committee might have been directed to study options for projects at all district elementary schools, with \$140-plus million remaining in the coffers to consider for projects.

For some reason that is not at all clear, the committee was instructed to study options for six elementary schools alone, but the Castro campus, which includes a traditional school as well as the district's Dual Immersion program, was to be dealt with separately. And the process that was put in place to study options for the Castro campus raises many questions.

While all meetings of the District Facilities Committee (DFC) were announced with posted notices and agendas, then videotaped for those unable to attend the meetings, the meetings involving Castro facilities planning were mostly unannounced to the general public. There were "core committee meetings" with

principals, district staff, and the construction manager; Castro Site Planning Committee meetings that were noticed with agendas, but not videotaped; faculty meetings; and one community meeting. By the time the Castro plan was brought to the DFC as an information item on May 28, the facilities committee had already made its own recommendations to the school board.

The lack of a public process in planning the future for the Castro campus is troubling, but that isn't the only problematic aspect. When district administrators on June 9 brought the proposal to the school board for the first time, they presented only one option. And that option came with a projected cost of \$43 million — 22 percent of funds raised through Measure G bonds.

If that scenario doesn't seem strange, one can look a short distance north for an example of what a school-construction planning process might look like if it is to produce an informed, responsible decision by elected officials. Several years ago, the Menlo Park City School District went through a lengthy public process to determine whether it needed to build a new school. The answer was yes. But in this case, the district studied and presented to its school board a number of options for building the school, with cost estimates from \$13 million to \$21.75 million.

Mountain View Whisman school board president Chris Chiang was right to raise concerns about being asked to approve such a costly project when no other options have been presented. When the board meets on June 24, with this matter on the action agenda, it should table the vote and instruct the district to come back with other possibilities for rebuilding the Castro campus. ▣

Steve Nelson should resign from the school board

By Laura Blakely

As community leaders, as parents and teachers of students in the Mountain View Whisman School District, and as taxpayers we have watched with heightened concern how district board member Steven Nelson's disrespectful, erratic and abusive behavior sabo-

tages the district. We call upon Nelson to resign, as he has become a severe liability to our students and our community.

Constituents rightfully expect school board members to carry out the district's mission — to "demonstrate, daily, a relentless commitment to the success of every child." Furthermore, we expect our elected officials to conduct themselves with respect for others, display a certain level of decorum, and work collaboratively to advance the goals of the district. Steven Nelson has done exactly the opposite, relentlessly wreaking havoc at both public and private meetings. School

principals refuse to bring their students to school board presentations for fear that Nelson's disrespect and abusive language will negatively influence them.

Teachers, staff, parents, and other board members are fearful of his outbursts. The board has censured him and banned him from participating in an official role on any district committees. We believe that because of Nelson's abuse, key members of the district's leadership have left. We also believe that Nelson's mistreatment of a superintendent cost the district more than a quarter-million dollars, money that would have been better spent on educational programs.

The president of the board of trustees just resigned in part because of the "dysfunction" on the board — dysfunction we attribute to Nelson. Contrary to the district's goal to "attract and retain a diverse, talented and caring workforce," Nelson drives them away with his intimidation. Additionally, his concerted

effort to delay facility decisions incurs additional financial consequences by reducing the buying power of bond money. We understand Nelson made a campaign promise to bring a neighborhood school to the northeastern corner of the district, a promise made prematurely without due diligence to the facts and realities of the school district. Now, instead of working to foster community across the district and identify solutions for those under-served neighborhoods, Nelson singles out and blames other school communities and pits them and their neighborhoods against each other.

The work of a school board is complex. In the best of situations, school boards must make difficult, and sometimes unpopular, decisions to open and close schools and to prioritize the allocation of limited funds among competing goals using imperfect information. Nonetheless, the role of the school board is to guide the district in making the best choices possible given the available information. To do this, the board must work collaboratively

with district personnel and the community.

We need leaders who are committed to providing an environment where the success of all students is supported with the tools and policies necessary for an education for the world ahead. Unfortunately, Steven Nelson has shown none of these abilities and has proven to be ill-equipped to fulfill his duties as a school board member. His behavior has thwarted the work of the district.

Doing what is best for the community and its students is an elected school board member's duty. We call upon Steven Nelson to do what is best for the school district and our children by resigning from the board.

