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Children hold signs in support of a moratorium on rent increases at City Hall on Oct. 6.

Council eyes voluntary rules for landlords

'NAUGHTY AND NICE' LISTS RECEIVE LANDLORDS' SUPPORT, TENANTS' SCORN

By Mark Noack

Following weeks of unrelenting complaints that rising rents are pricing out scores of tenants, the Mountain View City Council finally dipped its toes into the political tempest on Tuesday. It

was the city's first substantive talks on what some describe as a regional rental crisis, but the meeting offered little more than a prelude to a string of further discussions to come.

Over recent weeks, hundreds of renters and housing advocates have made a concerted

effort to pressure city leaders to address the local affordability problems. Numerous tenants complained they are on the verge of being displaced due to repeated rent increases and the threat of eviction.

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Voters support parcel tax increase

POLL CHECKS ODDS OF PASSING A PARCEL TAX AS HIGH AS \$382

By Kevin Forestieri

It would be a close call, but initial poll results show that residents in the Mountain View Whisman School District would be willing to tax themselves a bit more to support local schools.

With the district likely to

seek a parcel tax renewal next year, just how much more they're willing to pay is still up in the air and will largely determine whether the tax measure makes the two-thirds vote needed to pass. The current rate is set at \$127 annually for most properties.

Of the 401 people polled over

the phone last month, all of them "likely voters" in a special election next spring, 68 percent said they would vote for a parcel tax renewal when no dollar amount was mentioned, according to Gene Bregman, a polling consultant for the district.

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Council picks Encinitas developer for hotel

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's City Council on Tuesday picked a developer to build a downtown hotel that would replace a pair of public parking lots. The winning proposal came from the Robert Green Company of Encinitas to add a \$110 million Joie de Vivre hotel to the Castro Street commercial hub.

The hotel project could have big ramifications for a bustling area of Mountain View. The valuable city-owned land is considered a sure bet for a high-end hotel, and city officials estimate it will bring in millions of dollars in future hotel tax revenues.

The council approved the project in a 6-1 vote, with John Inks opposed, at the Oct. 6 meeting.

Since the project would redevelop two public parking lots, city officials insisted that developers include a new underground garage that would provide a comparable number of free parking stalls.

Robert Green and rival firm R.D. Olson both said they could meet the parking requirements. But city officials faulted R.D. Olson's proposal for not meeting the city's labor provisions. City staffers favored Robert Green, praising it for offering better revenues and a superior overall design. Robert Green's winning proposal is for a 180-room hotel and underground garages with 385 parking spaces, or about 230 more stalls than are currently available.

In the coming weeks, city officials will begin negotiat-

ing exclusive rights for Robert Green to develop the site. A final contract with financial terms is expected by the end of the year.

On Tuesday, company principal Robert Green Jr. thanked city leaders for their endorsement.

"The thing I want to stress is that we're extremely flexible," Green said. "We can figure out with staff what works best for us."

There were plenty of signs on Tuesday that flexibility would be needed down the road. While largely endorsing the overall plans, council members did offer plenty of critiques on the development's finer details.

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Councilman Lenny Siegel expressed disappointment that, as part of the project, the Robert Green Company included a 53,000-square foot office building. Given the close proximity to the downtown Caltrain station, the site for the planned office building would be better suited for housing, he said.

"Instead of addressing the jobs-housing imbalance, we'd be making it worse," Siegel said. "We can't have a discussion about housing one hour and then move off and forget about the need created by the office development."

Siegel's complaint was supported by fellow council members Pat Showalter and Ken Rosenberg.

When they sought proposals earlier this year, city officials did not mention housing as a preferred use for the two parking

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"Red Rock Cafe. Everybody's always working, so it's a great place if you want to get work done. And they have good coffee."

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CRIME BRIEFS

ASSAULT ON OFFICER

A San Francisco police officer is recovering at home after a 25-year-old Mountain View man allegedly struck him with a vehicle and attempted to flee from the officer early Monday morning in San Francisco's Bernal Heights neighborhood, a police spokeswoman said.

The officer's injuries are not life-threatening and he suffered no broken bones, San Francisco police spokeswoman Officer Grace Gatpandan said on Oct. 5.

The man suspected of striking the police officer with the vehicle and pinning him up against another vehicle has been arrested. He has been identified as Jaimes Ulises, according to Gatpandan.

Five other suspects were initially detained, but have since been released, Gatpandan said.

At approximately midnight, the officer arrived in the unit block of Mirabel Avenue, near Shotwell Street, to respond to a possible auto burglary, police said.

