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The fireworks display during the San Francisco Symphony's annual performance at Shoreline Amphitheatre draws huge crowds to Mountain View every year.

## Festivities for a fabulous Fourth of July

Independence Day celebrations will take place throughout the Peninsula on Saturday, July 4. Celebrate the red, white and blue at patriotic events, including family-friendly activities in Palo Alto, parades in Menlo Park and Redwood City and a firework

display in Mountain View.

Here's a sampling of Fourth festivities:

### MOUNTAIN VIEW

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8 p.m. at Shoreline Amphithe-

atre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View

The San Francisco Symphony will perform its annual Fourth of July concert at Shoreline Amphitheatre at 8 p.m. There will be music celebrating American film, with a special tribute

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## Sparks fly at MV Whisman school board meeting

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER THREATENS TO WALKS OUT; INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT SHOUTS: "FIRE ME!"

By Kevin Forestieri

Tensions flared at the Mountain View Whisman School board meeting last week over an otherwise uncontroversial contract approval — the district's construction project manager threatened to walk out of the meeting because of some board members' questioning of cost figures.

After lengthy discussions over Measure G bond revenue spending plans at the June 24 board meeting, board members Greg Coladonato and Steve Nelson challenged the dollar amounts projected for school site improvements; these projections are used to determine the fees the district will pay its project management firm, Greystone West.

Nelson argued that there was no board discussion or approval of the \$22 million in initial cost estimates for the Stevenson and Theuerkauf improvements in the contract.

"Coladonato and I, I think, are trying to let you know that we don't approve putting a number

on there," Nelson said. "There's a big political issue that is beyond this contract language, and it has to do with how we decide to do public policy and allocate money."

Todd Lee, principal at Greystone West, explained that he needs a cost estimate of construction so he knows how much the district will owe his firm, something that requires a specific dollar amount for construction at each site.

Coladonato said the process by which Lee came up with projected costs for the Theuerkauf and Stevenson projects is similar to that used for Castro Elementary site improvements; the Castro projection came in at \$43 million. The board had no involvement in determining the budgets for those projects, Coladonato said, and he finds that process unacceptable.

At that point, Lee threatened to walk out the door, and Coladonato commented, "If you're willing to walk out the door for

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## Airbnb tent raises eyebrows

CITY OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING MOUNTAIN VIEW'S CHEAPEST RENTAL DIGS: A BACKYARD TENT

By Mark Noack

Paying \$965 a month for a one-bedroom rental might seem a bargain in Mountain View, especially for a place featuring a garden view and nestled between the Google campus and the Caltrain station.

This particular rental unit is the type of place a real estate

agent might describe as having "rustic charm." In fact, it's a tent in the backyard of a house.

Call it the latest sign of how overheated the housing market has become in the South Bay: a Monte Loma resident pitched a Coleman tent in his backyard and is renting it out through Airbnb for \$46 a night. What's more, he says he's having no

trouble finding lodgers willing to pay that price.

The landlord, 22-year-old John Potter, has been living with his brother in their parents' house, located off Marjorie Court, for about five years. Working by day as a web developer, Potter said he began looking at Airbnb last month as a way to make a little extra scratch on the side.

At first, he put up a post for a spare bedroom after a tenant moved out, but he decided to go one step further. The idea came

about mostly as a joke, he said, after a friend claimed the rental situation was so bad in Mountain View that people would pay to sleep in a tent. Potter said he took the joke literally and decided to give it a try.

"A lot of people work all day, and they just need a place to sleep and shower," Potter explained. "It's convenient if you work nearby."

According to his ad, any guest staying in the tent can come inside to take one shower a day and use the kitchen for cooking.

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A tent in a Monte Loma backyard is on Airbnb for \$46 a night.

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AROUND TOWN

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

*Which gay celebrity's wedding would you want to attend?*



"Either Ricky Martin or Neil Patrick Harris because they're hot and talented at what they do."  
**Monica Mireles, San Jose**



"Sam Smith. I like his music, but he should be happy in love instead of sad all the time."  
**Kaushik Sunder, Bangalore, India**



"I know he's already married, but Stephen Fry because he has a fascinating mind and I'm sure his ceremony was fantastic."  
**Elizabeth Wilson, Melbourne, Australia**



"Ellen Page. She's my favorite actress, and she is very funny. Maybe she would even get married on roller skates like in that movie 'Whip It.'"  
**Christopher Käck, Malmö, Sweden**



"I think Adam Lambert. He is so beautiful and fabulous and such a great singer. His wedding would be a real party."  
**Mia Vever, Bratislava, Slovakia**

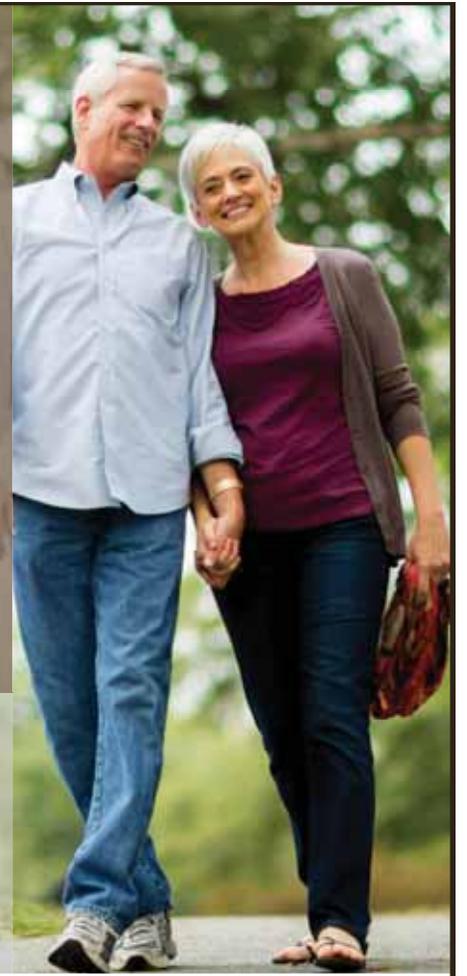
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

**FIGHT AT KLEIN PARK**

Two men were arrested last week after a fight near a Mountain View park left two people injured, according to police. Officers arrived at Klein Park on the corner of California and Ortega Avenue following reports of a fight in progress. The two victims at the scene, both Mountain View residents, had been injured in the fight. The suspects who fled the scene allegedly used a bottle as a weapon during the fight, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka. Officers, along with a K9 search dog, were able to locate two suspects. Police arrested 39-year-old Javier Gallegos and 37-year-old Carlos Gonzalez, both Mountain View residents, on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. There is no clear indication as to what caused the fight beyond a verbal challenge that turned into a physical confrontation, Tanaka said. Gallegos and Gonzalez were both booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on \$25,000 and \$30,000 bail, respectively. —Kevin Forestieri

**ARREST OVER STOLEN PACKAGE**

A man in possession of a package that is thought to have been stolen was arrested on an outstanding warrant in Mountain View early Wednesday morning, according to police. Javier Ortega, 36, was stopped for a vehicle code violation while riding a bicycle in the 1700 block of Rock Street around 4:35 a.m. Wednesday. Ortega initially identified himself to officers as “Fabian Gutierrez.” When searched, Ortega was found to be in possession of a package addressed to a Palo Alto resident who later told officers that the package had never arrived, according to police. Ortega was also allegedly in possession of four pieces of individually packaged clothing, although police say they are not believed to belong to the Palo Alto resident referenced above. —Bay City News Service

■ POLICE LOG

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| <b>ARSON</b><br>500 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/25   | <b>GRAND THEFT</b><br>1800 block Miramonte Av., 6/26  |
| <b>ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON</b><br>California St. & Ortega Av., 6/26  | <b>RESISTING A POLICE OFFICER</b><br>800 block California St., 6/24   |
| <b>AUTO BURGLARY</b><br>300 block Escuela Av., 6/24   | <b>ROBBERY</b><br>800 block Mercy St., 6/25<br>1700 block Rock St., 6/25  |
| <b>BATTERY</b><br>600 block McCarty Av., 6/25<br>1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 6/26<br>2600 block W. El Camino Real, 6/27<br>1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 6/28 | <b>STOLEN VEHICLE</b><br>2200 block Rock St., 6/24<br>1900 block Rock St., 6/25<br>1900 block Hackett Av., 6/26 |
| <b>BRANDISHING WEAPON</b><br>600 block Mariposa Av., 6/24   | <b>VANDALISM</b><br>500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/25<br>200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 6/27                     |
| <b>COMMERCIAL BURGLARY</b><br>500 block South Dr., 6/26   |   |

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**COUNCIL CONSIDERS CONTRIBUTION TO LASD**

The Mountain View City Council could contribute up to \$7.5 million in city park funds to help the Los Altos School District acquire land for a new school campus. The City Council will consider the proposal at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday night, July 3. ▶ See *COMMUNITY BRIEFS*, page 10

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Water flows through **Stevens Creek** in Mountain View, while many local creeks have dried up for the summer. Treated groundwater from a Superfund site is pumped into the creek year-round.

## City eyes Superfund water for irrigation

ONGOING DROUGHT GIVES NEW VALUE TO TCE-CONTAMINATED GROUNDWATER

By Mark Noack

**B**rown lawns and dried-out river beds are ubiquitous in California's severe drought, but one place in Mountain View where water isn't in short supply is Stevens Creek. Year-round, the waterway near Highway 101 remains a lush oasis of running water.

One of the reasons for this urban oasis is the thousands of gallons of treated groundwater that are dumped into the creek

each day. But few would dare drink this water since it originates from the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman Superfund site, where the underground aquifers contain a 30-year-old toxic plume of industrial solvents.

For years, an ongoing cleanup effort to purge this industrial waste has mostly consisted of pumping and treating the groundwater and then sending it out to stormwater channels to be taken out to the Bay. Just the water going into Stevens

Creek totals about 120 million gallons per year, according to one tally.

But with every drop of water becoming more important than ever before, the underground aquifer in the Superfund site is being seen by some officials not as a toxic hazard but as an untapped resource. Rather than dumping it into Stevens Creek and other waterways, a group of city officials and environmental advocates are making the case that this water could irrigate gardens and lawns, potentially saving millions of gallons of potable water being drawn from the Hetch Hetchy system.

The idea has gained momentum at recent Mountain View public meetings. Council members Pat Showalter and

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## Rent hike earmarked for Whisman school

DISTRICT'S LEASE WITH GERMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WILL PUT MILLIONS INTO FUND FOR NEW SCHOOL

By Kevin Forestieri

**T**he Mountain View Whisman school board took its first concrete step toward opening a new school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood, earmarking millions of dollars in future lease money for constructing and operating a new school.

But some board members at the June 24 meeting said the money should go in the district's general fund, and that the district would be better off funding a new school with a new bond measure.