Laura Blakely is a former president of the Mountain View Educational Foundation. The column was co-signed by Margaret Abe-Koga, a former Mountain View mayor and former Santa Clara County school board member; and by former Mountain View Whisman school board members Gloria Higgins, Stephen Olson, and Fiona Walter.

Guest Opinion

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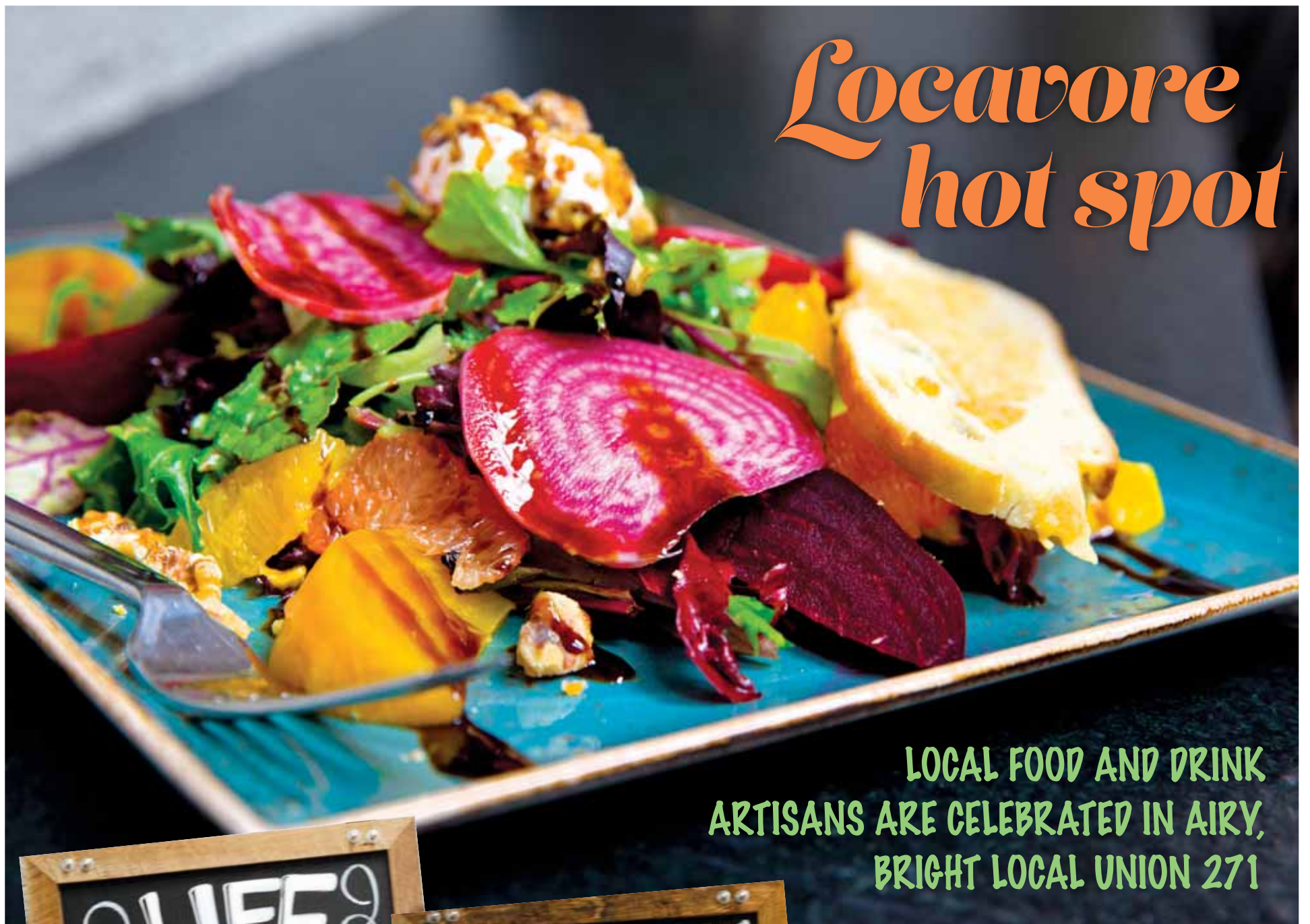
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

REVIEW BY *Dale F. Bentson*

PHOTOS BY *Michelle Le*

It's spacious, communal, loud, open long hours — and the food is really good.

