

Mountain View VOICE

APRIL 29, 2016 VOLUME 24, NO. 14

www.MountainViewOnline.com

650.964.6300

MOVIES | 24



Raw
appeal
WEEKEND | 21



MICHELLE LE

WHERE ELEPHANTS ROAM

Michael Maung and Christina Yin stand near two unusual sculptures that inhabit the Mountain View couple's driveway. The eye-catching figures, which spark much curiosity among passersby, represent only a fraction of the extensive elephant statue and figurine collection they've accumulated over the years. Read the story on Page 7.

Much-criticized mediation program wins council approval

ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT IN LATE MAY

By Mark Noack

In a 4-3 vote, the Mountain View City Council gave the final nod to an ordinance creating a mandatory-mediation program for the city's rental housing despite many misgivings from its own supporters.

While critics blasted the new ordinance as ineffective, the approving majority stressed that it was more important to establish a program — even an imperfect one — so it could begin helping renters.

The approval on Tuesday, April 26, was the second reading of the city's Rental-Housing Dispute Resolution Program, the city's answer to longstanding tenants' demands for some form of relief from soaring rents. The ordinance, set to take effect on May 26, will mandate a mediation process, if requested, for renters and

landlords for any rent increases beyond a 7.2 percent threshold.

That process would include three separate stages of discussions, each meant to broker a compromise between the parties. While landlords would be obligated to attend, they would not be required to reach any resolution, leading some to question whether the process was doomed to fail.

"There no teeth in this," said Councilman Lenny Siegel, a vocal opponent. "I don't know why any tenant facing a rent increase of 5 percent, or even 20 percent would seek mediation knowing there's no way the landlord can be forced to protect them from displacement."

In March, city staff had presented plans for a three-stage mediation process that would culminate, if mediation was unsuccessful, in binding arbi-

tration with a third party. But facing a fierce backlash from landlords and their advocates, the council lost confidence in the program, which some began describing as tantamount to rent control. A council majority coalesced around the idea of making the arbitration step non-binding, leaving it up to landlords to decide whether to notch down their rent increases.

Final approval of the ordinance was on the agenda last month, but with the absence of Councilman Mike Kasperzak, the council delayed the vote to avoid a stalemate.

On Tuesday, Siegel pulled the rental program ordinance approval from the consent agenda so that the council could have a full discussion of it, and some council members laid out

► See **RENT ORDINANCE**, page 6

School board ditches shared campus plans

STEVENSON AND THEUERKAUF TO REMAIN TWO SEPARATE SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

Construction plans that would have created facilities shared by Theuerkauf and Stevenson Elementary fell through last week, after the Mountain View Whisman School District's board of trustees yielded to public demand calling for separate campuses.

But the decision came with some serious reservations. In recent months, district officials have called shared facilities a must-have to cut costs and stay within the constraints of the \$198 million Measure G school bond. Despite the 4-1 vote at the April 21 board meeting to move forward with separate school plans, a majority of the board signaled concerns that the district may not have the money to support ambitious building plans favored by parents and school staff.

In March, architects worked with school staff, parents and community members from both schools to hatch a plan for a new school site. Stevenson and

Theuerkauf are now right next door to the district office and board room, Google's preschool, community tennis courts and a piece of city-owned property that juts out along San Pierre Way and San Luis Avenue.

The original plan was to have Theuerkauf and Stevenson share a multipurpose room and a library to keep construction costs within the \$26 million budget — an idea that has remained unpopular since it was first proposed last year. Parents from both schools have maintained that Theuerkauf and Stevenson are different schools with very different needs, and many of the shared-campus configurations would require students at Stevenson to do a cross-campus trek for lunch and assemblies.

There are key differences between the schools. Stevenson is home to the district's PACT choice program, which has a strong parent-participation component and attracts students from all over the district. Theuerkauf is a

► See **SHARED CAMPUS**, page 16

Mountain View teacher negotiations stalled

UNION REPS SAY DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE UNWILLING TO FACE TEACHER RETENTION PROBLEMS

By Kevin Forestieri

Representatives from the Mountain View Educators Association (MVEA) are calling contract negotiations "dead in the water" this week, following several fruitless meetings with Mountain View Whisman School District officials.

MVEA president Jonathan Pharazyn told the Voice on

Wednesday that no more negotiations have been scheduled following an April 25 meeting, and that it's likely they will have to suspend negotiations until after the summer break.

"We're so far apart in terms of compensation and a lot of other questions around health care benefits and evaluations that

► See **NEGOTIATIONS**, page 13

INSIDE

VIEWPOINT 17 | GOINGS ON 28 | MARKETPLACE 31 | REAL ESTATE 33

//
Alain Pinel Realtors®

FIND YOUR PLACE



SUNNYVALE \$1,999,950

1282 Albion Lane | 7bd/2.5ba
Jack Earl | 650.941.1111
OPEN SAT & SUN 1:30-4:30



SUNNYVALE \$1,998,000

634 Coleraine Court | 5bd/4ba
Carol & Graham Sangster | 650.941.1111



REDWOOD CITY \$1,598,000

2568 Hampton Avenue | 5bd/3.5ba
Jerylann Mateo | 650.941.1111



SUNNYVALE \$1,198,000

1345 Eleanor Way | 3bd/1ba
Shilpa Merchant | 650.941.1111



MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,099,000

1385 Snow Street | 2bd/1ba
Kathy Bridgman | 650.941.1111



SUNNYVALE \$1,047,000

2868 Holmes Place | 3bd/2.5ba
Barbara Williams | 650.941.1111



MOUNTAIN VIEW \$998,000

202 Central Avenue | 2bd/1.5ba
Laura McCarthy | 650.941.1111



REDWOOD CITY \$699,000

3407 Devon Way | 2bd/1ba
Barb Conkin Orrock | 650.941.1111



SUNNYVALE \$475,000

1001 E. Evelyn Terrace, Unit 152 | 1bd/1ba
Cheryl Okuno | 650.941.1111

APR.COM

Over 30 Offices Serving The San Francisco Bay Area 866.468.0111


ALAIN PINEL
REALTORS

LUXURY
PORTFOLIO
INTERNATIONAL®



COURTESY OF MENLOWE BALLET

Menlowe Ballet's spring production, "Collage," features three world-premiere pieces and will be performed at Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center this weekend.

MENLOWE BALLET'S 'COLLAGE'

Menlowe Ballet's spring performance, titled "Collage," features the company debut of four former Silicon Valley Ballet dancers and the world premieres of three pieces by Val Caniparoli, Gregory Dawson and Artistic Director Michael Lowe. Performances will be held Friday, April 29, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 30, at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m., at Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Tickets (\$28-\$55) are available at www.menloweballet.org.

INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY

Looking for a page turner? Like to support print media and independent retailers? Local bookstores, including East West Bookshop (Mountain View), Kepler's (Menlo Park) and Books Inc. (Palo Alto and Mountain View) will be celebrating Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 30, with special giveaways, treats, sales, author events, activities for kids and more. For example, East West is showcasing 12 local self-published authors; Kepler's will have a section of the store dedicated to crafts and "celebrating the joys of all things paper," and will serve strawberry lemonade and "book cookie catchers"; and Books Inc and Palo Alto

Children's Theatre will team up for an acting workshop for kids, based on classic children's stories. For more store-specific information, check keplers.com, booksinc.net, and eastwest.com.

'KING TIDES AND ELUSIVE RAILS'

A new interactive exhibit, "King Tides and Elusive Rails," from Creative Ecology artist-in-residence David Tomb, featuring drawings, paintings, pop-up sculptures and cut-outs, and audio recordings of Baylands birds, will be open through July 3 at the Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road. The art center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (open until 9 p.m. Thursdays) and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. A reception with the artist will be held Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Go to cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter/.

'BEFORE OUR VERY EYES'

Thirteen venues in Redwood City are hosting "Before Our Very Eyes," an art exhibit drawing attention to the issue of human trafficking, in advance of Human Trafficking Awareness Day, to be held at the San Mateo County History Museum and Courthouse Square on May 14. The mixed-media exhibit, which is featured at venues including the Redwood City Public Library, Kaiser Hospital, and many retailers and restaurants, will run through May 15. Go to BeforeOurVeryEyes.org.

'WORDS AND IMAGES TO END ALL WARS'

Stanford Repertory Theater will present "Words and Images to End All Wars," a staged-reading (with musical accompaniment) commemoration of the centenary of World War I. The performance, which will be held Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at Oshman Hall, McMurtry Building, 355 Roth Way, Stanford, will feature poems and letters, photographs and paintings, and popular tunes from the Great War. Admission is free; go to stanfordreptheater.com/.