The money comes from an amended lease between the district and the German International School of Silicon Valley, which rents out part of the Whisman Elementary campus. The newly negotiated lease, approved by the board on a 3-1 vote, will raise the annual rent from \$880,000 to \$1.5 million, increasing over five years until it hits about \$2 million. The agreement also extends the lease to 2045.

Board members said they were thrilled to take in the extra revenue, which brings the rent in line with the market price. Board member Bill Lambert, who has spend the last month urging the district to start looking at new sources of revenue, called the amended lease a step in the right direction. Because the lease runs for decades, he said, it can be seen as a reliable source of money for ongoing expenses.

Other board members had a different purpose in mind. Greg Coladonato and Steve Nelson both insisted that any lease money above \$880,000 should go into a fund for a new school in the Whisman and Slater neighborhoods, which do not have a nearby school for the hundreds of children in the area.

Coladonato said approving the lease already restricts the options

***'It sends a completely wrong message to the rest of the district.'***

TRUSTEE BILL LAMBERT

the district has to open a school in the area because the private school cannot be evicted before 2025. He said it would be a disservice to the community if the board did not assure Whisman and Slater residents that money will be set aside for a new school. He said he feared the money would just be swallowed up in the general fund.

"The day after (the money) arrives, the conversation will still be, 'There's just not enough money to run a school there,'" Coladonato said.

After a failed 2-2 vote to approve the lease without earmarking the money, with Cola-

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## Secret history of MV's Berlin Wall slab

**T**he Berlin Wall, for decades the international symbol of the Cold War and the ideological split between communism and capitalism, met an abrupt end when jubilant crowds of East Germans began tearing it down in 1989. It signaled an end to the Cold War, and countless people wanted a souvenir chunk of the wall to mark the great occasion.

Two large concrete slabs of the Berlin Wall found their way to Mountain View and in 2013,

***Recognizing a piece of the wall is something akin to finding a needle in a haystack.***

were put on display outside the library after being donated to the city. To their surprise, Mountain View officials recently learned some of the history behind these pieces.

Berlin resident Robin Pohle

emailed the library last week after one of his friends spotted one of the wall chunks while taking a virtual tour of Mountain View on Google. The wall

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COURTESY ROBIN POHLE

**Jürgen Griesing, Christoph Schmidt and Robin Pohle** pose by the graffiti they spray-painted on the Berlin Wall in 1990.

## SUPERFUND

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Lenny Siegel have brought up recycled water during recent reviews of housing projects and encouraged private developers to plan ahead for the day when recycled water is readily available.

“Everyone’s aware of the water shortage, and recycled water is a major untapped source of water for the state,” said Siegel. “It would be beneficial to use this water, but it’s not a simple matter of just snapping your fingers.”

Showalter, who works as a senior project manager for the Santa Clara Valley Water District, said it wouldn’t be difficult to make the water clean enough for landscape irrigation.

“Right now, we’re extracting groundwater and for the most part it’s going right into the storm drains and into Stevens Creek,” Showalter said. “One of my personal goals on the council is to get as much of Mountain View’s landscaping on recycled water as possible.”

In fact, this idea is nothing new. All the water within the MEW Superfund site was supposed to be reclaimed for other uses, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. When the Superfund site was originally created in 1989, EPA officials set a goal to eventually reuse 100 percent of the water after it was treated to remove its contaminants. But the idea never really got off the ground, reportedly due to cost constraints.

Nevertheless, the idea was already well researched by Fair-



MICHELLE LE

A duck paddles along Stevens Creek.

child Semiconductor, Intel and Raytheon, the three companies responsible for funding the clean-up of trichloroethene (TCE). Alana Lee, EPA site manager for the MEW Superfund site, pointed out that recycling this water for other uses was gaining new attention given the drought, although it is still in the early stages of consideration.

“It’s always been part of our vision to assess the feasibility to reuse this water,” she said. “It may be that once the TCE is removed, the water doesn’t have any other contamination issues and would be suitable for irrigation.”

So far, the only party to successfully reuse the contaminated groundwater has been NASA Ames Research Center. Starting

around 2010, facility engineers began investigating ways to lower water consumption at the Arc Jet Complex, the one-of-a-kind simulator to test how spacecraft materials perform under the intense heat and stress resulting from atmospheric entry. The facility uses about 20 million gallons of water, most of which is boiled to create steam to simulate high-heat conditions, said Kenneth Kono, Arc Jet project manager. Given that huge demand, the NASA team began looking to secure a new water source as the drought worsened.

“We needed a water supply that would sustain us through the drought,” Kono explained. “Back in 2009 we were using Hetch Hetchy water, so every

gallon we save now is a gallon we save from the potable system.”

To treat the water, the Ames Center installed a reverse-osmosis system, which purifies water so it ends up distilled. Along with supplying the Arc Jet building, the water is also used for limited irrigation around some of the campus buildings. Kono explained that one of his priorities is to find more uses for this water around the research park.

In comparison, the city of Mountain View is just beginning its study of how recycled groundwater could offset drinking water consumption. City staff members have begun meeting with EPA representatives to discuss what clearances would be required, said Public Works Director Mike

## ‘There’s little reason to worry about people being exposed to the contaminants.’

COUNCILMAN LENNY SIEGEL

Fuller. City officials need to consider how to deliver the water. An environmental study could also be necessary to examine Stevens Creek and determine whether redirecting large quantities of water would harm the habitat or protected species, such as the steelhead trout.

“Just starting out, we’d have to see what the impact would be of diverting that water away from its current location,” Fuller said. “We also need to know how much demand is out there and how we’d pipe it.”

What hasn’t been a big concern is the health risks of recycling water contaminated with TCE, which the EPA classifies as a known carcinogen that’s harmful through any means of transmission. City and EPA officials have expressed confidence that the current water treatment of carbon filters and oxidation is sufficient for removing the toxic chemicals.

“So far, what we know is there’s little reason to worry about people being exposed to the contaminants,” Councilman Siegel said. “Once people are informed, I don’t think they’ll have any objections.”

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## WHISMAN

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donato and Nelson opposed, board president Ellen Wheeler eventually agreed to put the additional lease revenue into a reserve account for a new school. Former board president Chris Chiang’s seat is still vacant, following his recent resignation.

Lambert, the sole dissenter, said that the millions of dollars in lease money should go into the general fund to benefit all students. He urged the board to think of the community as a whole, rather than separate communities competing for resources.

“It sends a completely wrong message to the rest of the district. I bet other schools would like to have their own reserves, money allocated towards them that can only be spent on their uses,” Lambert said.

Instead of waiting for millions of dollars to accrue over several years, Lambert advocated that the board start pushing for a small bond measure, of about \$30

million, to complete Measure G bond construction projects and open a school at Slater. That way, he said, the new school could be rolled into the ongoing projects.

Veronica Reginaldo, a resident in the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area, urged the board not to amend the lease, to keep open the option to open a school on the campus. She said the district has a responsibility to provide a nearby school for a fast-increasing number of students in the northeast quadrant of the city. The Mountain View City Council recently approved a subdivision of 600 new houses in the South Whisman area, but she said that’s just scratching the surface.

“What is not visible are the smaller housing development projects that are cropping up in our neighborhood. Just on my street alone there are 30 units, 18 units, and another 30 units that are either under construction or is already approved,” Reginaldo said.

Vicki Chang, a parent in the Whisman and Slater area, said

she had mixed feelings about the board’s decision. On the one hand, she said it was good to see the board was willing to set money aside to fund a walkable, neighborhood school. But on the other hand, she said, the new lease makes the Whisman campus unusable as a district school in the future.

“There’s a history of broken promises, especially in Whisman-Slater area,” she said. “Until we actually apply it to a school and open a school, I’m concerned that even though the earmarked funds are earmarked for now, that could change.”

Tamara Wilson, a resident and advocate for a new school, echoed the sentiment of distrust. Wilson said she thinks the board is looking for ways to increase revenue for existing operations, and that the special reserve for a new school could be absorbed back into the general fund at any time. Until the board develops a time-line and financial plan for spending that money, Wilson said she and others will begin

exploring charter school options for the area.

Wheeler said she acknowledges that trust may be in short supply when it comes to opening a new school, but that there’s very clear intent to re-open Slater. She said she disagreed with the motion that eventually passed, but that there has to be compromise in order to reach a good solution.

The most important aspect of the amended lease for the German school is long-term stability, said Kai Goebel, chairman of the board for the German International School of Silicon Valley. The previous lease had an 18-month termination clause, Goebel said, which had been looming over the school for many years and prevented officials from making substantial, long-term improvements to the campus.

“We never knew when we would be booted out,” Goebel said.

The final changes to the lease by the school board could be

seen as a win-win situation, he said, as the district increases its cash flow in a way that directly benefits the nearby neighborhood. The school has maintained a pretty good relationship with the neighboring community throughout the whole process, Goebel said, and there’s no sense of hostility between the Whisman and Slater residents who want a neighborhood school and the tenants of the Whisman campus.

“We met numerous times with neighborhood leaders to discuss various options on how we should go about with (the new lease). It was important for us to be seen as a partner in all of that,” Goebel said.

With a rent increase of close to \$1.2 million just years away, Goebel said the German school now has to find a way to balance the budget, likely through an increase in enrollment or an increase in tuition, as the school runs itself like a nonprofit.

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One grant recipient of El Camino Healthcare District Community Benefit is the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC), a nonprofit mental health services agency which provides student and family counseling services. MG, a 6-year old boy, was referred to CHAC because his behavior was causing problems at school. The CHAC counselor built a rapport with MG and met with his family and teachers. Together, they developed a behavior support plan for MG, including positive attention and rewards for good behavior. According to MG's teacher, "Without CHAC's positive attention, MG would have been held back but now he is making friends and moving on to first grade."



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## AIRBNB

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Posted photos indicate the tent comes furnished with a sleeping bag and air mattress.

Since posting the ad, Potter says he's received as many as 40 emails expressing interest in the tent, but only half seemed genuine. One guy wanted to rent the tent for 58 consecutive nights, he said.

The tent rental has attracted a lot of attention. Potter says he's spoken with dozens of reporters who wanted to learn about his backyard accommodations. He admits he likes the attention, although his parents have warned him that maybe this wasn't such a good idea.

So far, only two guests have actually stayed in the tent, but Potter is confident that he could have rented it out every night if he put more time into answering emails and organizing a schedule. In any case, he claims he is making more money through Airbnb than when he sublet the house under a traditional rental arrangement.

So if the renting out a tent is legit, then why stop at just one? Why not pitch eight more to rent out?

"If it was my house, I definitely would look into that," he said, pondering the question. "One tent isn't bad, but I guess I don't want to get to the point of having a tent city."