Local Union 271 opened in early April in the downtown Palo Alto space formerly occupied by University Cafe at 271 University Ave. The space has since been gutted and completely remodeled.

The high ceilings remain, but now there is a full bar, ceiling fans and extended dangling pendant lights, one long communal table and many individual tables spaced close together, bistro-style.

The kitchen philosophy was upgraded as well, both ingredient- and quality-wise. University Cafe chef Bernardino Vargas and the entire kitchen staff was retained. Noted local chef Michael Ellis was brought in to revamp the menu and perfect new dishes. Vargas and staff took it from there.

Farm-to-table is a cliché these days, but new proprietor



Above: Melvin Clavio, the head bartender at Local Union 271 in downtown Palo Alto, pours a “quincidence” cocktail using a local quince shrub. **Left:** The beet salad has locally grown roasted chioggia beets, goat cheese, citrus and candied walnuts on a bed of arugula.

Steve Sinchek, who also owns nearby sports bar Old Pro, has upped the ante. Produce tastes just picked, sauces just made, pastries and bread oven-fresh and fish, poultry and meat are thoughtfully sourced. The menu lists two dozen local growers, butchers and bakers that supply the restaurant.

That’s the idea behind the name: a convergence of local food artisans who practice sustainability and responsible farming techniques.

One day at lunch, I ordered the ahi tuna sandwich and tomato soup (\$14.95). The success of any sandwich is predicated on the bread surrounding the ingredients — even kale tastes good when encased in this spongy brioche bun. The line-caught tuna was just seared and had great texture with bright ocean flavor. The fire-engine red tomato soup was thick and nourishing with bits of tomato chunks throughout, topped with cheese curls.

Special one day was a duck BLT sandwich (\$13.95) with nitrate-free smoked duck bacon, butter lettuce, tomatoes, avocado and herbed aioli tucked between thick, rustic, toasted bread slices. The sandwich came with a pile of crisp greens tossed in a champagne vinaigrette dressing.

Local Union’s happy hour is Monday through Friday, 4 to 6 p.m., and features four beverages and five appetizers at \$6 each, a significant savings. We tried the meatballs (regularly \$12.95), two huge meat globes served in a mini iron skillet, covered with cheese, tomato sauce and chopped basil. Thick toast and a spoon accompanied to scoop up all the cheese and sauce.

Equally successful was the bruschetta (regularly \$10.95): four chunks of rustic bread topped with chopped red ripe tomatoes, olive oil, curls of Par-

mesan, whole basil leaves and a drizzle of aged balsamic vinegar. (The aged balsamic was more syrupy than acidic.)

Of the larger plates, the plump barbecue prawns (\$19.95) were served with chunks of bacon in a slightly piquant barbecue sauce over a bed of creamy polenta. The bacon, prawns and barbecue sauce melded into a toothsome combination and the polenta added a cool silky texture.

I am a chicken pot pie aficionado and was pleased with Local’s version (\$15.95). The pot pie was served in a mini skillet filled with creamy chunks of tender chicken, carrots and peas. Usually, the ingredients are encased inside the pastry. In this case, a large square of flaky puff pastry sat atop the components. Not only was the visual appeal enhanced, but the dish also invited the diner to dig in with knife and fork.

Service during my visits was always prompt and courteous. Tables were quickly bused and water and ice tea glasses kept filled. Pacing from the kitchen was just right.

Desserts offer a worthy conclusion. The warm brownie sundae (\$6.95) was served with Straus Family Creamery organic vanilla ice cream with salted caramel sauce drizzled over the top. The ice cream sandwich (\$6.95) also featured Straus vanilla ice cream, sandwiched between two warm and gooey chocolate chip cookies.

The croissant bread pudding (\$6.95), also served in a mini skillet, had been drizzled with caramel sauce and was served with a side of real whipped cream.

Many wines were available in three- or six-ounce pours as well as by the half and full bottle. Additionally, there were dozens of wines by the bottle only: top-notch California labels such as Calera Wine, Rombauer, DuMOL Wines, Kistler Vineyards, Ridge

Vineyards and Turley Wine Cellars. Prices were sane. House cocktails and many draft beers rounded out the beverage menu.

The restaurant also offers a weekend brunch menu, something of a rarity in Palo Alto.