Voices
AROUND TOWN
will return.



LET US HELP YOU BE HAPPY AND HEALTHY!

Take Back Your Smile Today!

\$99 NEW PATIENT SPECIAL

Includes Dental Exam, X-Rays & Professional Teeth Cleaning
A \$366 VALUE!

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

Have Insurance?

Select A Gift On Us!
Sonic Care Tooth Brush or
Take Home Whitening
A \$150 VALUE!



NO INSURANCE?

Ask About The Smiles Dental Membership Program

Today!

100 W. El Camino Real, Suite 63A
Mountain View (Corner of El Camino & Calderon)
SMILES-DENTAL.COM | 650.665.5001

SMILES
DENTAL CARE
QUALITY · SATISFACTION · TRUST

Larry's knows Jeeps.

(& other American Vehicles)

You know you are dealing with experts when ...

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



"You can expect superb customer service, superior quality of work and attention to details. Without exception in 8 years, it has been "Done Right the First Time". They hire the best master mechanics they can find with the most expertise and it shows in the results."

— Pamela K W. from Sunnyvale

LARRY'S
AutoWorks
When you want it right!

Hours: Mon – Fri 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 5:30 pm
2526 Leghorn Street, Mountain View
650-968-5202 | Autoworks.com



Kozy Brothers
De Martini Orchard
 www.demartiniorchard.com
 66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos
 650-948-0881

Farm Fresh and Always the Best

Open Daily
 8am-1pm
 Prices Effective
 4/27 thru 5/3

CALIF. GROWN APRICOTS SWEET AND TASTY SEASON STARTS NOW \$2.99 LB.	CALIF. FRUIT NOW IN CHERRIES W&Y PEACHES W&Y NECTARINES SPRINGTIME VEGI'S FRESH RHUBARB ARTICHOKE SPRING GARLIC	LOCALLY GROWN SWEET PEAS GREAT RAW OUT OF SHELL VERY SWEET \$1.99 LB.
CANTALOUPE VINE RIPENED LARGE SWEET AND MEATY 69¢ LB.	CALIF. GROWN GREEN BEANS TENDER BLUE LAKES \$1.69 LB.	LOCALLY GROWN FAVA BEANS FULL PODS \$1.49 LB.
ORGANIC LOCAL BROCCOLI LARGE FRESH BUNCHES 2 BUN FOR \$5.00	ORGANIC LOCAL LEEKS JUMBO SIZE MEATY \$1.49 LB.	ORGANIC LOCAL AVOCADOS CALIF. HASS NEW CROP \$1.69 EA.

Your Everyday Farmers Market
Online at www.DeMartiniOrchard.com

■ CRIME BRIEFS

FLEEING DRIVER CRASHES INTO CREEK

A 25-year-old driver crashed through a fence and flipped her car into a creek early Thursday morning, April 21, after multiple attempts to evade Mountain View police.

The woman, identified by police as Tiffany Smith, was pulled over by police officers around 2:15 a.m. on northbound Highway 101 near the Highway 85 interchange. Officers performed a traffic stop because she was speeding and driving recklessly on the highway, according to a post on the department's blog. But when the police officer approached her vehicle, she abruptly sped away, heading north on Highway 101.

Officers said they deliberately avoided pursuing her due to safety concerns. Instead they put out a lookout warning to other officers to search for her car, a black Honda Accord.

Minutes later, officers spotted her car behind a commercial building along Terminal Avenue, near the baylands. Smith sped away from the officers again, driving to the road's dead end. She ended up driving her car through a fence and colliding with a tree, knocking it over. Her car continued down an embankment and flipped into a creek.

Smith suffered what police described as moderate injuries from the crash, and she was taken to the hospital for treatment. Once she is released from the hospital, officials say, she will face criminal charges including fleeing from police, speeding, obstructing police and driving without a license.

—Mark Noack

MAN ARRESTED AT PIZZA SHOP

Police arrested a 23-year-old transient man at Maldonado's Pizzeria on Monday after he allegedly refused to leave, attempted to punch an employee and hit him with a beer bottle.

The employee told police that the man, Abel Menara, was asked to leave the restaurant after he was seen blocking the entrance to the building around 1:15 p.m. on April 25. Menara allegedly got upset and attempted to punch the employee twice, before trying to hit the victim with a bottle he had found in a trash can, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The employee suffered minor injuries, Nelson said. Menara was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail in San Jose on a \$25,000 bail.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

600 block S. Rengstorff Av., 4/25

AUTO BURGLARY

700 block Sylvan Av., 4/22
 1 block Fairchild Dr., 4/22
 San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 4/23
 2400 block W. El Camino Real, 4/26

BATTERY

300 block Snyder Ln., 4/20
 100 block Castro St., 4/21
 500 block Escuela Av., 4/22
 200 block Castro St., 4/22
 1700 block W. El Camino Real, 4/23
 300 block Showers Dr., 4/25

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1000 block Terra Bella Av., 4/23

GRAND THEFT

900 block Boranda Av., 4/22

PEEPING TOM

100 block Palmer Av., 4/25

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

200 block Ortega Av., 4/20
 1000 block Space Park Way, 4/25

STOLEN VEHICLE

200 block Evandale Av., 4/22
 600 block Willowgate St., 4/23
 200 block Easy St., 4/26

VANDALISM

400 block Foxborough Dr., 4/24
 200 block Franklin St., 4/25

The Mountain View Voice (USPS 2560) is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto CA 94306 (650) 964-6300. Periodicals Postage Paid at Palo Alto CA and additional mailing offices. The Mountain View Voice is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Mountain View. Subscription rate of \$60 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Mountain View Voice, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

Healthy Teeth and Gums That Last a Lifetime!



- Voted Best Dentist 2014 and 2015
- Experienced and Gentle Dentist, and Friendly Staff
- Caring Treatment that Focuses on Your Comfort
- New Patients Welcome!
- Free Consultations and Second Opinions
- Saturday Appointments Available

DENTAL FABULOUS
 Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

Don't Wait! Call 650.969.6077 for your appointment today!



Conveniently located in Downtown Mountain View
 756 California Street, Suite B Mountain View 94041
 cross street: Castro, next to Bierhaus

650.969.6077
dentalfabulous.com



VOTE ONLINE AT
MountainViewOnline.com/best_of



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Patrons showed up in droves last weekend as BookBuyers prepared to close its Castro Street location by liquidating its inventory.

Bye-bye for BookBuyers in Mountain View

BOOKSTORE HOLDS FINAL EVENTS FOR CASTRO STREET LOCATION

By Mark Noack

Like many other patrons on April 22, Laura Lewis was making a pilgrimage to browse the stacks at BookBuyers one last time. The self-proclaimed bibliophile had visited the store dozens of times and bought hundreds of books there. No longer having that experience would be like a personal loss, she said. Bookstores were “holy” places, the Mountain View resident said, and it felt terrible to be losing one of her favorites.

“This is the last positive beacon of Mountain View, and it’s being crushed,” Lewis said. “It’s just sad we’re giving up our history like this.”

It was a somber event that Friday night as BookBuyers opened

its doors to begin liquidating its inventory of more than 300,000 titles. Falling behind on its rent, the business announced in recent days that it needed to shutter its Castro Street shop in the hope that it could reopen in a cheaper location.

That evening, a line of people snaked out the front door as BookBuyers staff tried to limit it to just 50 people browsing the shelves at once. Heading to the back of the store, those customers packed the room to browse shelves that normally were off-limits. Those books, drawn from the store’s shuttered San Jose warehouse, were completely unorganized: nonfiction was mixed with fiction; a dime novel was nestled next to a cookbook next to a coffee table volume.

For discerning book shoppers, maybe there was a rare volume buried somewhere in the stacks. But there were also some books that it is fair to say are likely never to be sold. Among those titles with dim prospects were “No Apology,” Mitt Romney’s 2010 political autobiography; “Blogs, Wikis, MySpace & More,” a 2008 how-to guide for social media; and more than a dozen copies of “50 Shades Darker,” the less successful sequel to “50 Shades of Grey.”

Still, it was apparent from all the customers lugging armfuls of books that people were finding some gems. “I found stuff here that I never thought I’d be interested in,” beamed

► See **BOOK BUYERS**, page 13

A turbulent trip for LAHS singers

STUDENT SINGING GROUP MISSES KEY CONCERT DUE TO DELTA FLIGHT MIX-UP

By Kevin Forestieri

It’s been an exciting month for Los Altos High School’s singing talent. The 32-student Main Street Singers touched down at the San Francisco International Airport on Saturday after a multi-week journey through South Africa, performing in concerts, going on a safari and visiting caves, nature reserves and other exotic locations.

