

LETTERS

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munity parks for single interest groups (Avenidas, Senior Center, child care center, and so on) then at least they should change the zoning from "park" to "commercial," "service commercial" or "nonprofit."

By leaving private interest buildings zoned "park" or open space clearly disguises the actual shortage of recommended community park areas in the city.

Donald Letcher
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STOP CHANGES IN HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Editor:

This is a letter I wrote to Rep. Anna Eshoo, who represents this district in Congress. I think many *Voice* readers will be interested in this assault on health savings accounts:

"I strongly oppose H.R. 5719, which would impose draconian new regulations on health savings accounts. Like many in your district, I am a self-employed engineer and an HSA is the only way I can buy affordable health care. The proposed bill would greatly increase administrative costs resulting in higher fees and increased paperwork for me.

"With soaring health care costs, we do not need additional regulations on a program that is already working and provides one of the few options for individuals to purchase health insurance."

I received an e-mail reply from Rep. Eshoo saying that she disagreed with me and voted for the measure. The bill narrowly passed and now goes to the Senate. I urge everyone who is concerned about medical costs to write our senators.

Robert Alvarez
Laurel Lane

SCHOOL PARKING COULD CROWD OUT TRAIL ACCESS

Editor:

You may not be aware, but the city of Los Altos is attempting to find a suitable corridor for the Stevens Creek Trail farther south from its planned terminus at Mountain View High School.

The 30-foot high embankments make any creekside route via Sunnyvale impassible, and that idea has been rejected by Sunnyvale's transportation manager, Jack Witthaus.

All remaining southbound routes for the trail use Truman and/or Bryant. It is critical that the city not set a precedent by allowing parking around Mountain View High School on Tru-

man and Bryant that does not allow space for those streets to have bike lanes added for Stevens Creek Trail street alignment.

The streets are narrow enough that parking on both sides with bike lanes would not be allowed under federal, state and VTA standards. The proposed plan would produce narrow abrupt choke points where parking currently is allowed across the street from the proposed parking additions.

Also, I find it symbolic that the council is making this choice of encouraging bike travel or providing car street parking on Earth Day, the very week gas hits \$4 a gallon and the United Nations responds to food riots around the world brought on by fuel shortages.

I pray for us all, and hope the council makes the morally right decision, even if it is politically tough in the short term.

Patrick Grant, president,
NASA Ames Bike Club

WATCH OUT FOR E-MAIL TAX SCAM

Editor:

I received an official-looking e-mail which offers me a \$134.50 tax refund. It came from irs@irs.com, and the reply address is noreply@irs.com.

It says "Internal Revenue Service Department of Treasury" on top, and it asked for my credit card number and pin code. Also, my Social Security number and my name, address, date of birth and phone number.

I looked at www.irs.com and it switches to a private bank information Web site. The real IRS Web site is www.irs.gov, not www.irs.com. It's a scam.

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