Local Union 271 features big, bold flavors in a spacious, basic setting. The enhanced farm-to-table concept works well; the recognized local farmers, bakers, ranchers and butchers make them partners to what’s on the plate. Best of all, the experienced kitchen knows what to do with high-quality ingredients — keep it simple, cook with restraint and coax the best out of the product. ■

■ DINING NOTES

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Tuesday, July 7, 2015

6:30 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as the item can be heard)

**Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street
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MOVIE REVIEWS

JURASSIC WORLD ★★★

In the 14 years since "Jurassic Park III," the culture has had just enough time to miss the franchise, and director

and co-screenwriter Colin Trevorrow ("Safety Not Guaranteed") has met the challenges of sequel-making with an appealing self-awareness in "Jurassic World." The film returns to Isla Nublar, the site of the original Jurassic Park, where there is a gleaming new theme park — filled with genetically engineered dinosaurs, as well as shops, restaurants, rides and more. Wide-eyed, young Gray Mitchell (Ty Simpkins) serves

as our surrogate when he gets his first glimpse of Jurassic World, accompanied by his too-cool-for-school older brother Zach (Nick Robinson). The boys are guests of their inattentive aunt, Claire Dearing (Bryce Dallas Howard), the park's operations manager. She's busy touring the ultimate V.I.P. — park owner Simon Masrani (Irrfan Khan) — and keeping in line Velociraptor trainer Owen Grady (Chris Pratt), with whom she once had a date. The various social tensions — between Claire and her neglected kin; the flirty never-weres Claire and Owen; and the competing interests of the park's stakeholders — all come to a head when (shock of shocks) a security breach unleashes the latest star attraction: a gigantic, incredibly dangerous hybrid dubbed Indominus rex. Logic isn't exactly "Jurassic World"'s strong suit, but the key scenes turn out to be up to snuff, including one of the boys being attacked while in a safari gyrosphere and the inevitable showdown between the two biggest dinos on the block. As always, the story functions as a cautionary tale of chaos and the illusion of control, "mad science" underestimating nature and corporate interests failing to protect humanity, much less scientific ethics. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of science-fiction violence and peril. Two hours, four minutes.* — P.C.

LOVE & MERCY ★★★ 1/2

Can a person ever really change? At least for Brian Wilson — the musical genius behind the Beach Boys — the unfortunate answer is "yes." The biopic "Love & Mercy" literalizes this truism by casting two actors as Wilson (Paul Dano and John Cusack) and focusing on two periods in the man's life: his most creatively fertile period in the '60s, and the period in the late '80s when he met his current wife Melinda (Elizabeth Banks) and broke free of notoriously controlling therapist Eugene Landy (Paul Giamatti). As with the unconventional Bob Dylan biopic, "I'm Not There," screenwriter Oren Moverman considers what best represents his subject: Wilson's ascendance as the astonishingly talented pop-symphonic composer of "God Only Knows," his fall into damaging drug abuse and bedridden depression, the winter of his discontent with Landy and the redemptive spring offered by Melinda and reunited family and friends. In most respects, the film proves accurate in spirit and in fan service, including detailed recreations of photo shoots, promo films, concerts and the iPet Sounds studio sessions. Dano and first-time director/longtime producer Bill Pohlad show finesse in capturing Wilson's brilliance in the studio and the head space of a musical artist. Cusack bears less resemblance to Wilson and doesn't have Dano's mien, but he does a solid job of conveying Wilson's loneliness and fear (and his brain-fried spaciousness) in the shadow of Landy. Wilson's innocent essence — optimistic and pure in its spiritual desires for love and art — make his story deeply moving. He's not the man he used to be, but he's surely earned his happy ending. *Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, drug content and language. Two hours.* — P.C.

MOVIE TIMES

ABCD 2 (Not Rated) Century 16: 11:25 a.m., 3:15, 7:05 & 10:45 p.m.

Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: 10 a.m. & 10:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 1:10, 4:20 & 7:35 p.m.

Dope (R) Century 16: 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m. **Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:20 & 10:10 p.m.

Entourage (R)

Century 16: 9:10 & 11:55 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m.

Century 20: 2:20, 5, 7:50 & 10:30 p.m., Fri & Sun 11:40 a.m.

I'll See You in My Dreams (PG-13)

Palo Alto Square: 2, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:45 p.m.