But whether it's one tent or twelve, Mountain View city officials contacted on Friday say what Potter is doing likely isn't acceptable. Camping tents aren't supposed to be rented out, said City Attorney Jannie Quinn, who explained that it could present a number of safety and sanitary problems.

Prior to posting the backyard tent, Potter said he read through

the Airbnb policies and checked to see if he was violating any Mountain View city codes. As far as he could tell, he was within his rights, said Potter, who was recently elected to the Monte Loma Neighborhood Association's board.

After getting complaints about Potter's tent rental, city officials launched an investigation to see if it was a code-enforcement violation, Quinn said.

"A tent is a temporary shelter. It's not intended for long-term use and habitation," Quinn said. "It doesn't have a foundation; it doesn't have plumbing; it doesn't have electricity."

She said last week she expected the investigation to take about 10 days. If city officials find a violation, Potter would be required to either stop renting out the tent or begin the unlikely process of getting the city to sanction his backyard as a commercial campground.

Unlike some Bay Area cities, Mountain View has no official policies for regulating vacation rental services like Airbnb that blur the lines between homes and hotels. The meteoric rise of Airbnb has come with some degree of criticism that short-term rentals are compounding the affordability problems in the Bay Area rental market.

Quinn said that Mountain View has seen its share of homeowners bending the rules to turn a profit, such as by converting homes into dormitory-style lodging as a way to maximize the number of guests. The city has acted on as many as 12 complaints related to Airbnb rentals in recent years, she said.

Even before the city launched its investigation, Potter took down his Airbnb posting due to an unrelated medical issue,

## Early end for retired police dog

By Shannon Chai

He may have been man's best friend, but only Officer Ricky Valenzuela could call him partner.

In April, the retired K-9 officer Oles of the Mountain View Police Department was put to sleep after a long battle with degenerative myelopathy. He was 7 years old.

Oles, a German shepherd, joined the police team in Mountain View in January 2010 with his handler, Valenzuela.

Valenzuela describes police dog training as one of his passions. In fact, his partner before Oles was another German shepherd that also had to be put down due to degenerative myelopathy.

Degenerative myelopathy is a slow, progressive disease of the spinal cord and is most common in German shepherds and Welsh corgis. Affected dogs slowly lose coordination over their hind limbs, which results in a walking disability, or in severe cases, paralysis.

Essentially, the dogs do not even realize that they are not picking their feet up as they walk, said Valenzuela.

There is no known cause, but its prevalence in specific breeds may point to the involvement of genetic factors. There is also no cure, although its symptoms may be treated with physical therapy and casts and braces to



COURTESY OF RICKY VALENZUELA

Oles, a Mountain View police dog, had to be put to sleep after suffering a debilitating illness common to German shepherds.

support the hind limbs.

Physical hardships did not, however, stop Oles from living an exciting, active life. "He loved to work. As soon as I grabbed my bag to go to work, he'd jump up with excitement," Valenzuela said.

One particularly memorable day on the job with Oles involved a rainy car chase from San Francisco to Mountain View, ending in a car crash on Highway 101, said Valenzuela.

Last year on Feb. 28, three suspects wanted in connection with a shooting in San Francisco's Fillmore District led San Francisco and California Highway Patrol officers in pursuit down Highway 101 before the suspects' car crashed into another

vehicle near Ellis Street in Mountain View. The three suspects emerged fled on foot toward Mountain View city streets.

Oles and Valenzuela arrived on the scene, along with a team of police officers from the San Francisco and Mountain View police departments.

"The K-9s are especially important during tracks when we don't know where the suspect went, and the area is big," Valenzuela said. "We need a dog to help identify scents and locate the suspect."

Oles helped track down the three suspects, who were arrested several blocks south of Highway 101 near North Whisman Road, according to CHP Officer Daniel Hill. Oles tracked the suspects' path for approximately 100 yards.

"Taking on a K-9 partner is a big commitment," said Valenzuela. "You get what you put into them."

Oles excelled at tracking and searching, said Valenzuela. He won several awards, including a first place in in the combined overall category for Narcotics and Patrol and third place for Patrol Searching at the South Lake Tahoe 2012 Police K-9 Trials.

Oles retired from the force on June 29, 2014.

"He was really a great partner and dog all around," said Valenzuela. ▀

he said. He said it was "short-sighted" to come down on him for providing a service that's much in demand.

"If people want to make money for renting a house, and people want to pay money to go on vacation, I think they should be able to,"

he said. "It's silly to refuse to build enough houses and then to blame a company that helps people find temporary places to stay." ▀

## SCHOOL BOARD

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that, then that's too bad."

Lee headed for the door.

An agitated Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly jumped in at that point, calling the scene "ridiculous." He made an appeal to Coladonato and Nelson to come to a compromise.

"There has to be some compromise with this group — you're asking too much for staff. This man (Lee) is the best you'll get. Approve his contract; he's been working for nothing," Skelly said. "The man is working his butt off for us and he deserves a decent cut — one that every district in the state does."

When Nelson tried to raise a point of order over Skelly's exasperated appeal to approve the contract, Skelly shouted, "Then fire me!"

Skelly's contract with the district ends June 30. He has a new job lined up as the superintendent of the San Mateo Union High School District.

The board eventually voted unanimously to approve a contract where fees are determined by overall average values of the construction work, which excludes any specific dollar amount associated with Theuerkauf and Stevenson Elementary schools.

Board member Ellen Wheeler said she was not happy with the compromise, but that she's willing to vote for it so that Lee will be paid for his work.

Board member Bill Lambert said he was "baffled" by the discussion, and that the board isn't approving budgets for school sites by approving the contract. He said Lee needs an initial

estimate to start any work on a site, which is why a number has been put down for all the schools, including Stevenson and Theuerkauf.

When asked what he thought of the newly structured fees for the contract, Lee opted not to opine one way or the other.

"At this point I'm tired, I'm angry and (it's) probably not a good time to be making a decision, so I'm sorry," Lee said.

Skelly later cautioned the board, saying that the district will lose a valuable asset in building and construction if it loses its relationship with Lee and Greystone West. He said picking away at little things will make people want to walk out of the room.

"If you lose this man, you are screwed. I feel very, very strongly that he has been the best thing that you have going for your

construction program. You cannot control the prices of things, you will not always agree with his recommendations, but you will not find a finer person to do this work," Skelly said. "You are a difficult, difficult board."

In an email to the trustees following the board meeting, Lee explained that the \$22 million figure for the Stevenson and Theuerkauf campus was a preliminary allocation of funds, and fixing their fee only occurs after a schematic design is approved by the board. And even those budget numbers are subject to adjustments without any penalty.

Up until the contract approval last week, Greystone West had been working for the district for months without compensation from the district. But Lee said in the email that the lapse in payment is not the source of frustra-

tion — it's the fact that board members made the terms of the contract a political issue.

"We work very hard to avoid politics and produce accurate non-biased work product. Wednesday night's Board debate put us front and center, creating the appearance that somehow our cost estimates were designed to either promote a political agenda or, worse yet; to generate fees," the email states.

Coladonato later said he didn't realize Lee had been working for so long without being paid, and that he wasn't sure why that happened. He said he wasn't comfortable with setting any sort of budget for specific schools in the budget, including the absence of Slater or Whisman as potential school site construction, but didn't expect to see the reaction that he did. ▀

## FOURTH

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to “The Sound of Music” in honor of the iconic film’s 50th anniversary. The evening will finish with a fireworks show. For more information and tickets, visit [sfsymphony.org](http://sfsymphony.org) or call 650-967-4040.

Those wishing to view the fireworks from outside of the amphitheater are encouraged to bike or walk to the Shoreline area. Thousands of people are expected to attend the fireworks display outside the venue, according to the Mountain View Police Department.

Street closures include Casey Avenue, San Antonio Road north of Casey, and northbound Marine Way at Garcia Avenue, which will be closed off to traffic after 3 p.m. Alcohol is prohibited at the event, and attendees can expect a two- to three-hour delay when leaving the park after the show is over.

## PALO ALTO

## Chili Cook Off &amp; Summer Festival

Noon-5 p.m. at Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

Twenty teams of chili enthusiasts will compete for the Best Chili Award at the 34th annual Chili Cook Off & Summer Festival on Saturday, July 4, at Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive.

The annual family-friendly event, which starts at noon, will feature live music from Rockin’ Down The Hiway, children’s activities and food. This year’s festival will include a live streaming of the FIFA women’s World Cup tournament, train rides for kids, and new food vendors, including food trucks and an ice cream and dessert parlor (for purchase) sponsored by Stanford Federal Credit Union.

“It’s an lighthearted, fun day for all,” event organizer Ali Williams said. “It’s a great day for the entire family and for friends to get together to celebrate the Fourth in a spirited, fun atmosphere.”

The chili tasting, which is open to the public and costs \$5, begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org).

## Cantor Arts Center

11 a.m.-5 p.m. at 328 Lomita Drive, Stanford

What better way to celebrate Independence Day than with a museum visit? Stanford University’s Cantor Arts Center will be open on July 4 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Major exhibitions on view now include sketches by masters of Italian art including Michelangelo and Modigliani, Tiepolo and Tintoretto as well as “Imagining the Oceans,” which brings together artwork across



NATALIA NAZAROVA

*Shoreline Park is a popular picnic spot and a good vantage point to view fireworks.*

history and cultures inspired by ocean environments. The exhibit features pieces by Willem van de Velde, Charles Meryon, Utagawa Kuniyoshi, Willem de Kooning and others. Admission is free. For more information, visit [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu).

## MENLO PARK

## Fourth of July Parade and Celebration

11:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Burgess Park, 701 Laurel St, Menlo Park

Menlo Park’s annual Fourth of July parade and celebration includes a community parade through downtown, kid-friendly games, arts and crafts, face painting, laser tag, food and live music by Mustache Harbor. The event, which is sponsored by Facebook, kicks off at 11:45 a.m. as families with decorated bicycles, wagons and scooters parade down Santa Cruz Avenue to Burgess Park from the parking lot behind Wells Fargo on Chestnut Street at Santa Cruz Avenue. The parade is open to all, and admission is free, with a \$7 wristband required for some activities at Burgess Park. Wristbands can be purchased in advance at the Arrillaga Gymnasium at 600 Alma St. For more information, click on Special Events on [menlopark.org](http://menlopark.org).

## WOODSIDE

## Woodside Junior Rodeo

8 a.m. at Mounted Patrol Grounds, 521 Kings Mountain Road

The Mounted Patrol of San Mateo County invites families to the Woodside Junior Rodeo, where young cowboys and cowgirls from around California will test their skills during events including roping, barrel racing and bull riding. The event will take place on the Mounted Patrol Grounds, at 521 Kings Mountain Road in Woodside. Gates open at 8 a.m. For more information and tickets, visit [mpsmc.org](http://mpsmc.org) or call 650-851-8300.