But the capstone trip of the year for the choral group got off to a rough start when a mix-up at the airport forced students to miss a major performance and two days of their preplanned expedition, prompting frustrated parents to spring into action.

The students arrived at San Francisco International in the early morning hours of April 7 in preparation for a big, 16-day tour of South Africa, which included myriad performances, hotel stays and activities throughout several cities starting in Johannesburg. When the students and accompanying parents went to check in, however, the Delta Air Lines agent said the students didn’t have all the required documentation to hop on the international flight.

The news was a shock to everyone, said Kathy Bonte, a parent of one of the students. The families had gone to great lengths to make sure they had everything they needed: passports, copies of their birth certificate, copies of their insurance plan cards and notarized permission slips signed by both parents. Despite the iron-clad readiness plan, Bonte said the Delta agent did not budge, and insisted that all the students

under the age of 18 needed original birth certificates or notarized copies of the birth.

“Everybody was a little bit stressed out,” Bonte said. “Nobody knew what was going on.”

Later it was acknowledged by Delta staff that the students had everything they needed to board as a group traveling abroad. But it’s not clear what caused the confusion.

Parent Sanjay Uppal, who has been negotiating with Delta since the incident, said the agent who prevented the boarding was not familiar with the regulations that determine whether minors are allowed to travel into South Africa. She was reading from the wrong section, he said, which required accompanied minors — not a group of students on a pre-approved trip — to have an original copy of the birth certificate. Despite making several calls to clear up the mix-up, Uppal said, they were unable to reach a resolution in time.

“That particular agent decided she would not let them board, and really dug her heels in,” he said.

After spending nearly five hours in the airport trying to reconcile the matter with the Delta agent and scrambling to pull together the additional paperwork, the students finally left for home. Delta finally granted the students a flight to Johannesburg on April 9.

The student group, the Main Street Singers, has been traveling internationally to participate in choral competitions all over the world, including Europe, Asia, and South and Central America.

► See **FLIGHT DELAY**, page 7

Hacker Dojo announces plans to leave Mountain View

NONPROFIT HACKER SPACE TO RELOCATE TO SANTA CLARA

By Mark Noack

Just weeks from the expiration of its current lease, Hacker Dojo has found a new home for its scrappy club of coders and makers — but it won’t be in Mountain View.

In a message sent out on April

19, the nonprofit’s staff members announced they had signed a lease for a new office space at 3350 Thomas Road in Santa Clara. If all goes according to plan, Hacker Dojo will leave its current space at 599 Fairchild Drive in Mountain View by the end of May.

The last few months have

been marked by turmoil among Hacker Dojo’s leadership and its hundreds of members.

Last month, the board of directors suspended a longtime staffer after learning she had racked up years of personal expenses on the nonprofit’s credit card. In the days following, some members

have demanded that Hacker Dojo schedule board elections and adopt stronger transparency rules.

In recent days, members of a splinter group have threatened to leave unless they see a “Dojo reboot” — in other words, the resignation of the entire board of directors.

But the hacker space has survived tough challenges before. In 2012, the city of Mountain View nearly shut down Hacker Dojo for a string of code violations in its original Whisman Road location. A frantic fundraising campaign — including, among other things, techies stripping down to their skivvies for a fun run — generated enough money for the group to relocate to its current home. ▣

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

MountainView VOICE

Founding Editor, Kate Wakerly

STAFF

EDITOR

Andrea Gemmet (223-6537)

EDITORIAL

Associate Editor

Renee Batti (223-6528)

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Karla Kane (223-6517)

Special Sections Editor

Elizabeth Lorenz (223-6511)

Staff Writers

Kevin Forestieri (223-6535)

Mark Noack (223-6536)

Photographer

Michelle Le (223-6530)

Contributors

Dale Bentson, Trevor Felch, Mimm Patterson, Ruth Schecter

DESIGN & PRODUCTION

Marketing and Creative Director

Shannon Corey (223-6560)

Design and Production Manager

Kristin Brown (223-6562)

Designers

Linda Atilano, Diane Haas, Rosanna Leung, Paul Llewellyn, Nick Schweich, Doug Young

ADVERTISING

Vice President Sales and Marketing

Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

Advertising Representative

Adam Carter (223-6573)

Real Estate Account Executive

Rosemary Lewkowicz (223-6585)

Published every Friday at

450 Cambridge Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94306

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

Email news and photos to:
editor@MV-Voice.com

Email letters to: letters@MV-Voice.com

News/Editorial Department

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

Display Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6300

Classified Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6490 • (650) 326-8286
fax (650) 326-0155

Email Classified ads@MV-Voice.com

Email Circulation

circulation@MV-Voice.com

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

©2016 by Embarcadero Media Company. All rights reserved.

Member, Mountain View
Chamber of Commerce



WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

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

Town Square forum

Post your views on Town Square at MountainViewOnline.com

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

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

Call the Viewpoint desk at 223-6528

Solar-powered plane stops in MV on globe-trotting flight

SOLAR IMPULSE MAKES MOFFETT FIELD LANDING LAST WEEKEND

By Mark Noack

A solar-powered aircraft landed in Mountain View last weekend as part of an ambitious mission to make the first round-the-world flight without burning a single drop of fuel.

The Solar Impulse 2 is now in the ninth leg of its globe-trotting journey; it made a 2,300-mile flight from Hawaii to land at Moffett Federal Airfield in Mountain View.

Bertrand Piccard, a pilot and medical doctor, along with a

team on the ground that included his partner Andre Borschberg, an entrepreneur and pilot, landed the Solar Impulse 2 at 11:45 p.m. on Saturday night.

The lightweight plane features a massive 72-meter wingspan and a skin of solar panels designed to soak up as much sunlight as possible. Solar Impulse 2 is particularly remarkable because it is one of the first solar-powered aircraft that can travel non-stop by collecting enough energy during the daytime to continue flying at night.

An earlier iteration of the air-

craft made news three years ago when it completed a cross-country flight across the continental United States.

While efficient, Solar Impulse isn't exactly speedy. In 1935, it took Amelia Earhart about 18 hours to fly from Hawaii to California in a single-propeller plane. In that same time span, the Solar Impulse was still short of halfway through the same oceanic journey. The full trip ended up taking 62 hours.

In fact, the aircraft originally started its globe-spanning trip in Abu Dhabi more than a year ago. While the trek proceeded smoothly

heading east across Asia, the plane experienced damage to its battery system during a 4,000-mile flight from Japan to Hawaii. Engineers had to design and fit new batteries for the aircraft, delaying the tour for almost a year.

Piccard and Borschberg's plane gathers the sun's energy in 17,248 solar cells. The plane stores that energy during the day in four lithium batteries, which power four motors and propellers, allowing the plane to fly at night.

Solar Impulse 2 landed at Moffett with about 46 percent of its energy left, according to live updates of the flight.

More information about the mission, including an interactive journey map, can be found at solarimpulse.com. ▣

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

Tenants' group launches outreach campaign

GROUP AIMS TO COLLECT 8,000 SIGNATURES TO PLACE RENT CONTROL MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

By Mark Noack

Tenants' advocates launched an outreach campaign last weekend as part of an effort to get a rent-stabilization measure on the November ballot.

Organizers with the Mountain View Tenants Coalition held an event to begin recruiting dozens of volunteers needed to help collect the 4,671 signatures needed to place the initiative on the ballot.

The proposed measure, dubbed the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Charter Amendment, came in response to widespread

concerns that rapid rent hikes were pricing many residents out of Mountain View. In recent months, many tenants urged city leaders to take immediate action to restrict rent increases and create protections against evictions.

After months of debate, a majority of the City Council has decided not to impose formal restrictions on rent increases. Instead, the council majority opted for a package of mediation programs and lease-extension requirements.

In response, members of the Tenants Coalition decided to put

the question to voters. Their proposed measure would mandate that rent increases be capped at the Bay Area's Consumer Price Index level, in an amount set by June of each year. It also stipulates that rents can be raised a minimum of 2 percent and at most 5 percent in any year.

Overseeing this process would be a new "Rental Housing Committee," a five-member panel appointed by the City Council that would be in charge of setting allowable rents or making new regulations. The initiative would also include "just-cause eviction"

protections, with a set of criteria for when landlords can evict tenants, such as failure to pay, causing a nuisance or criminal activity.

Starting this weekend, tenants advocates say, they will begin fielding volunteers to knock on doors. The group is aiming to collect 8,000 signatures to ensure that there are more than enough in case some names are found to be invalid.