Inside Out (PG) Century 16: 11:30 a.m., 12:15, 2:15, 3, 5, 5:45, 6:30, 7:45, 8:30 & 9:15 p.m., Fri & Sun 9:15 a.m., Sat 9:30 a.m. In 3-D at 10 & 10:45 a.m., 1, 1:30, 3:45, 4:15, 7, 9:45 & 10:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 9:50 & 11 a.m., 12:20, 1:40, 3, 4:20, 5:40, 7, 8:15, 9:40 & 11 p.m. In 3-D at 10:15 & 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 3:35, 5:10, 6:15, 7:50, 8:55 & 10:30 p.m., Fri & Sun 12:55 p.m., Sat 1 p.m.

Insidious: Chapter 3 (PG-13)

Century 20: 10 a.m., 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.

Jaws (1975) (PG)

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

Jurassic World (PG-13) ★★★ Century 16: 11:05 & 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 3:05, 5:45, 6:25, 9:05 & 9:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 12:01 a.m. In 3-D at 9, 9:45 & 10:25 a.m., 12:25, 1:05, 1:45, 3:40, 4:25, 5:05, 7:10, 7:45, 8:25 & 10:25 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:05 & 11:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 10 a.m., 1, 2:30, 4, 5:35, 7:05, 8:35 & 10:05 p.m., Fri & Sun 11:30 a.m., Sat 11:25 a.m. In 3-D at 11 a.m., noon, 12:30, 2, 3, 3:30, 5:05, 6, 6:30, 8:05, 9, 9:30 & 11:05 p.m. In X-D 3-D at 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:40, 7:45 & 10:45 p.m. In D-BOX at 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7:05 & 10:05 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 2, 5:05, 8:05 & 11:05 p.m., Fri & Sun 11 a.m.

Love & Mercy (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2

Century 20: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:20 p.m., Fri & Sun 10:20 a.m.

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

Mad Max: Fury Road (R) Century 16: 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:25 & 10:25 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:05 a.m., 1, 3:55, 7 & 10 p.m.

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (PG-13)

Guild Theatre: 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:30 & 9:55 p.m.

Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) ★★ 1/2

Century 16: Fri & Sat 7:30 & 10:20 p.m., Sun 10:25 p.m.

Century 20: 10:55 a.m., 1:45, 4:35, 7:25 & 10:30 p.m.

Prisoner of Zenda (1937) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sat & Sun 5:35 & 9:40 p.m.

Roman Holiday (1953) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sat & Sun 3:25 & 7:30 p.m.

San Andreas (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: 10:40 a.m., 1:40, 4:35, 7:35 & 10:35 p.m.

Century 20: 1:05 & 7:15 p.m. In 3-D at 10:15 a.m., 4:05 & 10:15 p.m.

Spy (R) Century 16: 10:30 a.m., 1:35, 4:40, 7:40 & 10:40 p.m.

Century 20: 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:15 p.m.

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HIGHLIGHT 'ARCADIA'

The Pear Avenue Theatre will end its season with a production of "Arcadia," a contemporary play by Tom Stoppard in which the activity of two scholars living at an English estate is juxtaposed with that of the estate's residents 180 years before. See website for specific dates; no show will be performed on July 4. June 18-July 12, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10 June 18 preview; \$25/\$20 Thursday and Sunday; \$30/\$25 Friday and Saturday. The Pear Avenue Theatre, 1220 Pear Ave., Unit K, Mountain View. www.thepear.org/arcadia.htm

ART GALLERIES

'Transformation, Still Life Paintings' Gallery 9 offers an exhibit of work by local artist Carol Hake called "Transformation, Still Life Paintings," in which ordinary household items gain exuberance through light, color and shadows. June 2-27, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-941-0458. gallery9losaltos.com

'Various Viewpoints' During the month of June, Viewpoints Gallery has on display the work of Bay Area painters Nancy Calhoun and Jane Ferguson in an exhibit called "Various Viewpoints." June 2-27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday only until 3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

Caring for Trees: Dos & Don'ts in Droughts Mountain View Trees will offer an event teaching how to best care for trees when water is scarce. The session will include opportunities for hands-on learning and will meet in front of the library by the Berlin Wall fragment. Registration is appreciated but not required. June 20, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Culture Your Cabbage: Sauerkraut & Krautchi This course offered by Anne Marie Bonneau will discuss fermenting vegetables, including the benefits, necessary equipment, and successful and safe conditions. Students can taste samples of sauerkraut, sourdough bread and kombucha, and they will take home a jar of kraut they make themselves in class. June 24, 6-8 p.m. \$60. Private home, address provided upon registration, Mountain View. Call 650-450-8205. zerowastechef.com/register/