## REDWOOD CITY

## Old-Fashioned Fourth of July

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway St., Redwood City

During this San Mateo County History Museum event, children can hand-crank ice cream and make traditional Independence Day crafts, including an 1880s flag, pinwheel and model of the Liberty Bell, and adults can watch vintage films of the Peninsula from the museum’s archives. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and students and free for children age 5 and under. For more information, visit [historysmc.org](http://historysmc.org).

## Redwood City’s parade and festival

7:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Redwood City’s 77th annual Fourth of July Parade and Festival will take place Saturday, July 4. A family-friendly 5K race open

to runners, walkers and strollers of all ages at 7 a.m. and a pancake breakfast with the Redwood City Fire Department at 7:30 a.m. will kick off the day. Check-in for the race will be at Bradford Street between Arguello and Warren streets.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. at Marshall Street at the corner of Winslow Street and travels around historic downtown. The

theme of this year’s parade is “Our American Heritage, The Fabulous 50s.”

The festival begins at 9 a.m. with arts and crafts, food and drinks, a battle of the bands, a car show and other activities.

A fireworks show starts at 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit [parade.org](http://parade.org). ▣

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# Thor leaves lasting legacy at Foothill

FORMER CHANCELLOR SAYS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT HAS REACHED STATE-WIDE RECOGNITION

By Kevin Forestieri

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District has been the center of attention lately, from launching its new baccalaureate program to being chosen to lead Gov. Jerry Brown's state-wide initiative to transform online education in community colleges.

Along with the higher profile, the district has its first balanced budget in years. Former Chancellor Linda Thor, who retired Tuesday, June 30, said the district is in fantastic shape compared to when she took over the district.

Thor said when she took the chancellor position in February 2010, the district was still reeling from the recession and she had to slash budget items left and right.

"It was terrible. I arrived with the first task to cut 20 percent out of the budget — \$38 million," Thor said.

While the cuts were tremendous, Thor said the district did it "just about as well as anybody." She made a concerted effort to include everybody who would be affected — students, faculty, teachers and classified employees — so nobody felt left out.

"Even though we had to cut millions of dollars, we didn't



Linda Thor

have one single person come in to complain about the cuts or the process," she said.

Not only is the district now solvent, but big projects and initiatives set in motion at the beginning of her tenure are finally coming to fruition. Joan Barram, vice president of the Foothill-De Anza school board, said Thor enhanced the reputation of the district on a state and federal level, allowing Foothill College to become one of only 15 community colleges in California to offer a baccalaureate program this year. The four-year degree in dental hygiene at Foothill College will launch next fall, and will cost a student about \$10,500 each year in tuition.

"She really helped sell the whole idea of the community college baccalaureate," she said.

Foothill-De Anza was also selected by the state to lead the charge toward transforming online education for California community colleges through the Online Education Initiative. The five-year, \$57 million initiative, started by Governor Jerry Brown last year, is expected to bring up both the quality and the number of online courses, and improve the rate that students complete their degrees and transfer to four-year universities.

Barram also credited Thor for helping the district acquire 9.2 acres of new district land at Moffett Federal Airfield, which was given to the district in 2013 for free as part of a public benefit conveyance. The district plans to open its new education facility at the former Onizuka Air Force Station, the former site of the "blue cube" building, in autumn 2016.

Amid the budget cuts and the big-ticket projects, Barram said working with Thor has been both effective and a pleasant experience, and that there was never any drama with the board through the fiscal crises.

"Her style is a very different one, she's very quietly authoritative, and it's been very nice for the board to work with," Barram said. ■

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MICHELLE LE

After the November 2013 dedication ceremony, Christy Tonge views one of the two sections of the **Berlin Wall** at the Mountain View Public Library.

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segment is spray-painted with heart with the words, "Wir lieben dich," which translates to "We love you."

Pohle explained that had painted it on a still-standing part of the wall with his friends in 1990 to bid farewell to their friend Polly, who was moving to Munich. In fact, the trio even snapped a photo next to the fresh graffiti.

Recognizing a piece of the wall is something akin to finding a needle in a haystack. Genera-

tions of graffiti covered the concrete segment of the wall, which measured about 12 feet high and 66 miles long, and pieces of the wall were scattered worldwide when it was torn down.

Library Director Rosanne Macek said she was astonished to learn the wall's back story. A private collector, Frank Golzen, had donated the pieces to the city just two years earlier, she said.

"Out of the blue we get this email from this man," she said. "Given the distance and the time, I think it's amazing we were able to connect with each other."

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Following the passage of a \$150 million bond last year, Los Altos school officials made it their top priority to build a new elementary school campus north of El Camino Real near San Antonio Road. The Los Altos district includes a portion of Mountain View, which accounts 25 percent of its students. Since April, the district has been in negotiations to buy a 3-acre site and office building known as the Old Mill Office Center in Mountain View.

With those negotiations ongoing, district officials reached out to the city last month to propose partnering to acquire the land. This would potentially allow the city secure more open space in an underserved part of the city, while the school district would receive help footing the bill.

Mountain View council members are expected to decide Thursday whether they want to help pay for the school site, and

if so, how much they would be willing to contribute. Mountain View staff noted the city currently has \$7.5 million available in its park lands dedication fund for the San Antonio area.

—Mark Noack

## TOP PLANNING OFFICIAL LEAVING MV

An influential Mountain View staffer in charge of an array of land-use and development decisions, Zoning Administrator Gerry Beaudin will be leaving his job. Beaudin has accepted to a new job to head the Community Development Department in Pleasanton, starting at the end of July.

Beaudin has served in planning capacities in other Bay Area cities of similar size, including South San Francisco, Los Altos, as well as Toronto, Canada.

In his current position in Mountain View, he served as the functional equivalent of a planning commission of one. He has

made final land use decisions and recommendations to the City Council and was responsible for the "look and feel" of the community.

His experience includes working with large projects, private residential developments and a long-range master plan for biotech giant Genentech's 200-acre campus in South San Francisco.

"For most of my 15 years in community development, I have been fortunate to manage a variety of projects and make a positive impact in my communities, including the last 11 years in and around the Bay Area," Beaudin said.

He has a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Toronto and a bachelor's in geography from Queens University, Canada. He holds accreditation from the American Institute of Certified Planners and the U.S. Green Building Council Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design, and is a graduate of the Senior Executives

in State and Local Government program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Mountain View city officials were not immediately available for comment.

—Jeb Bing

## PRIORITY REGISTRATION AT FOOTHILL

Beat the crowd this fall by getting ahead on course registration at Foothill College.

The school is offering free Student Orientation, Assessment and Registration (SOAR) workshops for all incoming freshmen. Upon completion of the SOAR program, freshmen will be granted priority fall registration beginning on July 15.

The final SOAR sessions of the year will take place July 8 and 9, from 2 to 8 p.m. To receive the priority fall registration benefit, incoming freshmen must complete all five steps of the SOAR program.

The sessions include a 30-min-

ute orientation with information about educational plans and financial aid, assessment tests in English and math, and meeting with a counselor to create an educational plan.

"We want students to do assessment testing so we can determine their skill and knowledge level, and then be able to place them in the correct courses so they're not under-learning or overwhelmed with the content of the courses," said spokeswoman Lori Thomas.

The final step is to register for the CNSL 5: Introduction to College course, which is designed to introduce new students to Foothill College's academic policies, resources, programs and services. It will also cover systems of higher education in California and help students formulate their educational plan.

For more detailed information, visit the SOAR website at [foothill.edu/soar](http://foothill.edu/soar).

—Shannon Chai

# Pricey Castro School project gets \$10M in cuts

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman school board decided on June 24 to move forward with a \$42 million construction project at Castro Elementary, but not before three hours of discussion, failed motions and deadlocked 2-2 votes leading to fears that the decision may be put off to a later date.

The decision involved some significant cuts to the construction plans to build a new school for Castro Elementary and modernize the existing buildings for the district's Dual Immersion program. But the cuts were not intended to bring the projected cost below the original \$43 million estimated price tag — they were an attempt to reduce the new, \$51 million-plus construction estimate.

Castro Elementary is an expensive campus to renovate, according to district staff, and demolition, utilities, concrete, landscaping, playgrounds and other site work will cost \$9 million — twice the amount originally budgeted. There's not much that can be done to bring that number down, said Todd Lee, construction project manager for the district.

"Unlike (with) buildings, we can't have a district standard for site work," Lee said. "All of your sites are unique in their acreage and composition."

The board voted 3-1, with board member Greg Coladonato opposed, for cheaper roofing, and eliminating classroom sky-

lights and exterior sliding glass walls, bringing the total estimated cost of renovating the two-school campus down to \$41.8 million.

But it wasn't an easy vote to come to, with board members deadlocked 2-2 for hours. With board president Chris Chiang's resignation, an impasse seemed certain as trustees Steve Nelson and Coladonato expressed unhappiness with the designs.

Coladonato said he was unsettled by the idea that the projected cost somehow ended up \$10 million over the original \$43 million estimate, which, he noted, is far above the funding given to all the other elementary schools.

"To find out that we're actually at \$51 (million) and required (to cut) off certain needs to get to \$43 is troublesome to me," Coladonato said.

Coladonato made a motion for a revised \$33 million budget that would require the district to consider cheaper alternatives. The suggestion, which was met with gasps and audible exasperation from the Castro staff in attendance, failed to get a second.

Nelson was not sold on the idea that Castro Elementary needs six additional classrooms, costing \$3.4 million; he said he did not agree that the school needs to have three classrooms per grade level for differentiated instruction. He insisted that future phases of the Castro construction include the option to leave out the six classrooms, and said there's no truth to the idea that a "three-strand" school

— meaning a school with three classrooms per grade level — makes a significant difference to academic programs.

"This is an urban myth, and I don't like allocating tens of millions of dollars on urban myths," Nelson said.

After a nuanced adjustment to the recommendations that would keep many of the cuts from coming back to the board as options for future phases of construction, Nelson broke the stand-off and voted with board members Bill

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***'This is an urban myth, and I don't like allocating tens of millions of dollars on urban myths.'***

STEVE NELSON, TRUSTEE

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Lambert and Ellen Wheeler in favor of the plans.

Wheeler said she did not agree with the changes suggested by Nelson, but said that by moving forward, the district would save from \$3.5 to \$4 million in opportunity costs that would have been lost had the board stalled on the decision.

Castro principal Theresa Lambert said despite the high number of cuts proposed to the schematic design, she was content with the board's decision.

"I am OK with the results," Lambert said. "There are some

board members who want the budget (even) lower, which is just not possible programmatically."

While many of the cuts approved at the meeting were for things that go beyond the district standard, Castro teachers and administrators insisted that things such as exterior glass doors and sky-lighting are among the many things they need to teach in a 21st century environment.