As the officer stepped out of his patrol vehicle, the suspect, who was sitting inside a white BMW 750i, attempted to run over the officer, according to police.

The suspect struck the officer, pinning him up against the patrol vehicle, according to police.

As the suspect attempted to flee in the vehicle, another officer in

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POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON

800 block Leong Dr., 10/4

AUTO BURGLARY

1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 9/30
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 10/1
San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd., 10/2
600 block Showers Dr., 10/2
600 block San Antonio Rd., 10/2
1900 block W. El Camino Real, 10/2
2400 block Whitney Dr., 10/4
700 block Continental Cir., 10/5

BATTERY

1900 block Hackett Av., 9/30
400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/2
400 block Sierra Vista Av., 10/3
800 block San Veron Av., 10/4
400 block Sierra Vista Av., 10/3

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

400 block Fairchild Dr., 10/1
2500 block Hospital Dr., 10/4

GRAND THEFT

500 block Castro St., 9/30

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

700 block Cuesta Dr., 9/30
2300 block Rock St., 9/30
1000 block Ashley Pl., 10/1

STOLEN VEHICLE

El Monte Av. & Pilgrim Av., 10/2
200 block Thompson Sq., 10/4
Hope St. & Mercy St., 10/4
200 block Lassen Av., 10/4
300 block Anna Av., 10/5

VANDALISM

2500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 9/30
600 block W. Evelyn Av., 10/1
400 block Castro St., 10/4
100 block Paul Av., 10/4
100 block E. El Camino Real, 10/5
1800 block Higdon Av., 10/5
700 block Continental Cir., 10/6

CORRECTIONS

In the Sept. 2 story "Hospital board torn on community benefit spending," it incorrectly states that Medicare is included in Medi-Cal, which is California's Medicaid program. It is not. The story also omits board member John Zoglin's name from the list of members who voted against turning the Community Benefit Advisory Council into a board committee that would hold meetings open to the public.

In an Oct. 2 story, "Housing issues top city's October agenda," an event scheduled for Oct. 14 was listed as a mediation session. In fact, the event is a 40th anniversary celebration of the city's mediation program. No mediation services will be offered at the event.

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Khan Academy's school goes back to the future

EXPERIMENTAL PRIVATE SCHOOL BRINGS BACK THE ONE-ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE — WITH A TWIST

By Kevin Forestieri

For years, Khan Academy has challenged the status quo in education, vowing to create a world-class education available to anyone through its free online lessons.

Now the nonprofit is going one step further to see just how well the philosophy espoused by Khan Academy's founder, Sal Khan, can work in a real classroom setting.

Next door to Khan Acad-

emy in Mountain View is the highly experimental Khan Lab School, where dozens of students between ages 5 and 13 have been trying out a new classroom model. Individualized learning and mastery of subjects are paramount, and students spend as much as half their day working on "passion" projects of their own making.

It's also a school where letter grades on assignments and

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Students at Khan Lab School, an experimental private school founded by Sal Khan in Mountain View, work on building a hologram.

MICHELLE LE

School board looks back on a tumultuous year

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN RETREAT REVEALS DIFFICULT STAFF RELATIONS, THREATS OF LAWSUITS

By Kevin Forestieri

Hostility, divisiveness and a tense relationship with district staff were all serious problems facing the Mountain View Whisman School District's school board this year, and now the trustees are looking to turn a new leaf.

On Sept. 25 and 26, the board spent two days at a board retreat going over case studies of where things broke down over the last 10 months, including problem-



Ayindé Rudolph



Bill Lambert

atic decisions made by both the board and district staff.

Led by a facilitator, board members generally agreed that the process for deciding whether

to open or close a school in the district was fundamentally flawed, and cited miscommunication with the superintendent as a big issue that, on occasion, puts district staff and the board at odds with each other.

Closing schools

During the first six months of the year, then-Interim Superintendent Kevin Skelly formed a committee of community members to decide whether it is feasible to open a new school in

the Whisman and Slater neighborhood area. When district staff came to the committee with its first batch of options, almost all of them proposed closing existing schools, including Theuerkauf and Stevenson Elementary.

Board member Bill Lambert argued at the retreat that they essentially designed a committee that was given an impossible situation. The district provided members with parameters showing there weren't enough

students in the district, nor was there enough enrollment growth, to support a ninth school. Asking them to draw up boundaries for a new campus, he said, created a situation where the public was "traumatized by virtually every school closing in north Mountain View."