Drop-in Bike Clinic Once monthly, professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will visit the Mountain View Public Library to share advice and help with changing tires, adjusting shifting and brakes, identifying mysterious noises and more. Third Saturday of the month, April 18-Aug. 15, 11-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

HDTV Studio Basics In this Midpeninsula Community Media Center workshop, students will learn how to produce, direct and star in a TV show by working in the center's professional HD studio. Participants will gain experience with designing sets, running cameras, operating sound equipment and creating graphics. See website for specific times. June 22, 23 and 27, July 6. \$175. Midpeninsula Community Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-494-8686. www.midpenmedia.org

Instant Harmony with Daniel Steinberg and World Harmony Chorus Community members are invited to attend an Instant Harmony workshop with Daniel Steinberg, as well listen or sing along with the local choral group, World Harmony Chorus. Registration is optional. June 20, 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

Intro to Video Production KMVT 15 Community Television will offer a number of weeklong summer camps on video production for students ages 10 to 14. In a studio environment, participants will gain basic skills in camera work, directing, audio, acting and producing while creating their own segments. The week of July 4 will be a four-day camp. Monday-Friday, June 8-Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$379; \$305 July 4 week. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. www.kmvt15.org/learn/youthactivities.html#summercamp

The Art of Saving Seeds with Deva Luna Sustainable landscape designer Deva Luna will lead a hands-on workshop on saving seeds. Participants will also make California Poppy seed balls and Carrot tapes. June 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

CLUBS/MEETINGS

Language Swap This weekly Mountain View Public Library event will allow community members to both practice speaking a different language and teach a language to others. All levels and drop-ins are welcome. Thursdays, April 2-July 30, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public

Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society meeting At the last Peninsula Gem & Geology Society meeting before the fall, there will be a Member Share where attendees can bring items they have acquired to show and discuss. There will also be a door prize drawing and a silent auction. June 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Shoup Park Garden House, 400 University Ave., Los Altos. pgggs.org

Sing and Play Along Ukulele These monthly meetings at the Mountain View Public Library will bring together beginning and more advanced ukulele players to learn from each other. Attendees can bring their own instruments or play one of the library's. Registration is appreciated but not required. Fourth Monday of the month, June 22-Aug. 24, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

COMMUNITY EVENTS

'Deliciously Grimm' storytelling event Local storytellers, including Enid Davis, Laurie Pines and Sharon Adams, will tell "Deliciously Grimm" stories to adults and teens at the Los Altos Library. Refreshments will be provided. Events with other storytellers will be held on the fourth Thursday of the coming months. June 25, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, Orchard Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-7683. storyfriends.org/storytelling.html

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

Thursday Night Live Mountain View will hold one of its Thursday Night Live series events, during which Castro Street between Mercy and Villa streets will be closed to traffic. Pedestrians can enjoy restaurant dining, shopping, children's activities, a farmers' market, live music and a custom/classic car show. June 25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, Castro Street, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. www.mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive

Thursday Night Live library booth The Mountain View Public Library will host a booth with activities during the city's Thursday Night Live event. June 25, 1-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

CONCERTS

'Three Summits of French Chamber Music' For the first performance in the second annual Festival of French Classical Music put on by Alliance Francaise Silicon Valley, Ensemble San Francisco will play pieces by Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel and Cesar Franck. June 19, 8 p.m. \$45 first five rows; \$35 last five rows; \$25 last row. Community School of Music and Arts, Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Call 650-918-9656. www.afscv.org/lefestival/

Pipe & Drum discussion and concert The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office Pipe Band will visit the Mountain View Public Library to discuss and play its pipe and drum music. Registration is appreciated but not required. June 23, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

Vans Warped Tour Vans Warped Tour '15 will make its way to Shoreline Amphitheatre, bringing both emerging and veteran musical acts including Neck Deep, Front Porch Step, Kosha Dillz, Palisades and many more. June 20, 11 a.m. \$39.50 general (plus fees). Shoreline Amphitheatre, One Amphitheatre Parkway,

Mountain View. vanswarpedtour.com/dates/san-francisco-ca-3

DANCE

Princess Camp For the Love of Dance studio will run a princess-themed camp, where young students will learn from a professional teacher, do a craft, play games, listen to stories and enjoy a snack. June 23-25, 10 a.m.-noon. \$95. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. Call 650-861-0650. www.fortheloveofdancecmv.com