Marcela Simoes de Carvalho, the incoming principal of the newly named Gabriela Mistral Dual Immersion school, said all of the academic improvements planned for both Castro campus schools are dependent on a modern learning environment.

"It was very clear that the elements in our design are not 'wants'; they're needs," Carvahlo said. "They need to be present in order to teach differently, to teach in the future (and) to prepare kids for the great jobs that we have here in Silicon Valley."

Castro parent Sarah Livnat said improving academic achievement at Castro Elementary, which has some of the highest rates of socio-economically disadvantaged students and English-language learners, is one of the "single greatest needs" in the district, and that there's a great opportunity to use Measure G money to do it. She acknowledged that it is costly to make the planned upgrades, but said that academic performance is more important than balancing funds among schools.

"We are not trying to create

equality of facilities; we are trying to create equalities in academic performance," Livnat said.

Jill Rakestraw, an incoming Dual Immersion parent, voiced concerns that the school's design doesn't look like it has enough flexibility to allow students and classes to cross an invisible line between the two schools.

"I see this school and this school and a wall in between, and I think that we're going to lose the integration that was always so wonderful about having two schools on the same site," Rakestraw said.

Bill Lambert, frustrated by the split vote and inability to get Nelson or Coladonato to budge, explained that the board committed to building new facilities at Castro months ago, and it would be a "tremendous disservice" to the district and to the community if trustees were to go back on it. He said the hesitance appears to be over fears that the district will run out of money.

"We can't keep delaying our projects," Lambert said. "I feel that we're acting because of fear, because we're afraid of making a decision, because we're operating under a regime or paradigm of scarcity."

Lambert urged his board colleagues to make big decisions and do their best to advocate for raising the money, whether it be through a bond or a parcel tax, to reach those goals.

"Let's be bold and brave about it and say, 'this is what we want,' and then make sure that we're going out as a board and as a district in getting the money we need to finance our schools the way we want to," Lambert said. ▀

# Teachers get raises, with no raised voices

MV WHISMAN INKS A DRAMA-FREE DEAL WITH TEACHERS UNION

By Kevin Forestieri

Last year's bitter standoff between administrators and the teachers union over salaries didn't materialize during negotiations this year, marking a cordial new relationship between the Mountain View Whisman School District and its teachers union.

Union representatives say it's too soon to say whether teacher retention rates in the district have improved because of the more competitive salaries.

Negotiations between the district and the Mountain View Educators Association went smoothly because of a change in leadership, according to its president, Jonathan Pharazyn. He said Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly, who stepped down

June 30, brought a whole different tenor to the conversation.

"He understood that teachers are your most important resource in the district. They definitely demonstrate that in Palo Alto, and he brought that mindset here," Pharazyn said.

By contrast, negotiations last year ended with an impasse, when former Superintendent Craig Goldman offered a 3.25 percent salary increase — far from the 7 percent requested by the union — and insisted that the teachers in the district were well-compensated.

Pharazyn said Goldman would often look at the negotiations from a "numbers" point of view and concern himself with how salary adjustments would affect the bottom line, rather than what would be in the best interest of the students.

This year, teachers got a 4 percent raise along with a one-time salary increase of 1 percent. The second sizable bump in salaries in two years may have put the district's compensation on par with other districts in the Bay Area, Pharazyn said, but it won't be clear until the fall when the local chapter of the CTA compiles that information.

Other notable changes include an extra 45-minute break for first-, second- and third-grade teachers to focus on class preparation and collaboration with other teachers. The period would also mean students in those grades would be getting a second physical education class each week, instead of just one.

Beyond teacher pay, Skelly said one of the biggest components of the revised contract is a greater

emphasis on professional development, including a three-day math curriculum training session over the summer. Skelly said more than 80 percent of teachers plan to attend, and that they will be compensated for taking part in the training.

"It's a big commitment for the teachers," Skelly said.

In light of growing class sizes at schools like Huff and Monta Loma Elementary, teachers handling huge classes will also be paid more in the revised contract. Teachers will be paid \$45 per week for each student over the maximum specified in the contract, up from \$30.

What remains a contentious issue is whether to provide stipends to teachers who have master's or doctoral degrees. Currently, teachers and admin-

istrators get neither, and it's not clear why, Pharazyn said. He said the decision appears to be a board directive, rather than an administrative one, and it makes Mountain View Whisman School District an outlier.

Of all 33 school districts in Santa Clara County, Pharazyn said the only districts that don't offer the stipends are Alum Rock Union Elementary School District in East San Jose and Morgan Hill Unified School District.

"It puts us at a competitive disadvantage with other local districts in the area," he said.

There's also the question of how many teachers will be leaving the districts this year and will need to be replaced, which will be reported in August. Pharazyn said the district not only loses quality teaching staff each year, but its investment in professional development.

"That's the dilemma that the district really needs to come to grips with," Pharazyn said. ▀

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## EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# Step right up folks, the school board is meeting

Members of the school community might be wondering if it's circus season in Mountain View, even though there's no sign of Barnum & Bailey's Big Top. The spectacle played out at the June 24 Mountain View Whisman school board meeting had no red-nosed clowns or tightrope walkers in attendance, but they weren't needed — although a lion tamer might have been a welcome presence.

We hope voters are paying attention to such performances by their elected officials as were on display at last week's meeting, during which the four-member board spent exhausting hours finding compromise positions, the district's project manager nearly walked out in anger, and the interim superintendent declared in utter frustration: "You are a difficult, difficult board."

To be fair, board members exercising due diligence in questioning spending — in this case tens of millions of dollars in project costs that will be paid for through bond revenue — are doing their job. But the request at last week's meeting to approve a contract for project manager Todd Lee for authorized work he is already performing shouldn't have been seen as an opportunity to challenge the entire process of determining school renovation projects and their costs.

This isn't the first time the Mountain View Whisman school board has frustrated the public by its inability to behave with civility and work constructively together. And board member Steve Nelson, who was censured by his colleagues for hostile and disrespectful behavior toward district staff members, is likely to be the target of a recall effort. But the resignation last month of then-board president Chris Chiang has now left open the possibility of deadlocked votes that will further hamper the board's ability to do the job it was elected to do: serve the interests of the district's children by acting like adults and making sometimes difficult decisions.

Nelson's past counterproductive antics and board member Greg Coladonato's aggressive and misguided performance at last week's meeting are distressing signs of continuing problems on this school board. And one must wonder if the board will merely limp along ineffectively until the next election in 2016.

When Chiang resigned his post, he stated that he could no longer work with Nelson, and that he wanted to be part of the effort to recall him. But by packing up his marbles and walking away, Chiang left the board in an even more difficult position, as demonstrated in last week's 2-2 votes. It's unfortunate that Chiang chose the easy way out rather than to complete his term, standing his ground on what he has said matters to him: the good of the schools. ▀

## LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### 'MONEY TALKS' — THIS TIME FOR JUSTICE

\$14.5 million has been pledged by Santa Clara County supervisors in the continuous effort to save Palo Alto Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. We hope Palo Alto City Council will vote to match the amount from the county. Caritas will do its part.

Money talks. Perhaps for the first time the "money talks" saying would have a very positive meaning in the name of social justice for the 400 residents of Buena Vista who belong to the 99 percent in the opulent city of Palo Alto located in the opulent Silicon Valley. It cannot be denied that the opulent 1 percent needs the poor 99 percent to survive. We need each other whether we like or not.

Joe Simitian, Dave Cortese, and Caritas are bringing social justice and humanity to Buena Vista, and so should the Palo Alto City Council, the Jisser family, and Facebook, Google, Yahoo and Apple if necessary.

Job Lopez  
McCarty Avenue

### WHY NOT BUILD TEACHER HOUSING?

Last week's *Voice* had a lot of food for thought. A person who's an important resource for keeping the kind of community we want to be — but can't afford housing. New civil servants making an enormous amount of money. A school district which rented out a school to make some extra money, and wisely salted it away against lean times to come, only to be told not to save it —

whereupon the teachers asked for a raise so they could live in the same town as the students; surely a reasonable enough request. Then a warning that the district could not afford to keep up the pay raise.

Why can't we build some teacher housing on publicly owned land. A parking lot, or school property, and some very high-quality apartments for the same rent as 10 years ago, because the cost of construction hasn't gone up that much, only the cost of the land, and we already own the land. Why should all the money we are paying teachers go to real estate moguls? The school has investments that make money. CalPERS has investments. We could make money. How much would you like? Four percent? Seven percent? The only limit is the number of units over which the construction cost is spread.

This is the one profession which is absolutely essential to a society based on equality of opportunity. Let's not lose those good teachers.

Stephanie Munoz  
Palo Alto

### PARTING PRAISE FOR KEVIN SKELLY

As president of the Mountain View Educators Association, and as a long-time resident of Mountain View, I wanted to recognize and commend Superintendent Kevin Skelly on the effort and wisdom he gave to the Mountain View Whisman School District, and the community it serves.

In a time when the district was in difficult circumstances, he

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## A note to my neighbors; responses are welcome

By Chris Urmson

Earlier this month, my oldest son graduated from fifth grade at Stevenson Elementary School, while my youngest finished fourth grade. I can't believe how fast they're growing up — before I know it, they'll be ready to get their driver's license. My team and I at Google are doing everything we can to make sure they don't have to.

Every year, 33,000 Americans die in traffic accidents; 94 percent of crashes are linked to human error. Teen crash statistics are particularly horrifying. That's why we're trying to build a car that can take anyone from A to B at the push of a button. Imagine going over to Castro at lunchtime without having to leave a 15-minute buffer to deal with traffic and parking. Or seniors keeping their freedom to get to social events and doctors appointments even if they can't keep their car keys. Or making drunk and distracted driving a thing of the past.

I couldn't think of a better community than Mountain View in which to develop this technology. Not only is there a great mix of interesting driving environments throughout the city — such as the Caltrain tracks at major intersections — but the patience and support of the community over the years have enabled us to make huge progress in a short amount of time.

We've spent the last six years testing self-driving Lexus and Prius vehicles, and last week our safety drivers are taking a new vehicle out on the roads — one that's designed from the ground up to be fully self-driving. My son says it looks like a koala bear. That wasn't the intention, but I have to admit that I see the resemblance. Although these cute prototypes

look different from the Lexuses you're used to seeing around town, they actually have the same software we've been testing for years on over a million miles of driving.

We've designed them to operate with just the push of a button, though while we're testing we'll have a temporary steering wheel, accelerator pedal, and brake pedal, so our safety drivers can take over driving if needed. We hope these vehicles can help us understand how people perceive this type of technology in their community, and how they might want to use a car that only requires them to kick back, relax, and enjoy the ride.