While the committee's work prompted one uproar after another from parents in the district, board member Greg Coladonato asserted that it wasn't really the board's fault — it didn't decide to make the task force or box the group into an impossible situation. Lambert disagreed, and said the board should have known how residents in Moun-

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High-rise apartments win council's praise

SAN ANTONIO ROAD PROJECT WOULD BRING 605 UNITS, INCLUDING 44 AFFORDABLE HOMES

By Mark Noack

Despite some grumblings about being "hosed" on affordable housing rules, the Mountain View City Council gave an otherwise enthusiastic thumbs-up Tuesday to a proposed 605-unit apartment complex at 400 San Antonio Road. The project, among the

largest housing developments in the city's pipeline, was praised as a forward-thinking plan for creating denser residences in one of the fastest changing areas of the city.

The developer, Prometheus Real Estate Group, submitted tentative plans to build a trio

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COURTESY OF PROMETHEUS REAL ESTATE GROUP

CSA gets a boost from local grants

NEW OUTDOOR REFRIGERATOR AND FREEZER TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

By Kevin Forestieri

The number of people in need of free food remains stubbornly high in the Bay Area, despite the booming economy.

In an effort to keep up with the demand and bolster its storage capacity, the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos scored grants from both Second Harvest Food Bank and Google, making it possible to buy a new outdoor refrigerator and freezer.

CSA, which provides food to local people who struggle with the cost of groceries, received a \$40,000 grant from Google to purchase the larger refrigerator and freezer in order to store more food for a longer time, according to CSA Associate Director Maureen Wadiak.

Currently, the nonprofit has a commercial-grade refrigerator inside the facility, but it's just not big enough, Wadiak said. The new refrigerator should not only be able to meet the demand for fresh food, but also keep up with

whatever level of food donations are coming in.

"It allows us to accept more food and keep food fresh for longer if we get donations and we run out of refrigerator space, which happens particularly after the farmers market," Wadiak said.

CSA received the grant a year ago, but only recently installed the new equipment. Second Harvest Food Bank recently pitched in with a grant that installed the concrete pads and electrical work needed for the upgrades. CSA is just weeks away from putting the new refrigerator and freezer to use.

CSA isn't the only agency to receive a helping hand from Second Harvest, which has provided \$1.1 million in grants over the last two years helping the nonprofit agencies that receive free food from the food bank. The investment into infrastructure is a divergence from providing food, but Second Harvest Food Bank CEO Kathy Jackson said it is what their partners needed.

"In a lot of cases, the agencies

were saying, 'We'd love to do more, we certainly see the need in our community. But we literally don't have the space, or we don't have a truck, or a pallet jack, or our refrigerator broke,'" Jackson said.

After hearing it enough times, Jackson said the food bank agreed to set aside funds — \$300,000 last year and \$800,000 this year — to try to fix the problems.

The investment also comes at a time when Second Harvest Food Bank and its nonprofit distributors have seen a continued high need for food. Even though the local economy has improved drastically in recent years, Second Harvest continues to serve 250,000 people every month — nearly 1 in 10 people across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, Jackson said.

The reason? Jackson did not mince her words, and said the high cost of living — particularly the high cost of rent — has been a big factor. She said many people who are not tech workers are not making enough to pay for rent



MICHELLE LE

Maureen Wadiak, left, and LaDrea Clark of Community Services Agency check out the new walk-in refrigerator on Oct. 6.

and still have enough left to buy groceries.

"Outside of the tech sector, wages have been pretty stagnant," she said.

The problem is also two-fold now that the economy has rebounded. When the economy is doing poorly, like in 2008 and 2009, Jackson said fundraising wasn't hard because everyone knew they were in the midst of the Great Recession. But now, she said, people have trouble putting a face to local hunger and are less likely to donate.

"For us the worry is at a time

like now, when hunger isn't very visible here," she said.

In addition to the recent grants, Second Harvest Food Bank also provides food to nonprofits like CSA free of charge, making it the only food bank in the state to do so, Jackson said. Much like the infrastructure upgrades, she said the food bank needs to tear down any barriers it can to make sure the food reaches the people in need.

"Without the nonprofits, we are nothing but a warehouse full of food not doing anybody any good," Jackson said. ■

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PARCEL TAX

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"The general tenor of the district is, 'I would like to support something, even if it means a tax,'" Bregman said.

Measure C, which authorized the district's current parcel tax, passed in 2008 by a comfortable margin. The tax, set to expire in June 2017, brings in nearly \$2.9 million annually, which pays for smaller class sizes, music and arts programs, and support for English-language learners.

To avoid legal challenges, the district will likely have to adopt a flat parcel tax rate for the renewal, rather than stick with the existing tiered tax system based on the size of properties, meaning many property owners will be paying extra just to keep the status quo of \$2.9 million in revenue per year. The average homeowner will see a tax increase of \$64 to maintain the funding, which will bring the rate up to \$191, according to the district's consulting firm.