All qualified signers must reside in Mountain View and be registered to vote. ▣

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

RENT ORDINANCE

► Continued from page 1

their concerns. Councilman Ken Rosenberg, who supported nixing binding arbitration, tried to persuade his colleagues to abandon the rest of the ordinance. A better plan, he suggested, would be to amend the city's tenant relocation program to penalize property owners who displace renters.

"I'm not a believer in rent control, but that doesn't mean I'm going to take a laissez-faire attitude," he said. "This is a vote that should be somewhat embarrassing."

That comment seemed to irk Councilman John McAlister, who said he had his own qualms with the program but felt it was better than any alternative that would take months to research and draft. He pointed out that the city's rental program would impact all apartment complexes with three or more units in Mountain View, whereas a policy that imposed any type of rent cap would be limited under state law to only apartments built before 1995.

McAlister's main grievance

was the 7.2 percent threshold — an amount originally proposed by Rosenberg — which he felt was too high. He suggested the council should pass the ordinance with the plan to eventually lower that amount.

"If we pass this, we get something on the books in 30 days, if we don't do anything we have to wait until November," he said. "Let's get something on the books, and let's work it some more."

Kasperzak, McAlister, Chris Clark and Mayor Pat Showalter voted in favor of the ordinance.

At the end of the meeting, McAlister proposed a future agenda item to amend the threshold amount, but four council members wouldn't support it. Council members Kasperzak and Clark pointed out that the council previously had long deliberations and a series of votes to try to ascertain an appropriate amount. It was unnecessary to debate it again, they said.

"We do not have four votes for rent control; we don't have four for binding arbitration. So do

we keep spinning our wheels?" Clark said. "We need to pass what we feel and get something on the books that I think will have some impact."

Exactly what that impact will be remains to be seen. Local attorney Gary Wesley repeated a warning he has made at recent meetings that the new ordinance could create a perverse incentive for landlords to evict tenants rather than deal with a lengthy mediation process. The city attorney had dismissed these concerns, saying the ordinance language was broad enough to cover these cases.

Project Sentinel, the organization in charge of the new mediation system, is expecting to spend \$110,000 to hire new staffing to administer it. That cost will be recouped from a new \$7-per-unit surcharge on all apartments. Meanwhile, Mountain View is planning to spend \$70,000 on a campaign to educate affected tenants and landlords about the new program.

The city is preparing a data-collection effort to track participation in the new program and

gauge its success. Speaking after the meeting, Project Sentinel officials said they are still working out what information could be publicly released, given the confidentiality requirements attached to mediation and arbitration.

Perhaps the most telling response to the council's action will come this November: If a planned community ballot initiative qualifies for the ballot, voters will decide whether to cap rent increases at a level no higher than the regional Consumer Price Index.

Siegel announced on Tuesday he would be supporting the measure. Meanwhile, Showalter, a supporter of the city's new mediation program, said she intended to meet with tenants' advocates to see if some compromise could avert a voter referendum. There's not much time left to do so, she admitted, since proponents have already begun collecting signatures they need to qualify the initiative for the ballot. ▣

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

How a front yard turned into an elephant habitat

DESPITE TIGHT SPACE, MV COUPLE ACCRUES MAMMOTH-SIZE COLLECTION

By Mark Noack

Some homeowners deck their yards with garden gnomes; others go for pink flamingos. Christina Yin and Michael Maung have all those yard decorations beat, in terms of size at least. The front yard at their Spring Street house is quickly becoming a menagerie of elephant statues.

Any large elephant, sculpture or living, is a pretty hard thing to miss, but these elephants really stand out. The larger of their two shed-sized elephants is covered in reflective panels, making it look like a disco ball stretched into a mastodon. Next to it is a slightly smaller, but far less glitzy elephant made of driftwood.

Despite being there for years, these elephants have recently gotten a wave of new attention from passersby, and some curious readers have asked the *Voice* to look into the story behind this unique display.

In fact, Yin and Maung's yard elephants represent only a fraction of the extensive collection they've accumulated over the years. Maung, by far the more avid collector of the pair, says his obsession stems from his

Burmese heritage. Since he was born on a Wednesday morning, his animal sign under the Burmese zodiac is a tusked elephant (a Wednesday evening birth means untusked elephant).

Basically, he's always had a fondness for the gentle giants. About 20 years ago, around the time he met his wife Yin, he started his hobby of collecting elephantine sculptures, trinkets and other artwork.

"It used to keep me up all the time — his (collection) costs a lot of money," Yin said. "But he told me: 'I'm not drinking; I'm not smoking. This is my hobby.'"

Years ago, the couple pooled their talents to open a Burmese-Chinese restaurant in Palo Alto, the aptly named Green Elephant Gourmet on Middlefield Road. Their new eatery gave them a perfect place to showcase their collection of elephant figurines instead of keeping them moth-balled in the garage.

About two years ago, Maung said he found the eye-catching disco-ball elephant statue on sale for about \$2,000 at a T.J. Maxx store in Cupertino. Naturally, he liked it, and he thought it would make a great attraction to draw in customers. At the time, he said, he was partly

inspired by the Chinese restaurant chain P.F. Chang's, which often plants a large horse statue outside its entrance.

Maung hired a four-man crew to help him transport the statue, only to learn his new purchase was as bulky as, well, an elephant. He still isn't sure what the elephant is made of beneath its reflective covering, but it certainly is heavy, he said. It was simply too big to fit in front of their restaurant since it would block the walkway at the shopping center, he said. It also became clear the statue wouldn't work inside the restaurant either, since its mammoth size would make it impossible to ignore — it would be, in all senses, an elephant in the room.

So that's how the large elephant ultimately landed in front of the couple's house, just to the right of the driveway for all to see. Maung says he isn't disappointed — in fact, he's quite happy having his show-piece elephants right next to his porch. They've become used to people stopping to take a look or snap a photo.

"It's OK, I like having it at my home," Maung said.

In fact, this isn't the first time his grand plans for a restaurant



MICHELLE LE

This elephant sculpture, which stands beside another made of wood, attracts much attention on Spring Street.

elephant wound up decorating the yard. About two years earlier, he went through pretty much the same series of events with the driftwood elephant, which was another T.J. Maxx find. That time, he tried to paint the elephant green to match the restaurant's name. But the paint didn't adhere well to the wood, and the shade of green looked really "ugly," Yin said. Besides, even that smaller elephant was too big to go outside the restaurant.

So why didn't Maung learn his lesson? Why did he decide two years later to buy an even bigger elephant statue for the

restaurant?

"I asked him the same question," Yin said. "He just said, 'I love it — some day I'm going to use it.'"

One of these days, Yin says, they'll have to figure out something to do with their growing collection. Friends have suggested opening an art gallery, and she's been prodding her husband to think about culling his menagerie.

"I tell him after we retire we should sell some of your pieces," she said. "He says, 'No, No. I think I want to keep it.'"

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

FLIGHT DELAY

► Continued from page 5

In 2014, the group won the top position among 300 choral groups in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Bonte said the students rehearse as much as six days a week, even before the school year begins. To pay for their trips, they host fundraisers ranging from holiday singing events to six-hour pizza-making events.

"Everything leads up to this

spring trip," Bonte said.

Not only did the delays on the part of Delta deprive the students of two days of pre-paid services and hotel accommodations, the late arrival meant students missed a major concert event where the Main Street Singers were billed as the main act.

"To deprive them of that," Uppal said, "requires more than just a simple apology."

Brian Kruse, a spokesman for Delta, told the *Voice* that the

company is committed to making sure that any passenger who travels overseas has the proper documentation to avoid problems upon arrival. That said, Kruse acknowledged that the students did have everything they needed, and the delay was a result of confusion among Delta staff.

"We do apologize for the situation," he said. "We're going to work with each family to make this right."

Although some parents claimed

that the Delta agent was a lone actor in keeping students from making their flight, Kruse said she had conferred with customer service agents and got the station manager at San Francisco International involved as well. Kruse said the company is working with its leadership team to make sure that whatever happened on April 7 doesn't happen again.

Since the parents began negotiating with Delta, Bonte said, the company has pledged to

refund the entire airfare for the group and provide compensation for any pre-paid tours, and is expected to provide additional, but still undetermined, perks to the compensation package.

"While nothing can make up for the experiences they missed during those two days, it does seem that the airline is trying very hard to make good for their error," Bonte said in an email.

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com

NOW OPEN IN MOUNTAIN VIEW!

GRAND OPENING SPECIALS AVAILABLE NOW!

1992 Olympic Gold Medalist Master Herb Perez and his staff offer a comprehensive experience in Martial Arts for all ages.