We really want to hear from you, our neighbors. We recently launched a website ([google.com/selfdrivingcar](http://google.com/selfdrivingcar)) where you can learn more about our project and send us feedback, and we've already started to hear from many of you. Some of you want to know when our car will be ready for pilot tests; we hope that'll be in the next couple of years. Some of you think the car is a little too slow and cautious in areas like school zones or at complicated intersections without traffic lights or stop signs; we understand that can be annoying when you're late for work or just want to get home after a long day.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to develop the technology; we have to program the cars to do the safe, conservative thing, or else they won't be welcomed in the community at all.

Please do keep that feedback coming as we head into this exciting new stage of our project. See you on the road!

*Chris Urmson is the director of the Google Self-Driving Car Project and a resident of Mountain View.*

### Guest Opinion

### LETTERS

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showed that he was open-minded, inquisitive, and principled. In my opinion, Dr. Skelly truly understands what makes schools work. He appreciates the magic that happens in the classroom, learning in all its varied forms. There were differences of opinion, but always there was respect, and a positive, forward thinking perspective. Dr. Skelly valued and respected

teachers in both words and deeds. He got out to the different schools regularly, visiting classes; hosted TGIFs for all employees; and made the MVWSD a more rewarding, friendly place to be.

Dr. Skelly helped guide our district through very difficult waters, and even though the district has many unsettled questions, we are in a better place. All the best to Kevin.

*Jonathan Pharazyn  
President, Mountain View  
Educators Association*

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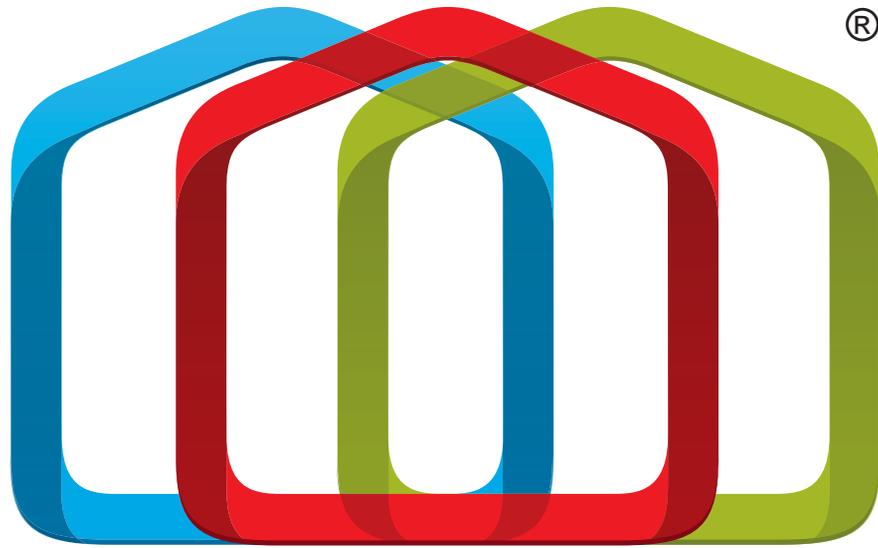


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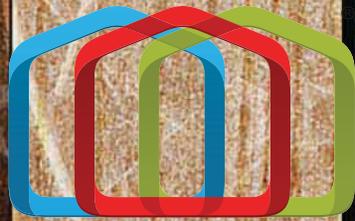


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House-made chili at Ada's Cafe in Palo Alto's Mitchell Park Community Center.

## Catering to the community

REVIEW BY  
**Sheila Himmel**

PHOTOS BY  
**Michelle Le**

### ■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

## Ada's Cafe feeds body and soul at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park

Just when it seems Palo Alto has solidified into "Me Central," meet the Foley-Hughes family. The founders of Ada's Cafe at the Mitchell Park Community Center have created a nonprofit hybrid cafe that heartily feeds both stomach and soul.

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Formerly a Hollywood event planner, Kathleen Foley-Hughes resumed catering as a volunteer at her sons' schools in Palo Alto. When her son Charlie got to middle school, it bothered her that he and other special education students felt isolated. So she founded a cafe, first at Terman Middle School and then at Gunn High School, where all students can work together in a venture that pleases customers. They put in a bid to become vendors of the renovated Mitchell Park center, and were thrilled to be chosen.

Then came construction issues. While the rest of us merely whined about the endless delays, Kathleen and her sons Charlie and Peter had a business to keep going. Having trained a staff of developmentally disabled young adults in food preparation, Kathleen said, "It felt wrong to say, 'I'll call you (when the library opens).'"

So they ramped up the catering and special events side of Ada's (both a riff on the Americans with Disabilities Act and the name of a family friend) until the library finally opened in December 2014. Kathleen credits clients including Innovation Endeavors, the Schmidt Family Foundation and Palo Alto city staff for regularly booking or referring clients to Ada's. The advisory board includes her husband, investment banker Tony Hughes.

The menu covers a lot of territory, with standard and imaginative items for breakfast and lunch. "I always have big ideas," Kathleen said, "But it's a very small space."

Indeed, there is seating for about 15 people inside, with padded benches and thick wood-block tables on a terrazzo floor. Cheerful design features on avocado-colored walls add to the attraction. Outside are many more tables in the shade, plus a water dish for canine friends.



Kathleen Foley-Hughes, founder of Ada's Cafe, shows Todd Cerf how to place labels on the display of pastries.

Order at the counter and take a number to your table. Or not. Sometimes they just remember. Sometimes delivery can take a while.

Most of the food is sourced locally. Purveyors include Moksha Coffee Roasting of Mountain View and Full Belly Farms, which distributes produce through its community supported agriculture (CSA) program in Mountain

View and Palo Alto.

Among the deservedly popular sandwiches are The Wonderful Wendy (\$9), a tangy festival of turkey, bacon, Havarti cheese, caramelized onions and chipotle aioli, served on nine-grain bread or a toasted francese roll.

In cooler months, try Ada's Chili, featuring beef short ribs and black beans.

Vegetarian sandwiches range

from the caprese (\$10) — a summery delight with tomatoes, mozzarella cheese, basil and pesto — to grilled cheese (\$5).

If you're in a hurry, there are salads and boxed lunches in the case at the counter. You may also notice the enticing pastries, including fresh-baked cookies (\$2.50) and scones (\$3) from Ada's kitchen or morning buns (\$3.50) from Kelly's French Bak-

ery in Santa Cruz. House-made chocolate-chip toffee scones and apple slippers (turnovers) for \$4 each often go early.

Breakfast items include frittata (\$4), quiche (\$4) and fruit-and-yogurt parfait (\$4.50).

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**Left:** Ada's sunrise cocktail blends orange juice, peach nectar and raspberry puree. **Right:** The turkey and bacon sandwich with avocado.

ing frozen coffee drinks in the summer, beverages include fresh lemonade and orange juice. The sunrise (\$5) is a beach-worthy cocktail of orange juice, peach nectar and raspberry puree on ice. The menu covers enough terri-

tory that you won't get bored, but they don't have the capacity to do everything at once. This summer, soups will make way for smoothies and frozen coffee drinks. Ada's now has 50 full- and part-time workers, including

mainstream high school and college students. These students learn marketing as well as how to be compassionate teachers, while the employees with disabilities get to interact with their peers. "They are so excited to have a

place that wants them there," said Kathleen's son Peter, who helps manage Ada's. My one complaint about Ada's isn't their fault. A couple of times I've been seated inside while children threw tantrums. How about

placing your order and sitting outside? Let's all absorb some of the community spirit so ably represented by Ada's Cafe. ▣

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Jai Courtney and Emilia Clarke star in "Terminator Genisys".

## Bash, crash, boom, huh?

'TERMINATOR GENISYS' (MIS)SPELLS TROUBLE

★ (Century 16, Century 20)

Dear America: Won't you join me in sticking a fork in the "Terminator" franchise? If, as James Cameron's "The Terminator" claims, "The future is not set," perhaps it's not too late to save the world from the "Terminator Genisys" sequels already scheduled for May 19, 2017 and June

29, 2018.

Playing your part is easy: just don't see "Terminator Genisys," a franchise reboot that once again flips the hourglass and sends cyborgs and humans ricocheting through time in an endless series of chases by which our heroes hope to preclude — and

bad robots hope to ensure — an apocalyptic "war with the machines." This time around, screenwriters Laeta Kalogridis ("Shutter Island") and Patrick Lussier ("Drive Angry 3D") serve director Alan Taylor ("Game of Thrones") with a headache-inducing plot that allows Arnold Schwarzenegger to "be back" in variations on his characters from earlier "Terminator" films.

Essentially, "Terminator Genisys" depicts how more meddling by human-hating artificial intelligence Skynet and John Connor (Jason Clarke)'s human resistance creates an alternate-timeline tangle in which time-traveler Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney, again proving his negative charisma) encounters Sarah Connor ("Game of Thrones") Emilia Clarke, out of her depth) and a T-800 model Terminator or two (Schwarzenegger) under circumstances radically altered from those depicted in the original 1984 film. Bouncing to 2017 San Francisco, the trio attempts to head-off a rejiggered Skynet launch, called "Genisys," that exploits our smart-device obsession. The re-plotting — along with body doubles, digital doubles and CGI scrubbing — enables Schwarzenegger to appear in the likenesses of his 1984, 1991 and modern-day selves.

But the actor's main role here is spouting stupefying exposition, with dashes of lame comic relief (Sarah calls this T-800 "Pops") that turn a wan running gag of the cyborg's forced smile into a metaphor for the attempt to sell us on another dispiritingly pointless "Terminator" sequel. The action ranges from overly familiar (bodies punching through walls) to appalling (a helicopter escape that defies the laws of physics), and the film's best actors (J.K. Simmons and Courtney B. Vance) find themselves relegated to window dressing.

In short, "Terminator Genisys" completely upends the core narrative of the franchise in an attempt to pave a new road to sequels. Any sense of suspenseful stakes or human-scale relationships has evaporated, leaving us with crashing and bashing, running and gunning and a whole lot of head-scratching. The experience is utterly numbing, and for a premium, you can get it all in IMAX 3D, where it feels like the plot holes are right in your face.

Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and gunplay throughout, partial nudity and brief strong language. Two hours, 5 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

■ MOVIE TIMES

**An American in Paris (1951) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Sat & Sun 5:25 & 9:20 p.m.

**Dope (R) Century 20:** 10:50 a.m., 1:40 & 10:35 p.m.

**Dracula (1931) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre:** Fri 6:05 & 8:55 p.m.

**Entourage (R) Century 16:** 10:40 p.m.

**Fare Thee Well: Celebrating the Grateful Dead (Not Rated)**

**Century 16:** 5 p.m. **Century 20:** 5 p.m.

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

**Century 16:** 9:10 & 11:40 a.m., 2:20 & 5 p.m.

**Inside Out (PG) ★★ ★ 1/2 Century 16:** 9:55, 10:55 & 11:50 a.m., 1:40, 2:35, 4:25, 6:15, 7:10, 9 & 9:55 p.m. In 3-D at 9:05 a.m., 12:45, 3:30, 5:30, 8:05 & 10:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 9:55, 10:35 & 11:15 a.m., 12:35, 1:15, 1:55, 3:20, 3:55, 4:40, 6:40, 7:20, 9:20 & 10 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 2:40, 5:15, 8 & 10:35 p.m.

