

### **What's Missing from the Mythical Creek? - Solution**

*Note: This puzzle will give you the keyword you will need to provide on Thursday's lunch to receive your next set of puzzles.*

It is relatively obvious that each description is for some location, shop, restaurant, or company. For example, the one about the "Dirty Secret Sauce" is Ike's and the hair salon franchise is Supercuts. After finding the answers to all (or most) of the location, it becomes evident that all of these are located on Stevens Creek Boulevard (What's missing from the mythical **creek?**). The names of these locations (as shown on Google Maps) are:

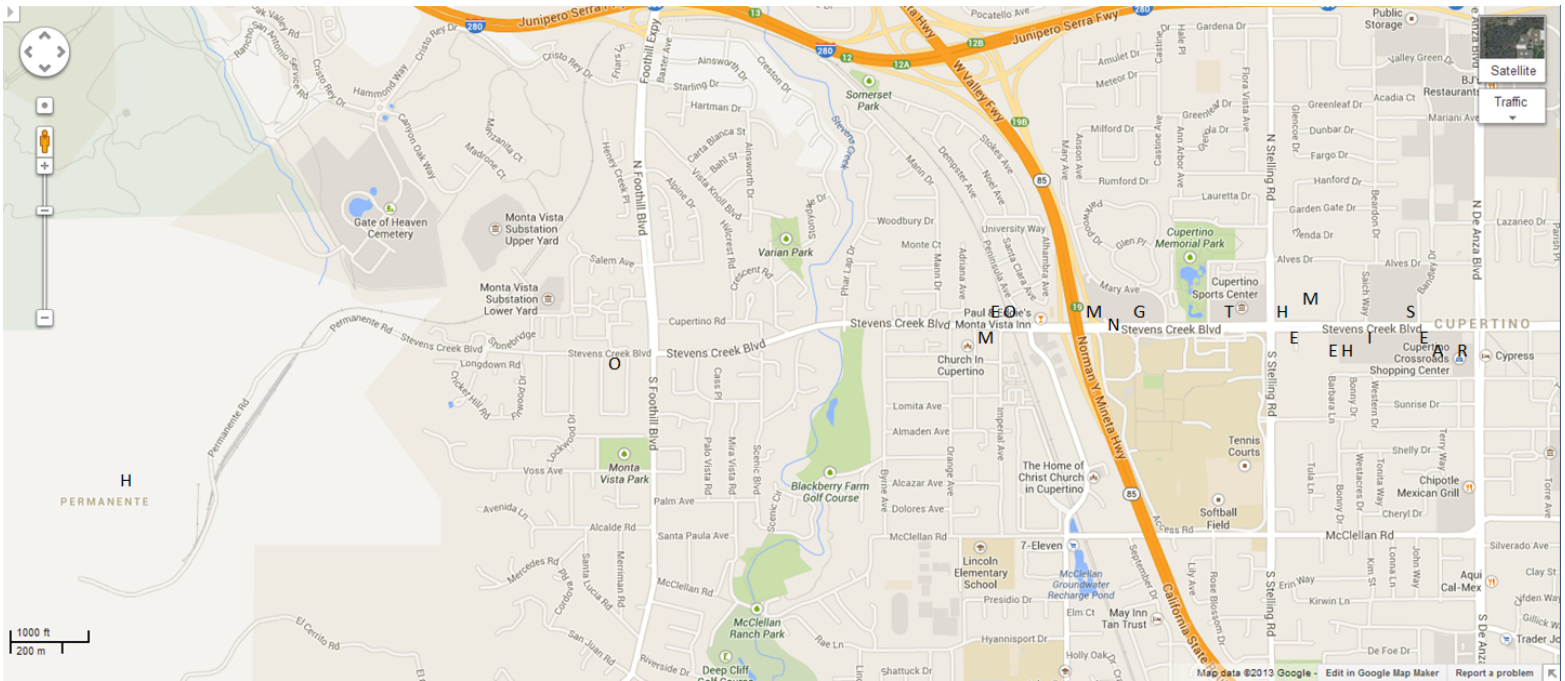
Gumba's  
Bluelight Cinemas 5 Cupertino Oaks  
Cupertino Sports Center  
Whole Foods' Market  
Islands  
Pizza My Heart  
Fire Dept Santa Clara County Monta Vista Station  
Paul and Eddie's Monta Vista Inn  
The Oaks Shopping Center  
Ike's Lair  
Pizza Hut  
Boudin Bakery  
Lehigh Permanente Quarry  
Cupertino Animal Hospital  
Dance Academy USA  
Shell  
Staples  
Supercuts  
Starbucks

Each number next to the clues indexes a letter in the place's name. For example, 3 in front of Gumba's letter corresponds to the letter 'M,' the third letter in the name "Gumba's." Doing this for each number-description pair, we get:

M - Gumba's  
M - Bluelight Cinemas 5 Cupertino Oaks  
T - Cupertino Sports Center  
M - Whole Foods' Market  
I - Islands  
A - Pizza My Heart  
O - Fire Dept Santa Clara County Monta Vista Station  
O - Paul and Eddie's Monta Vista Inn  
G - The Oaks Shopping Center

- E - Ike's Lair
- H - Pizza Hut
- E - Boudin Bakery
- H - Lehigh Permanente Quarry
- E - Cupertino Animal Hospital
- N - Dance Academy USA
- H - Shell
- E - Staples
- S - Supercuts
- R - Starbucks

Now, remember how all of these were on Stevens Creek? Well, let's place these letters that we found on the map:



Well, read left to right (or west to east, however you see it), the letters spell out: HOMEOMNGTHEMEHISEAR, which, if spaces are added, becomes: HOMEOMNG THEME HIS EAR.

This looks awfully like HOMECOMING THEME THIS YEAR, except with a few letters missing (What's *missing* from the mythical creek?). The letters that are missing, in order, are C, I, T, and Y, giving the keyword **CITY**.

This should make even more sense when we realize that the homecoming theme this year was mythical cities... (What's missing from the *mythical* creek?)