Enroll now in our fun and exciting summer camps for kids ages 6-13!

(650) 591-9220

www.goldmedalcenter.com

Belmont | Burlingame | Foster City | Mountain View



PHOTOS BY NATALIA NAZAROVA
 Clockwise, from top:
 Kids posed with Critters
 by the Bay at the end
 of the 38th Annual
 Spring Family Parade;
 a costumed character
 from Critters by the Bay
 hugs Brooke Proffitt,
 10, after the parade;
 Los Panaderos participated
 in the parade and in a
 performance afterwards;
 Sandy, a dance instructor
 from Samba Mundial,
 participates in festivities.



Lots of color at city's lively spring event

Mountain View's annual Spring Family Parade brought out a crowd of costumed participants and celebrants on Saturday, April 23.

The parade theme was "Get Ready for Rio," and there was plenty of lively dancing in the street thanks to participating groups like Los Panaderos and Samba Mundial.

The parade, a nearly four-decade tradition in Mountain View, began in the morning at Castro Street, and ended at Pioneer Park, where festivities included music, crafts and games, and participants chose from tasty fare available from food trucks.





2510 Waverley Street, Palo Alto

Historic Home with Spanish Flair

Built in 1937, this historic 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home of 3,595 sq. ft. (per county) includes approx. 0.3 acres (per county). The upgraded interior retains its distinctive Spanish flair and boasts four fireplaces, an office, and a dramatic master suite with a flexible upper level. Ideal for unforgettable entertaining, the central courtyard flows into picturesque wraparound gardens with fruit trees. This sensational home is central to Stanford University and top Palo Alto schools, and the bike tunnel nearby lends easy access to California Avenue attractions.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.2510Waverley.com

Offered at \$4,498,000

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday
1:00 - 5:00

Lunch
& Lattes

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



285 Wooded View Drive, Los Gatos

Palatial Home Offers Fascinating Views

An immense gated driveway escorts you to this tech-savvy 6 bedroom, 7.5 bathroom estate of 8,249 sq. ft. (per appraisal) that occupies 6.25 acres (per county). Offering unobstructed bay views and extreme privacy, this masterpiece is outfitted with 120 slabs of limestone and touts a light-filled interior with four fireplaces and fully functional spaces. The dreamy grounds include a three-car garage, an outdoor kitchen, and mature vineyards. You will be mere minutes to downtown Los Gatos, recreational attractions, and fine Los Gatos schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.285WoodedView.com

Offered at \$7,488,000

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday

1:00 - 5:00

Lunch, Lattes,

& Jazz

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



334 Poe Street, Palo Alto

Executive Residence in Downtown Palo Alto

Enjoying easy walkability to University Avenue, this luxurious 6 bedroom, 6 bathroom home of 4,858 sq. ft. (per county) occupies a peaceful property of 9,000 sq. ft. (per county) and is designed for both indoor and outdoor entertaining. The exquisitely crafted interior offers elegant woodwork, four fireplaces, and sophisticated living spaces, plus a flexible lower level with a kitchenette, while the unforgettable backyard retreat boasts an observatory. Parks, restaurants, shops, and fine entertainment are all within walking distance, and incredible schools are easily accessible.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.334Poe.com

Offered at \$5,988,000

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday
1:00-5:00

Lunch, Lattes,
& Jazz

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

Dittmer's Gourmet Meats & Wurst-Haus
Serving The San Francisco Bay Area Since 1978

Help Us Win Again!

Best Deli/Sandwich • Best Grocery Store



4540 El Camino Real, Los Altos • (650) 941-3800



Gourmet Mexican Cuisine

Fiesta Del Mar TOO
735 Villa St., 650.967.3525
fiestadelmar.com

AGAVE & Fiesta Del Mar
194/198 Castro St.
(corner of Castro & Villa)
650.969.6767, agaveca.com

2 great restaurants,
1 great location



Vote for us!

La Fontaine Restaurant

French and Italian Fusion

Vote for Us!

- Best Italian Restaurant
- Best Place for a Business Lunch
- Best Outdoor/Patio Seating
- Best Fine Dining
- Best Breakfast/Brunch

186 Castro St | Mountain View, CA 94041 | (650) 968-2300

LARRY'S Auto Works

Your Vote is Important!
Please Vote Us "Best Auto Repair"

2526 Leghorn St, Mtn View
650-968-5202 | www.autoworks.com

Green & Fresh CLEANERS

HELP US WIN AGAIN!

650.967.8899

580 N Rengstorff, Unit F, Mountain View

INTENTIO
FITNESS & NUTRITION COACHING

Vote for us!
Best Nutrition/Weight Loss Counseling

650.963.9888 260 Moffett Blvd. info@intentio.com
Mountain View www.intentio.com

Vote for Us!
Best Sushi
Best Take-Out

MASA SUSHI

400 San Antonio Rd.
(650) 941-2117

MASA SUSHI JAPAN TO GO

650 Castro St., #180
(650) 282-5222

a Mountain View tradition since 1973

BEHIND EVERY PROJECT IS A *True Value*

BLOSSOM HARDWARE

Open 7 Days
Mon.-Fri. 9 - 7 • Sat. 9 - 6 • Sun. 10 - 5
1297 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View
(at Miramonte) • www.truevalue.com

Vote Us Best Hardware

650-964-7871

TIME TO VOTE!

BEST OF Mountain View



VOTE ONLINE AT

MountainViewOnline.com/best_of

Deadline to vote:
MAY 30

Vote for your favorite:

- Restaurants
- Food & Drink
- Retail
- Service
- Arts & Entertainment

We offer the Freshest Sushi and Sashimi in town because our fish are delivered Fresh Daily!



VOTE FOR
US FOR
Best Sushi
AND
**Best New
Restaurant!**



Rumble Fish
www.rumblefishmv.com

Mountain View, CA 94041
357 Castro St., Suite 3A
(650) 961-9086

Bring this ad to receive 1 free small hot sake!
Limit one per table. Offer expires 9/30/2016

Vote for Us!
Best Auto Body Repair



2145 Old Middlefield Way
Mountain View, CA
(650) 961-4100

**Vote For
Us Again!**
Best Bagel

**House of
Bagels**

Water boiled and
baked in a brick oven



650.694.4888
1712 Miramonte Ave. #D
Mountain View

**Best of
MOUNTAIN VIEW
2016**

THE BEST COMPLIMENT
WE CAN RECEIVE IS
A VOTE
FROM YOU
FOR BEST OF
MOUNTAIN VIEW!
SMILES
DENTAL CARE
QUALITY • SATISFACTION • TRUST



100 W. El Camino Real, Suite 63A Mountain View (Corner of El Camino & Calderon)
WWW.SMILES DENTAL.COM | 650.964.2626

#1 Voted by the people
**Best Ice Cream / Frozen Yogurt
& Best Ice Cream Store
for many years**

**gelato
Classico**
Italian Ice Cream



"It's
irresistible!"

"Mouth
watering!"

Buy 1 Get 2nd FREE

Buy one cup of ice cream or any espresso bar item and get one of an equal
or lesser value FREE. Pints, Quarts, Specialties excluded. Expires 6/6/16

241 B Castro Street • Mountain View • 650-969-2900

NEGOTIATIONS

► Continued from page 1

we're not really prepared, collectively, to make any movement," Pharazyn said.

Since negotiations began on March 3, the teachers' union has pushed for significantly higher pay across the entire salary schedule, as well as stipends for teachers with master's or doctoral degrees and additional compensation for music teachers, who spend many hours outside of school time leading concert events.

Throughout the bargaining meetings, the district's negotiation team has stood by its initial offer of a 3 percent pay increase for the 2016-17 school year. The teachers union, on the other hand, is asking for a 10 percent salary increase — an amount they claim would finally put the district in the top quartile of salaries compared with similar school districts in the South Bay.

Gloomy budget projections show that the school district would blow through its entire \$18.5 million in unallocated reserve money by the 2019-20 school year, calling into question whether the district can afford to meet the teachers' demand. But with property tax sailing well above predictions each year, Pharazyn said, the multi-year projections show an economic forecast that is too bleak.

This year, property tax revenue grew in Mountain View by 12.9 percent — more than six times the district's conservative estimate of 2 percent — pumping more money into the general fund than originally expected. Pharazyn said he believes the district will have the wherewithal to bring teacher salaries up.

After two years of healthy salary increases — 5 percent in 2014 and 4 percent in 2015 — the salary schedule for district teachers ranges from \$50,199 to \$92,629 annually. District officials, under Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph, commissioned a survey through the firm

Hanover Research earlier this year, which found that teacher pay in the district is more or less on par with similar school districts.