**Jurassic World (PG-13) ★★ ★**

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**Mad Max: Fury Road (R) Century 16:** 7:50 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:05 a.m., 3:50 & 9:50 p.m.

**Magic Mike XXL (R) Century 16:** 9, 10:15 & 11:45 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:45 & 10:15, Fri & Sat 11:45 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:55 a.m., 2, 5, 8 & 10:50 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:55 a.m., 3, 6 & 9 p.m. In X-D at 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m. In D-BOX at 10:55 a.m., 2, 5, 8 & 10:50 p.m.

**Max (PG) ★ Century 16:** 9 & 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:15, 7:55 & 10:40 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:40 a.m., 1:35, 4:25, 7:10 & 9:55 p.m.

**Me and Earl and the Dying Girl (PG-13) ★★ 1/2**

**Century 20:** 10:25 a.m., 4:20 & 10:15 p.m.

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

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

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

**The Overnight (R)**

**Palo Alto Square:** 1, 3:15, 5:30 & 7:45 p.m., Fri & Sat 9:55 p.m.

**The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (R)**

**Guild Theatre:** Sat at midnight

**San Andreas (PG-13) ★★ Century 20:** 1:05 & 6:55 p.m.

**Spy (R) Century 16:** 10 a.m. & 12:55 p.m.

**Century 20:** 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:15, 7:15 & 10:25 p.m.

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**Terminator Genisys (PG-13) ★**

**Century 16:** 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m. In 3-D at 10 a.m., 1, 4, 7 & 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11:30 p.m. **Century 20:** 10:10 a.m., 1:10, 4:10, 7:10 & 10:10 p.m. In 3-D at 11 a.m., 12:05, 1:55, 3, 4:50, 5:55, 7:50, 8:50 & 10:45 p.m. In 3-D D-BOX at 11 a.m., 1:55, 4:50, 7:50 & 10:45 p.m.

**Testament of Youth (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m.

**Three Coins in the Fountain (1954) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Sat & Sun 3:35 & 7:30 p.m.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

## THE JULY 4TH FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

At this annual celebration, the San Francisco Symphony will play a program of American film music, highlighting selections from "The Sound of Music." The evening will finish with a colorful fireworks show. See website for ticket pricing. July 4, 8 p.m. Prices vary. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. [www.theshorelineamphitheatre.com](http://www.theshorelineamphitheatre.com)

## ART GALLERIES

**'Color and Complexity'** Kathy Sharpe, a former Los Altos resident, will present her new paintings of florals and gardens in both realistic and impressionist styles as part of a show called "Color and Complexity. On July 8, from 5 to 8 p.m., there will be a reception. June 30-Aug. 1, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9 Los Altos, 143 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-941-7969. [www.gallery9losaltos.com](http://www.gallery9losaltos.com)

**'Color, Music, People, Cars...Cuba!'** The Main St. Cafe and Books in Los Altos will host a new exhibit of color and black and white photos of Cuba by Denis Kertesz, with Roberta Hutchinson contributing. June 28-July 31, regular cafe hours. Free. Main St. Cafe & Books, 134 Main St., Los Altos. Call 650-961-4224.

## CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

**Foothill College SOAR Enrollment Workshop** New Foothill College students can receive priority fall registration by completing one of these two Student Orientation, Assessment & Registration (SOAR) sessions. Enrolling students who complete SOAR can register for classes beginning on July 15. July 8 and 9, 2-8 p.m. Free; \$3 parking. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Call 650-949-7813. [foothill.edu/soar](http://foothill.edu/soar)

**Vintage Tintype Photography** The Los Altos History Museum will hold a class where students can create a wacky, vintage portrait using modern tools and a gelatin transfer process to a distressed metal surface. The class is limited to 20 students, ages 16 and up. Those interested should call to register. July 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$10 museum member; \$20 nonmember. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427 ext. 14. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

## CLUBS/MEETINGS

**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](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Adult Storytime: Isabel Allende** At this month's story time for grown-ups at the Mountain View Public Library, a librarian will read aloud "The House of Spirits" and other stories by Isabel Allende. RSVP is optional. July 7, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Concert on the Plaza: He Said, She Said** For this City of Mountain View event, community members are invited to the Civic Center Plaza to enjoy food trucks, a "Pop Up Park" area for children, beer and wine, and live music by He Said, She Said. July 3, 6-7:30 p.m. Free admission. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents](http://www.mountainview.gov/plazaevents)

**Library Tours** The Mountain View Public Library will offer tours of its physical and virtual collections. The building tour will begin at 6 p.m. in the first floor lobby, and the virtual tour will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor computer center. July 9, 6-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [goo.gl/WBh3eH](http://goo.gl/WBh3eH)

**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. July 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, Castro Street, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive](http://www.mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive)

## CONCERTS

**Boomerang Barbershop Quartet** The Boomerang Barbershop Quartet will sing a cappella vintage melodies from early 20th-century America, as well as some classics from the '50s and '60s. July 7, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6882. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## EXHIBITS

**'(re)Connecting with Cuba'** This exhibition at the Community School of Music and Arts shares photos of contemporary Cuba by American photographers. 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](http://www.arts4all.org/attend/mohrgallery.htm)

## 'On You: A Story of Wearable Computing'

The Computer History Museum is hosting a traveling exhibition by the Georgia Institute of Technology called "On You: A Story of Wearable Computing," which examines the problems engineers needed to solve to make wearable technology viable and user-friendly. Tuesday-Sunday, June 30-Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Regular admission prices. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#you-story-wearable-computing](http://www.computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#you-story-wearable-computing)

**'Reflect + Create'** The Los Altos History Museum is offering an exhibit called "Reflect + Create: Where Art and History Intersect," which looks at how artists, makers and creators from the community have taken inspiration from items in the museum's collection. Thursday-Sunday, May 7-Sept. 30, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Call 650-948-9427, ext. 16. [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org)

## FAMILY AND KIDS

**Lego Day** The Mountain View Public Library will hold one of its monthly events where community members can use their creativity to build things with Legos. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., adults only can enjoy building during lunch. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., everyone is welcome. No registration is required. Aug. 20, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [goo.gl/h0TSU7](http://goo.gl/h0TSU7)

**Youth Claymation Camp** In this weeklong camp offered by KMVT 15, elementary school students will work in small groups to brainstorm ideas, create a storyboard and script, sculpt clay figures, build scenery, design special effects and shoot a short stop-motion animation movie. Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$335. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. [www.kmvt15.org/learn/youthactivities.html](http://www.kmvt15.org/learn/youthactivities.html)

## FILM

**Summer Outdoor Movie Night: 'Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Horrible, Very Bad Day'** To kick off its Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series, Mountain View will screen the family movie "Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Horrible, Very Bad Day," about a boy and his family who only seem to have bad things happen to them. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or a low-sitting lawn chair. July 10, 8:30-10 p.m. Free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. Call 650-903-6331. [www.mountainview.gov/summervideos](http://www.mountainview.gov/summervideos)

## HEALTH

**Danceation Fitness Classes** European pop star Heath Hunter and international fitness guru Kirsten Johnson lead high-energy dance and fitness workouts for all skill levels. Danceation studio also offers weekly yoga classes. See website for detailed schedule. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, June 8-Aug. 31. \$20 single class; \$150 10-class pass. Los Altos American Legion, 347 1st St., Los Altos. [danceation.com](http://danceation.com)

**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](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

**Jacki's Aerobic Dancing** Jacki's Aerobic Dancing classes guide participants in abdominal work, strength training and aerobic routines. Complimentary child care is provided by staff. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, March 9-Dec. 18, 9 a.m. \$36 month; \$6 single class. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. [joanier@pacbell.net](mailto:joanier@pacbell.net)

## 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. [offthegrids.com/markets#154-mountain-view-computer-history-museum](http://offthegrids.com/markets#154-mountain-view-computer-history-museum)

## LIVE MUSIC

### Summer Concert Series: CSMA Jazz Quintet

The Village at San Antonio Center's Summer Concert Series will next offer a performance by the Community School of Music and Arts Jazz Quintet. July 12, noon-2 p.m. Free. The Village at San Antonio Center, 685 San Antonio Road, Mountain View. Call 310-895-3427. [www.facebook.com/events/566384516797442/](http://www.facebook.com/events/566384516797442/)

**Taiko Drumming** The Mountain View Buddhist Temple Taiko group — now composed of 35 students ages 7 and up — will give a free taiko drum performance at Pioneer Park. Picnics are welcome. July 11, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, Pioneer Park, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-526-7020. [www.mountainview.gov/library](http://www.mountainview.gov/library)

## ON STAGE

**'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. \$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](http://www.thepear.org/arcadia.htm)

**'Puss 'n' Boots'** Peninsula Youth Theatre will stage "Puss 'n' Boots," a musical retelling of the classic tale of a cat who gives a farmer's son a fabulous makeover. July 11-19, Friday, 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, 1 and 6:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. (also 6:30 p.m. on July 12). \$18 adult; \$15 senior, child age 12 or under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/jul15.html](http://www.mountainview.gov/mvcpa/jul15.html)

**'Triangle'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will launch its 2015-2016 season with the world premiere of "Triangle," a contemporary musical about parallel romances that transpire a century apart. See website for specific dates and times. July 8-Aug. 2. \$19-\$74. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call 650-463-1960. [www.theatreworks.org](http://www.theatreworks.org)

**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](http://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](http://www.imsb.org)

## SENIORS

**Pub Style Trivia** Karin from the Mountain View Public Library will visit the city's senior center to lead a pub-style trivia event. Participants can work alone or in teams. Popcorn and iced tea will be provided. July 9, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

**SVILC Housing Search workshop** This two-hour workshop will provide an overview of the Silicon Valley Independent Living Center's services available to the cross-disability community in Santa Clara County. The event will focus on how the center can assist in finding affordable, integrated and accessible housing. July 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Call 650-903-6330. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://www.mountainview.gov/seniors)

## SPORTS

### Mountain View Tennis Summer Camp

Registration Mountain View Tennis will hold summer tennis camps at a few locations throughout the summer for players ages 7 to 14 and of different abilities. Campers will learn skills, play cooperatively and have fun in a positive environment. See the website for specific dates and pricing. Monday-Friday, June 15-Aug. 14. Prices vary. Cuesta, Rengstorff, Whisman and Cooper parks, Mountain View. Call 650-967-5955. [www.mountainviewtennis.net](http://www.mountainviewtennis.net)