EXHIBITS

'(re)Connecting with Cuba' This exhibition at the Community School of Music and Arts shares photos of contemporary Cuba by American photographers. On June 25, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a talk by curator Ron Herman, followed by Cuban music and food. June 12-July 26, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm

FAMILY AND KIDS

Author LeUyen Pham on 'There's No Such Thing as Little' Bay Area illustrator and author LeUyen Pham will read and sign copies of her picture book "There's No Such Thing as Little," which examines little things and encourages all ages to think big. June 20, 1-2 p.m. Free. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. Call 650-949-3390. www.lindentreebooks.com

Lizards at the Library Mountain View Police Department's own Sergeant Saul Jaeger — and friends — will share his personal collection of lizards, snakes and other creatures. All ages are welcome. Registration is appreciated, but not required. 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

HEALTH

Free YMCA fitness course This weekly course led by YMCA instructors, called Healthy Happens Here, leads participants in beginner-level strength training to develop balance, flexibility, posture, coordination and fall prevention. Classes are appropriate for all levels and backgrounds. Registration is required. Wednesdays, May 6-July 29, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. www.mountainview.gov/library

FOOD AND DRINK

Friday Nights at the Computer History Museum The Computer History Museum has partnered with Off the Grid to bring food trucks and special programming to the museum each Friday night. Fridays, June 12-Oct. 30, 5-9 p.m. Prices vary. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. offthegridsf.com/markets#154-mountain-view-computer-history-museum

LIVE MUSIC

Jazz & Bossa Nova Trio Viktor Rivkin (saxophone), Eugene Pliner (keyboard) and Alex Muchnik (drums) will perform a set of jazz music outdoors at the Oshman Family JCC. Attendees are welcome to bring beach chairs, picnics and wine. June 27, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, Jessica Lynn Saal Town Square, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8609. paloaltojcc.org/music

Summer Concert Series: The Bootleg Honeys The Village at San Antonio Center's Summer Concert Series will continue with a show by The Bootleg Honeys, a trio of Americana and country singer-songwriters raised in Sonoma County. June 20, noon-2 p.m. Free. The Village at San Antonio Center, 685 San Antonio Road, Mountain View. www.facebook.com/events/566384516797442/

ON STAGE

"Twas Brillig" A Theatre Near U will present a production of the irreverent teen musical "Twas Brillig," a comedy that follows the plucky Mary

Pickett as she stumbles upon a mysterious land whose denizens want to crown her as queen. June 12-27, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$23 adult; \$18 senior, student. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-815-9938. atheatrenearu.org

'Chinglish' For its next production, the Palo Alto Players will stage "Chinglish," a play by David Henry Hwang of comedy, love and communication that follows the American Daniel as he seeks to expand his family's sign-making business to China. June 12-28, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$31-\$45. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-329-0891. www.paplayers.org/our-shows/on-stage-now/

'Fallen Angels' TheatreWorks will offer a production directed by Robert Kelley of "Fallen Angels," a Noël Coward comedy about two married women who reconnect with a charming French lover. See website for specific times and dates. June 3-28. \$19-\$74. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-436-1960. www.theatreworks.org/shows/1415-season/fallenangels

Theatre in the Park Elementary school-age students in Peninsula Youth Theatre's two-week summer classes will perform each week during the summer at local parks and venues. Picnics are welcome. See website for the full schedule and locations. (Performances the week of the Fourth of July will be on Friday, July 3.) Saturdays, June 20-Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m. Free. Parks and venues, including MVCPA Park Stage and Cubberley Auditorium, Mountain View and Palo Alto. pytnet.org/theaterpark.html

RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

Insight Meditation South Bay Shaila Catherine and guest teachers will lead weekly Insight Meditation sittings, which are accompanied by talks on Buddhist teachings. Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Dec. 29, 7:30-9 p.m. Donations accepted. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Edwards Hall, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. Call 650-857-0904. www.imsb.org

SENIORS

Stroke Awareness workshop This workshop with the Rural/Metro emergency medical technicians will cover the signs and symptoms of a stroke and how to respond when someone experiences a stroke. June 25, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. www.mountainview.gov/seniors

LECTURES & TALKS

'Great Plants for Dry Shade Areas' This UC Master Gardeners presentation will provide information about plants that can grow successfully in both the area's Mediterranean climate and shade from trees, overhangs or slopes. June 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 408-282-3105. mastergardeners.org/scc.html