When asked how teacher negotiations are going, Rudolph told the *Voice* he had no comment.

But at the same time, the school district continues to hemorrhage teachers every year. Over the past four years, the district has hired 170 teachers because of poor retention rates. At Crittenden Middle School, for example, 13 of the 33 teachers at the school were new hires this year — seven of them are brand new to teaching. Pharazyn said the district needs to step up efforts to retain teachers, particularly at a time when many Bay Area schools are struggling to fill teacher positions and competition ramps up.

"The thing that's sort of baffling to us is, clearly, the district's got a problem keeping teachers," Pharazyn said. "It's something that's not new — it's been going on for years now. But I don't see the district concerned about it. Everything indicates that they are OK with it."

A tough tone for negotiations

In September 2014, teachers made a strong showing at board meetings demanding a pay increase well above the roughly 3 percent raise offered by district officials, then under former Superintendent Craig Goldman. A bitter dispute ensued, leading to an impasse where teachers worked only their contractual hours; meaning no more after-school coaching, district committee meetings, taking home school work or participating in the Beyond the Bell program.

Under Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly, the tone was much more cordial, Pharazyn said. The district's bargaining team no longer had a lawyer present, and adjustments to the contract were made without any major standoff.

This year, however, that collaborative spirit may have

already dissipated. Pharazyn said the district has brought back a lawyer, Jon Pearl of Dannis Woliver Kelley, to represent it.

District staff are also releasing a newsletter called "Negotiation News," designed to explain what goes on at each negotiation meeting. While the updates are intended to promote transparency and open communication, the district has not allowed the MVEA to work jointly on how they are worded — resulting in what the teachers' union is calling biased and one-sided reporting.

In the March 3 news update, for example, the district wrote that "practically all of MVEA's proposals are economic, some more costly than others, and that providing cost and prioritization information would be helpful."

Responding to the comments, MVEA representatives wrote in a letter that the comments did not accurately summarize the negotiation session, and lead readers to believe that all teachers want is more money.

"We object to our positions being reduced to this," the response reads. "We feel that there is definitely a spin in this communication from (Jon) Pearl, who in our opinion does not accurately reflect the tone of discussion."

Pharazyn said these allegedly biased newsletters are particularly tough when the cards are already so stacked against MVEA during negotiations. Teachers work full-time jobs and don't have the same resources available to district officials, he said, making it hard enough to mount a strong case for higher pay during negotiations.

If negotiations are suspended until after the summer break, the MVEA negotiating team is expected to change. Pharazyn will be retiring at the end of the school year, and the union is expected to hold an election for the new leadership role. ▀

Email Kevin Forestieri at kforestieri@mv-voice.com

BOOK BUYERS

► Continued from page 5

Jack Tolvanen of Cupertino, who described himself as a fan of history books about piracy, exploration and Native American tribes. Over the years, he estimated, he had accrued more than 2,000 books and CDs from BookBuyers, and he said he would be sorry to see the shop close.

Store owner Hotranatha Ajaya says he is holding out hope that BookBuyers can be revived in a new location, likely in a

cheaper area than Mountain View. Speaking this week, he said he is continuing to pursue new rental-space possibilities.

Technically, Ajaya said, his Castro Street location wasn't closing quite yet. After hearing from customers who still had large amounts of store credit to use, he decided to schedule one more weekend sale — a last hurrah. From 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, he is discounting all remaining books in the store. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, he plans to hold

another sale of his warehouse books, this time letting anyone fill a grocery bag with books for \$5.

At 7 p.m. on May 1, Ajaya is holding a goodbye pot-luck for his customers and staff. At that point, he hopes to be able to say he has secured a new business location.

"I'm very pleased with how well we've done, but we've got a long way to go to cover this transition," he said. "But it looks like we're going to make it." ▀

Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com



950 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park Offered at \$1,998,000

Picturesque Home Reveals Modern Updates

Flaunting stylish upgrades, this charming 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 1,730 sq. ft. (per county) stands on a lot of 5,500 sq. ft. (per county) and includes numerous sustainable features. Crown molding, Lutron lighting, and hardwood floors adorn the interior, which offers a remodeled kitchen, a flexible bedroom/media room, and a spacious master suite. The enchanting outdoor retreat holds a fireplace and a barbecue, while the garage provides a converted play space. Enjoy strolling to local dining, everyday conveniences, and terrific Las Lomas schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

For more information, please contact:

Michael Repka
650.488.7325 | michael@deleonrealty.com

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.950Cloud.com



OPEN HOUSE

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



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

DISCOVER RESORT LIVING IN THE BAY AREA



Trilogy® at The Vineyards

5 NEW MODELS NOW OPEN!

Trilogy® at The Vineyards has opened 5 new models featuring innovative home designs never seen anywhere else. Schedule a private tour today to be among the first to experience this brand new model gallery, demonstrating living spaces that set a whole new standard for the way you live in a home. With features like chef designed kitchens and the ability to choose the layout with Shea3D, Trilogy at The Vineyards has a home perfect for you. Not only are the home designs stunning, they are energy efficient, with SheaSolar™. included!

Trilogy® at The Vineyards is the perfect place for the next chapter of your life. Nestled against Mount Diablo among rolling vineyards and olive orchards in Brentwood, Trilogy offers the ultimate resort lifestyle where you can live The Good Life every day. Enjoy food and wine at our spectacular Club. Maintain your health and wellness at our luxurious Spa and athletic centers. Take classes, meet new friends, and live the life you've always wanted.

**SCHEDULE YOUR
PRIVATE TOUR
TODAY!**

RESORT LIVING IN BRENTWOOD
TRIOLOGYLIFE.COM/DISCOVER | 866.758.6686
1700 Trilogy Parkway Brentwood, CA 94513

SheaXero is available as standard features in select communities only, ask your Community Representative for details. A SheaXero™ Home is intended to be able to produce, on average, as much electricity as it consumes on an annual basis. Non-consumption based fees and surcharges may remain. Estimate based on base home without structural options with average use by household of 2 with published data from manufacturers, suppliers and others and calculated using software approved by the U.S. Department of Energy using base home sq. footage. Energy usage not guaranteed and energy production and consumption may vary based on home, structural option selections, home orientation, climate and usage of electric appliances. Electricity production via photovoltaic (PV) panels. PV system subject to 20 year lease with Solar City. Seller may provide lease payments as an inducement to Buyer. Features and specs vary by location, subject to change, not available on all homes and must be on the contract. Trilogy® is a registered trademark of Shea Homes, Inc., an independent member of the Shea family of companies. Trilogy at The Vineyards is a community by Trilogy Vineyards, LLC., sales by Shea Homes Marketing Company (CalBRE #01378646) and construction by Shea Homes, Inc., (CSLB #672285). Homes at The Vineyards are intended for occupancy by at least one person 55 years of age or older, with certain exceptions for younger persons as provided by law and the governing covenants, conditions and restrictions. This is not an offer of real estate for sale, nor a solicitation of an offer to buy, to residents of any state or province in which registration and other legal requirements have not been fulfilled. Void where prohibited. Models are not an indication of racial preference. © 2016 Shea Homes, Inc. All rights reserved.

Shea
HOMES
ACTIVE LIFESTYLE COMMUNITIES





COMMUNITY TALK & NEUROSCIENCE HEALTH CENTER TOURS

Latest Advances in Stroke Treatment

Stanford Health Care invites you to a free community talk about stroke awareness and treatment advances. As the first program in the nation to earn comprehensive stroke certification from the Joint Commission, Stanford continues to pioneer medical, surgical and interventional therapies for treating and preventing stroke.

Join us to:

- Attend a talk with Stanford Medicine experts on the latest diagnostic tools, treatment and rehabilitation options
- Take a tour of the Stanford Neuroscience Health Center

SATURDAY, MAY 7 • 9:30–11:30AM

Stanford Neuroscience Health Center
213 Quarry Road • Palo Alto, CA 94304

SPEAKERS

Gregory Albers, MD
Director, Stanford Stroke Center

Jeremy Heit, MD, PhD
Neurointerventional Radiology

Alison Kerr, RN, MSN
*Vice President, Neuroscience,
Psychiatry and Behavioral Health,
and Operations*

RSVP at: stanfordhealthcare.org/events

or call **650.736.6555**.

Please register, seating and tours are limited.



SHARED CAMPUS

► *Continued from page 1*

neighborhood school, and will be kicking off a three-year program to increase student achievement among some of the district's lowest-performing students. Despite both schools being next-door neighbors, the schools have functioned mostly separately.