## LECTURES & TALKS

**'Soil Health to Drought-Proof Your California Native Garden'** At this California Native Plant Society talk, Theresa Lyngso, president of Lyngso Garden Materials, will discuss the relationship between California native plants and the changing, diverse life of the soil. July 8, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library Program Room, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [www.cnps-scv.org](http://www.cnps-scv.org)

**Author Elias Castillo on 'A Cross of Thorns'** The Mountain View Public Library will host Elias Castillo, three-time Pulitzer Prize nominee and a staff writer for the San Jose Mercury News

and Associated Press, for a discussion of his penetrating historical look at California's Franciscan friars and their enslavement of California Indians, "A Cross of Thorns." July 13, 7 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Call 650-428-1234. [www.booksinc.net](http://www.booksinc.net)

**Geophysicist Sarah Minson on earthquake warning technology** At the next Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum, geophysicist Sarah Minson from the U.S. Geological Survey will discuss a USGS study that found smartphone sensors could be used to build early warning systems for earthquakes. She will also explore how this crowdsourced approach could be particularly useful in poor regions of the world. July 14, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$12 lunch. Hangan Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. Call 650-969-7215. [tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml](http://tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml)

## TEEN ACTIVITIES

**Digital Animation Camp (July 6-10)** Held at the Community School of Music and Arts, this one-week camp will guide students in grades 5 to 12 in making animated short movies using iStopmotion and Adobe Flash. Monday-Friday, July 6-10, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$390. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/study/digital-camps.htm](http://arts4all.org/study/digital-camps.htm)

### Digital Photography Camp (July 13-17)

Offered by the Community School of Music and Arts, this one-week camp will teach students entering grades five to 12 about camera functions, composition, lighting techniques, action shots and more. Monday-Friday, July 13-17, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$390. Community School of Music and Arts, Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/study/digital-camps.htm](http://arts4all.org/study/digital-camps.htm)

**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 learn basic skills in camera work, directing, audio, acting and producing while creating their own segments. Monday-Friday, June 8-Aug. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$379. KMVT 15 Community Television, 1400 Terra Bella Ave., Suite M, Mountain View. Call 650-968-1540. [www.kmvt15.org/learn/youthactivities.html#summercamp](http://www.kmvt15.org/learn/youthactivities.html#summercamp)

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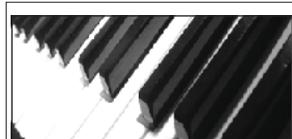
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**995 Fictitious Name Statement**

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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.  
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**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.  
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**LEGACY PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OF SILICON VALLEY**  
LEGACY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606199  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Legacy Property Management of Silicon Valley, 2.) Legacy Property Maintenance, located at 1901 Old Middlefield Way #10, 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):  
DERRICK MCQUADE  
2236 St. Claire Ct.  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
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 19, 2015.  
(MVV June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2015)

**CONSCIOUS LIVING CENTER**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606198  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is owned by: A Corporation.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
LOS ALTOS CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS  
2400 Wyandotte St., Suite C  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Registrant/Owner began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/15/2004.  
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(MVV June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2015)

**MONROE DRIVE OWNERS' GROUP**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 605586  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Monroe Drive Owners' Group, located at 240 Monroe Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Unincorporated Association other than a Partnership.  
The name and residence address of the owner(s)/registrant(s) is(are):  
RICHARD J. BONIN  
240 Monroe Drive  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
NANCY J. KENDALL  
14618 Tyler Foote Rd.  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: 606416  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Lift 6 for 6, located at 201 Ada Avenue #11, 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):  
ROBERT EARWICKER  
201 Ada Avenue #11  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 25, 2015.  
(MVV July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015)

**997 All Other Legals**

**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 petitioner 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)

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The business is known as: PITA BITE  
The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are: BRIAN LANGEVIN, 38936 CHERRY LN, FREMONT, CA 94536  
As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: NONE  
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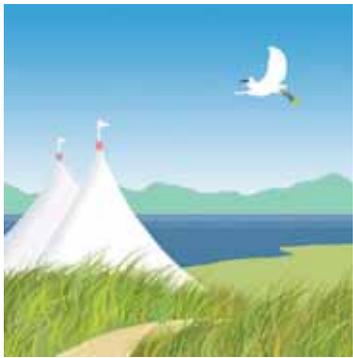
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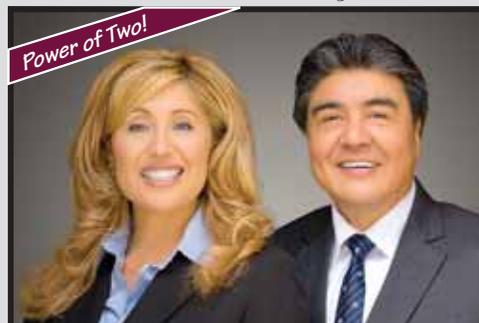
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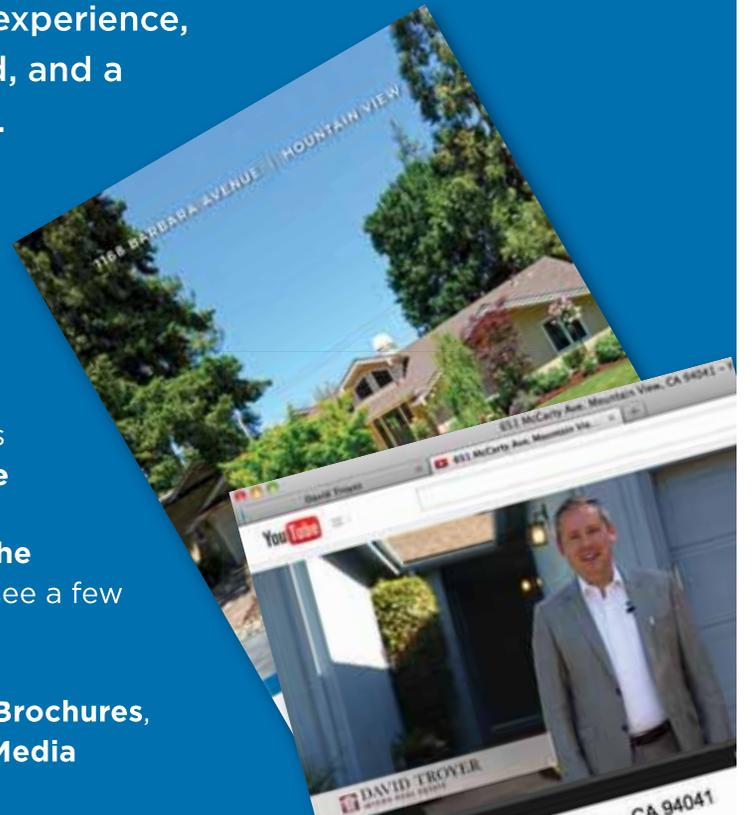
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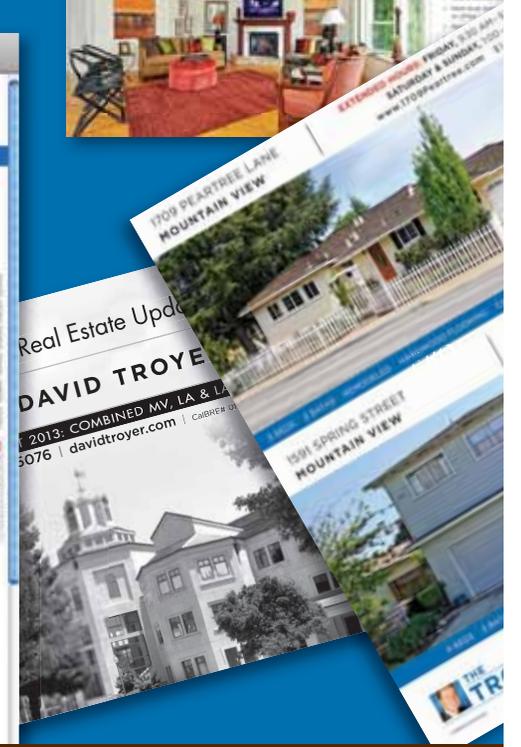
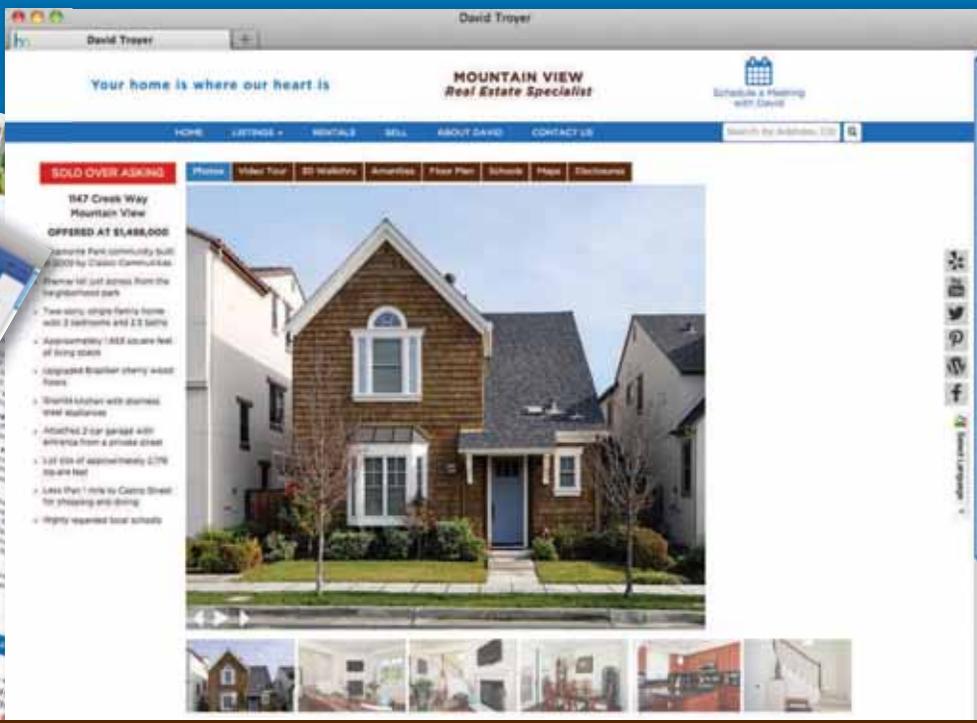


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\$1,758,000	\$1,810,000	8
\$1,850,000	\$1,801,000	58
\$1,595,000	\$1,800,000	7
\$1,498,000	\$1,800,000	9
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**\$2,495,000**

**1385 Grant Road, Los Altos**



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In response to what buyers and sellers want, DeLeon Realty is breaking with tradition and releasing some of the year's best listings between July 13th and July 26th.

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