'Towards the Third Age of Computing' Theoretical physicist Tony Hey will visit the Computer History Museum to give a lecture on the beginnings of computational thinking and the emergence of computer science as a discipline. Online registration is requested. June 19, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#towards-third-age-computing

Author David Bezmozgis on 'The Betrayers' At this event presented by the Oshman Family JCC and the Jewish LearningWorks' One Bay One Book Project, David Bezmozgis will discuss his novel "The Betrayers," which follows an Israeli politician escaping scandal in Crimea when his past catches up with him. June 24, 7-9 p.m. \$10 member, student; \$12 general. Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Call 650-223-8664. paloaltojcc.org/dialogues

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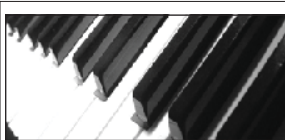
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995 Fictitious Name Statement

EL MONTE LIQUOR STORE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 604601
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
El Monte Liquor Store, located at 992-94, El Monte Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: Married Couple.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
TRON DOAN
5607 Lean Ave.
San Jose, CA 95123
MYLAN DUONG
5607 Lean Ave.
San Jose, CA 95123
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 May 7, 2015.
(MVV June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015)

SOUTH OCEAN EXPRESS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605504
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
South Ocean Express, located at 501 Moorpark Way, Spc. #7, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
NAM TRAN
501 Moorpark Way, Spc. #7
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 5/29/15.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 29, 2015.
(MVV June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015)

TETON CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605579
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Teton Construction, located at 490 Easy Street Apt. 8, 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):
JOHN KLUG
490 Easy Street Apt. 8
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 June 2, 2015.
(MVV June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2015)

HARBORS
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 605716
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Harbors, located at 452 Franklin St., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):
MANUEL C. RAMIREZ
452 Franklin St.
Mountain View, CA 94041
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 4, 2015.
(MVV June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2015)

ZINOLA'S MACHINE SHOP
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: 606011
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Zinola's Machine Shop, located at 774 Yuba Drive, Mt. 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):
JEFF ZINOLA
879 Tallman Ct.
San Jose, CA 95123
KAREN ZINOLA
879 Tallman Ct.
San Jose, CA 95123
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 8-1-1998.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 12, 2015.
(MVV June 19, 26, July 3, 10, 2015)

997 All Other Legals


NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DAWN ELLEN HYDE
Case No.: 1-15-PR-176524
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DAWN ELLEN HYDE. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: SIOBHAN MARIE WALDRON in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: SIOBHAN MARIE WALDRON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 2, 2015 at 9:00 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 petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California

statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Petitioner:
Siobhan Marie Waldron, in Pro Per
1125 Manzanita Street
Los Angeles, CA 90029
(650)279-4626
(MVV June 5, 12, 19, 2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
MARGARITA IBARRA
Case No.: 1-15-PR-176578
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARGARITA IBARRA. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RACHEL I. PEREZ in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: RACHEL I. PEREZ be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 9, 2015 at 9:00 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 petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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Attorney for Petitioner:
John H. Coward, Esq.
16450 Los Gatos Boulevard, Suite 108
Los Gatos, CA 95032-5594
(408)358-3773
(MVV June 19, 26, July 3, 2015)


NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND OF INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE (U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P 24073 et seq.)
Escrow No. FSBC-0271500967
Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and addresses of the Seller/Licensee are: JUNG SOON YOON AND YUHTEK YOON, 992 EL MONTE AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
The business is known as: BROWN N' GOLD MARKET
The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: TRONG DOAN, 992 EL MONTE AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three (3) years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE
The assets to be sold are described in general as: STOCK IN TRADE, INVENTORY, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT, GOODWILL AND TRADE NAME and are located at: 992 EL MONTE AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
The kind of license to be transferred is: Type: 21-OFF-SALE GENERAL, License Number: 340936 now issued for the premises located at: 992 EL MONTE AVE, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA 94040
The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is: JULY 8, 2015 at the office of: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE CO, 2099 GATEWAY PL, STE 100, SAN JOSE, CA 95110. PHONE (408)437-4313, FAX (408)392-9272.
It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24073 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this document on the date(s) set forth below.
Dated: JUNE 1, 2015
TRONG DOAN
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