The more popular proposal, and the overwhelming favorite among Stevenson parents, calls for relocating Stevenson to where the district office is, at the corner of San Pierre Way and Montecito Avenue, and building a separate multipurpose room and library on the new campus. This would require the district office to relocate to the existing portables at Stevenson, which would prompt some serious renovations to make it "serviceable," according to Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph.

"You would have to do a couple of things in order to make it a functional district office, one that would be welcoming enough to the community that they wouldn't question what's taking place in our district," Rudolph said.

But that option also comes with one of the steepest price tags, estimated at roughly \$33.6 million — nearly 30 percent over budget.

Board member Greg Coladonato, who cast the sole opposing vote, said he was not willing to support the project unless he also got to vote on where that extra money is going to come from.

"That's one of our primary jobs, to try to stay within our budget and not purposefully go over budget," he said.

Board President Ellen Wheeler said she supports the proposal, and that it's important that Stevenson finally get a "permanent home" after being housed in portables for years. She said it would be a mistake to focus too much on the price tag, and that she was confident the district's construction manager, Todd Lee, would be able to adjust the cost down in the coming months.

"I don't think price is the number-one criteria," Wheeler said. "I think design and serving the school communities takes priority."

There are a few ways the district could bolster the budget for the two schools. Stevenson could be built with modular construction to cut \$2 million in costs, and the board could agree to shave off 5 percent of the construction budget at Huff, Bubb and Landels in order to pump an extra \$2.5 million into the budget.

Rudolph questioned the feasibility of the latter option, noting that the construction budgets at those schools are already lean.

"As we say in the south, there is no more blood left in that stone," Rudolph said. "That is like a nuclear option that I would not suggest you exercise."

Board member Bill Lambert said he is also uncomfortable with the cost estimates for all the options at Stevenson and Theuerkauf, and worried that the school district is diverting too much of the Measure G budget toward supporting choice programs instead of neighborhood schools. He said the board already agreed to build a new school for Mistral Elementary — the district's Dual Immersion language program — and now the district potentially faces \$30 million in costs to renovate Theuerkauf and construct new facilities and 18 classrooms for Stevenson PACT.

"Essentially any of these options are equivalent to building a new school," Lambert said. "Really, we're talking here about building another new school in the district, and it's going to be called Stevenson, for roughly \$30 million."

Over the last year, Stevenson parents and teachers have urged the board to support upgrades to the existing portable buildings, which have been described as woefully inadequate. The kindergarten classrooms are undersized, and the multipurpose room and library are significantly smaller compared with the rest of the district's schools.

Lambert agreed that it's important to support the Stevenson PACT program as it continues to grow in size and popularity, but said the board needs to realize just how expensive that support has become.

Board member Steve Nelson supported separate school campuses, but said he prefers a cheaper alternative that leaves Stevenson in the same location. To make his point at the meeting, Nelson pulled out an easel with all of the budget estimates, and demanded that the board avoid approving any project that would sail well over the budget allocation.

"If you're going to have a responsible trustee, you really have to not vote for lots of red ink in our budget," Nelson said.

Following the meeting, Nelson pointed out that all of the correspondence received by the board from parents and teachers at Theuerkauf favored both stand-alone school options. Stevenson parents, in contrast, came out heavily in support of the more expensive option that swaps the location of the district office and the existing Stevenson site.

Nelson told the *Voice* that he was unhappy that Wheeler claimed at the meeting that there was overwhelming support for the more expensive option when it was clear to him from the emails that the support came from only one of the two school communities.

District officials are expected to present the board with a schematic design for the new school campus, including a more definitive budget, by November. ▣

Viewpoint

■ LETTERS
VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

THERE'S ROOM IN MV FOR PICKLEBALL

Reporter Mark Noack wrote an excellent article in the Mountain View *Voice* on April 22 ("What's all this racket about pickleball?") that was fair to the concerns of both tennis players and pickleball players alike. Good job Mark!

The suggestion from Ms. Anderson, that the city of Mountain View consider funding to build dedicated pickleball courts is a very good one and the ideal solution. In the meantime, we should accommodate both sports using subtle/blended lines. Lines for junior tennis are painted on many tennis courts, so why not give senior citizens the same consideration? Or, dedicate two of the Rengstorff courts to pickleball. It will be a great benefit for tennis facilities to utilize empty tennis courts during weekdays to give seniors a place to play pickleball whilst most of the younger tennis players use the courts on evenings and weekends.

I'd like to invite the Andersons, and anyone else who is interested, to give pickleball a try. It's free and fun. We teach how to play and have lots of practice. No equipment is needed as we provide the nets, balls and paddles.

Since my husband and I discovered the joy and health benefits of pickleball, we want to share it with everyone we meet. The next session will be on Wednesday, May 4, at 10:30 a.m. at Rengstorff Park.

Pickleball is now an official event in the Bay Area Senior Games and will be held May 11-13 at Mitchell Park in Palo Alto. Some seniors from our group who have just learned to play pickleball have entered to play in this, their first tournament ever!

There has been an open and respectful dialogue since pickleball advocates attended and spoke at the Mountain View Parks and Recreation Commission meeting in April 2014; we've attended Senior Advisory Committee meetings, Tennis Advisory Committee meetings and multiple meetings at the Recreation Department for over the past

two years. I believe we all have done our due diligence and I want to commend the Mountain View Parks and Recreation Department and the Mountain View Senior Center for their support in bringing pickleball to Mountain View.

*Monica Williams
Walker Drive*

NBS OPEN SPACE SHOULD BE SHARED

Let's preserve North Bayshore as a community by sharing the open space, rather than allowing it to be privatized.

NBS has lots of shared open space: Shoreline Park, Shoreline Golf Course, Shoreline Wildlife Area, Shoreline hiking trails, and the whole area feels like it belongs to all of us. Let's continue that tradition and not let the open space get carved up into private spaces for some people only. New swimming pools, tennis and basketball courts, and other recreation facilities should be in public areas and open to the general public.

NBS is a community. Let's keep it that way.

*Bruce Liedstrand
Former Mountain View city
manager, retired
Bentley Square*

LONG-TERM BENEFITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I would hope the city would stick to its plan to build only affordable housing on the Franklin Street lots, and not give in to the temptation to include some "market rate" units to boost income from the project. We already have more than enough developers and landlords who are willing to build more high-end rental units and condos at the crazy rental rates we now have.

Another reason, perhaps too subtle for the city to consider, is the long-term cost of not having enough affordable housing in the city. What is going to happen when the city can't find anyone willing to work in our police department or fire department or in the various city offices, and the local school district

can't find anyone willing to work here, all because of our outrageous housing costs? The likely answer would be for the city and schools to offer ever-higher salaries or fringe benefits (e.g., city-paid housing allowances) to entice people to work here. We can build a lot more affordable housing now, or we can pay a lot more for city and school employees later.

My only regret about this choice is that it will likely mean the end of the Mountain View Farmers' Market, as we lose the Franklin Street lots as a locale, and more and more events occur at Levi's Stadium resulting in the closing of the lots on Evelyn. This will certainly be a great loss for me and for many others in the city who enjoy the wonderful fresh stuff we can get every Sunday.

*David Lewis
Oak Street*

FRESH PRODUCE CRUCIAL TO KIDS' SUCCESS

The Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation applauds the Mountain View Whisman School District's efforts to promote student access to quality, healthful meals. We also thank the district for allowing us to be part of this effort.

Childhood obesity rates have nearly tripled since 1980 from 7 to 18 percent. In Bay Area cities, childhood obesity rates range from the mid-20s to nearly 50 percent. Providing nutritious student meals with access to fresh fruit and vegetables is crucial if we hope to reverse these statistics.

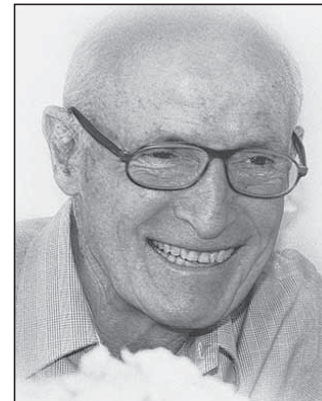
This is why over the past two years the Leadership Group Foundation has partnered with local schools and community organizations, such as The Health Trust, to place salad bars in 120 schools across the Valley. We will place up to 70 more by the end of 2016.

The salad bars that MVWSD will receive from the Leadership Group Foundation are funded by Google through the Tides Foundation.

*Paul Escobar
Senior Associate
Silicon Valley Leadership Group*

Niels E. Brandstrup, MD February 23, 1929 – April 16, 2016

Niels E. Brandstrup, MD, a pediatrician who practiced in Mountain View, California for over 30 years, died peacefully at his home in Los Altos on April 16, 2016 after a long illness. Born in Copenhagen, Denmark on February 23, 1929, he was one of three sons of Ebbe Brandstrup MD and Inger Brandstrup (nee Nathan). He was predeceased by his younger brothers Torkil and Mikael.



His father was a prominent obstetrician and professor of midwifery in Copenhagen. During the Nazi occupation in World War II, the family's Jewish background forced them to flee Denmark under cover of night to Sweden where they lived for several years until after the war in 1945.

Brandstrup received his MD from the University of Copenhagen Faculty of Medicine in 1955. He pursued his pediatric training in Copenhagen, Boston, and Toronto, followed by a year of laboratory research in St. Louis. In 1961 he was recruited as a post-doctoral research fellow at Children's Hospital at Stanford, remaining there through 1963. Afterward, he studied childhood infectious diseases in Gothenburg, Sweden and then practiced general pediatrics near Copenhagen for several years.

Returning to California in 1974, he joined the office practice of pediatricians Donald Lathrop MD and George Kirn MD. Anita R. Juvvadi MD joined his practice in 2001. When he retired in 2006 she assumed care of his many grateful patients and families.

While in practice, he held staff appointments at both El Camino Hospital in Mountain View and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. In recognition of his many years of volunteer service and teaching activities in the Endocrine and Rheumatology Clinics he received the title of Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine. Even after retiring from office practice, he continued to serve in the clinic and attended Pediatric Grand Rounds until just recently when his Parkinson's Disease and dementia made it very difficult to get around.

Niels Brandstrup will be remembered as a warm, compassionate and very gracious gentleman of 'the old school'. He wrote letters and cards by hand, until just a few months ago. He loved being with friends and meeting new people, not just in the Bay Area and his homeland but wherever he traveled across North America and abroad. His kindness, sense of humor and infectious laugh endeared him to people of all ages. Until the past year, he enjoyed swimming at Stanford, going to the movies and theater, listening to music, and attending concerts, the opera and the ballet. He was an avid reader of both the classics and modern literature. He collected art in its many forms, including sculpture, ceramics, pottery, and paintings.

Friends and colleagues who have been welcomed into his Danish-designed home in Los Altos are well aware of how much he loved being there, bathed in the California light and surrounded by his cherished art, music, books and family heirlooms. This was a major factor in the decision of a few close friends to help him remain there as long as possible. Thanks to home health aide Laly Martinez, caregivers Christian Gogo, Africa Morales and their supervisor Melanie from Home Care Assistance, and to hospice care staff at Pathways, he was able to enjoy the peace and comfort of his home until the very end.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 pm on Sun. May 15th at El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Rd, Mountain View, in the Ground floor conference rooms next to the cafeteria. We encourage those wishing to attend to RSVP at anitaredyjuvadi@gmail.com by May 8. Memorial donations may be made in his name at www.avenidas.org or to a charity of the donor's choice.

PAID OBITUARY



200 Arlington Way, Menlo Park Offered at \$3,498,000

Private Property Enjoys Desirable Setting

Boasting a sought-after setting in Menlo Oaks, this gated 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 2,290 sq. ft. (per county) stands on flat, buildable grounds of approx. 0.73 acres (per county) with allowable MFA of 9,000 sq. ft., ideal for expansion. This peaceful home is surrounded by stately trees, and provides a fireplace, hardwood floors, and flexible bedrooms. The property also offers spacious yards and versatile detached spaces that include an additional half bath. Stroll to bus services, the Peninsula School, Laurel Elementary (API 927) and Menlo-Atherton High (buyer to verify eligibility).

For more information, please contact:

Michael Repka
650.488.7325 | michael@deleonrealty.com

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.200Arlington.com



OPEN HOUSE

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



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



1020 Windermere Avenue, Menlo Park Offered at \$1,298,000

Updated Home in Convenient Neighborhood

Teeming with fine updates, this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 1,540 sq. ft. (per county) displays picturesque charm and occupies a lot of 5,750 sq. ft. (per county). Tasteful features add elegance to the beautifully remodeled interior, and other highlights include abundant storage, a fireplace, and a stylish kitchen. The home also includes a private backyard with spacious entertaining areas, and a garage with overhead storage. Stroll to bus services, local shopping, and Flood Park, and enjoy easy access to exceptional schools.

For more information, please contact:

Michael Repka
650.488.7325 | michael@deleonrealty.com

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

www.1020Windermere.com

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



OPEN HOUSE

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



**Come see what a difference
the right preparation makes
at DavidTroyer.com!**



Check out the
SELL page at
DavidTroyer.com

Room after
room of amazing
transformations -
wood floors
revealed, color
palettes revitalized,
a lot of clean up
with beautiful
staging, and more.

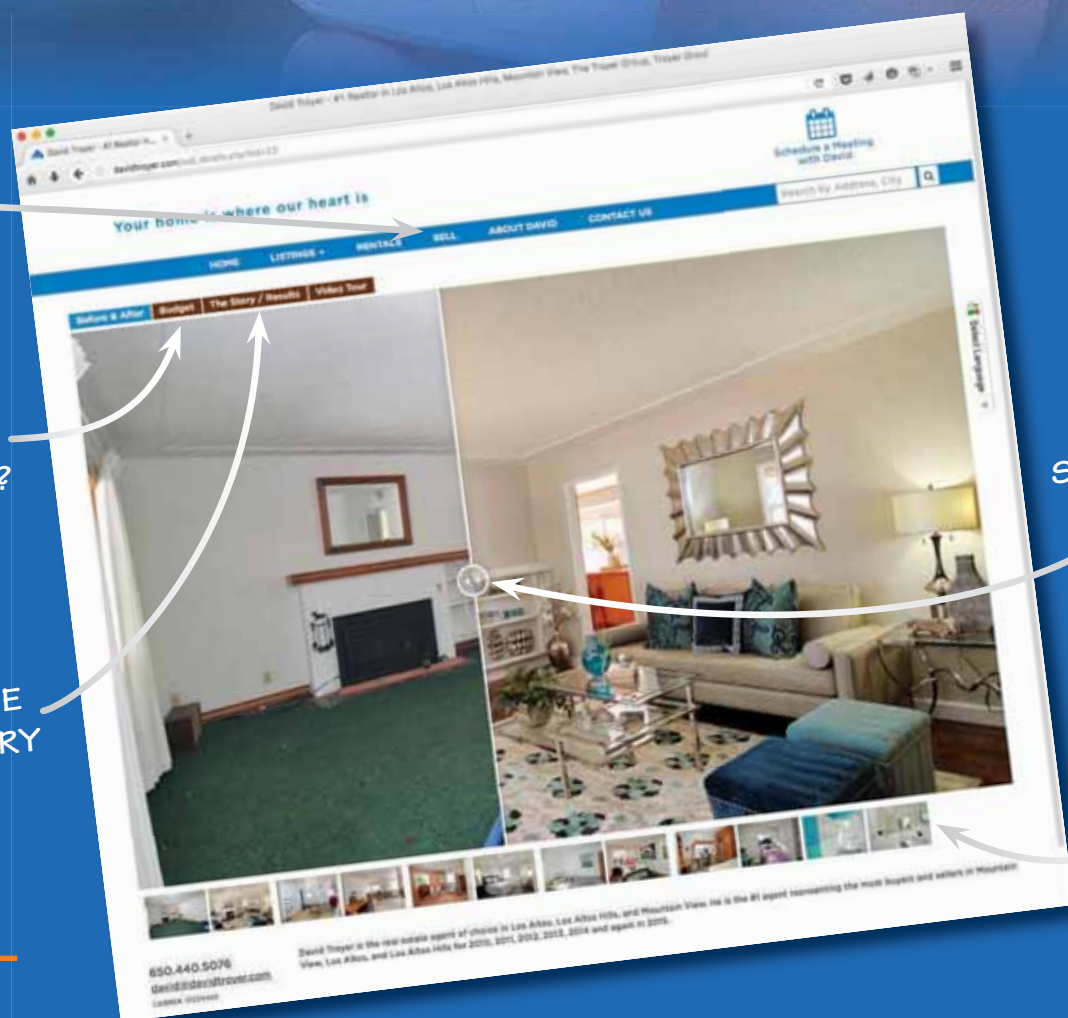
davidtroyer.com/SELL

WHAT
DOES IT
ALL COST?

READ THE
BACKSTORY

CHECK OUT
THE COOL
SLIDER BAR!

SEE
OTHER
ROOMS!



CalBRE# 01234450

650 • 440 • 5076
david@davidtroyer.com
davidtroyer.com