A parcel tax of \$191 would easily pass the needed two-thirds majority, according to the poll. Seventy-nine percent of those polled said they would be willing to pay \$64 more than they already do to fund school programs.

As the dollar amount climbs, however, the parcel tax starts to lose favor. Only 62 percent said they would favor a parcel tax of \$280; 57 percent favored a \$382 tax.

Charles Heath, the district's parcel tax consultant, said the \$280 dollar tax could probably win the votes needed to pass if the district runs an effective campaign to rally support. But \$382 would probably not succeed.

"I question, even with a great campaign, even with a strong message and great outreach, whether or not we can make up that much ground," he said.

Board President Ellen Wheeler said she went into the meeting wanting to ask for a lot, but was "steadied" by the poll results showing how much people are willing to tax themselves. She called it disappointing to see only 62 percent of voters find a \$280 tax palatable.

"It's just a killer in this state that we need two-thirds (of) voters to approve a parcel tax," Wheeler said.

Heath said that on top of ditching the current tiered property tax structure, district officials also want to increase annual tax revenue. One strategy, he said, is to ask for close

to \$191, and then put forward a supplemental measure in a separate parcel tax vote.

"We're trying to accomplish a lot with this one measure," Heath said.

Despite the close margin projected for a tax hike to \$280, board member José Gutiérrez said he was optimistic. He said there's a range between \$220 and \$240 that voters would be willing to support if the benefits of the tax revenue are focused and clearly stated. The parcel tax could also win support, he predicted, if the district shows the money will help lower-achieving students, many of whom failed to pass recent state standardized tests.

"We should take advantage of the sentiment that we have now in the community, which is, 'We're not happy with the current test results (and) we need to improve,'" Gutiérrez said.

Academic support and teacher pay are top issues

Among the 401 people polled, 79 percent called academic support for the district's lowest and highest achieving students "extremely" or "very" important, making it the most popular item to support with parcel tax funds. The second highest priority, at 75 percent, was support for teacher compensation "so the best teachers can continue to live and work in this high-cost-of-living area."

Board members Steve Nelson and Wheeler both voiced support for teacher compensation as a component of the renewed parcel tax at the Sept. 3 board meeting, going beyond the vague clause in the Measure C parcel tax that vows to "attract and retain highly qualified teachers" with the tax revenue.

The poll respondents who identified as Republicans, whom Bregman called the "toughest nut to crack" in passing parcel taxes, also called academic support for low- and high-achieving students the most important big-ticket item.

On the lower end of the priorities, only 62 percent called preschool expansion extremely or very important, followed by 59 percent for maintaining small neighborhood schools and 50 percent for expanding enrichment programs before and after school. Bregman told the board that none of these items garnered support so low that it would sink the parcel tax.

The poll also suggests that people would be most likely to

Only 33 percent said the school board is doing an excellent or good job, compared with 53 percent for the district overall.

oppose the measure because large commercial property owners would pay significantly less than they currently pay under the new flat tax rate, and that property owners are hesitant to double or even

triple what they are now paying to increase the district's revenue. Residents polled also cited trouble on the school board as an issue, saying that board members do a bad job managing bond money and are not effectively managing the school district.

That same sentiment was reflected in the poll's "job ratings," which show how residents feel about the job the district is doing. Only 33 percent said the school board is doing an excellent or good job, compared with 53 percent for the district overall.

Despite dissatisfaction with the school board's performance, Bregman said, district voters feel good overall about the school district, and rate it more highly than some of the other districts in the county. More importantly, he said,

only 4 percent of those polled felt the district's performance was poor, which increases the odds of passing a parcel tax.

"The bulk of the people who don't say 'excellent' or 'good' don't have an opinion. And a lot of them ... don't have kids in the schools. Or they're oblivious — one or the other, generally," Bregman said.

The board in January is likely to approve putting an eight-year parcel tax measure on the ballot for next May's special election. Heath said that the school board has the option of asking voters for a higher tax in the May election, and if the measure fails, still have enough time before Measure C funding ends to put another measure on the ballot. ▀

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Bill Morrill (77) passed away on September 26, 2015. He is survived by his daughter Christina ("Tina") Morrill, son Michael ("Mike") Morrill and his wife Kim, granddaughter Sophie, sisters Lynette Berri, Teresa Chavez, Marcella Morrill, Mary Alves and his companion, Theda Ann Harbour of Oklahoma. Bill was preceded in death by his mother Viva Lucille Snow Wood, father Louis Rudolf Morrill, brother Raymond Morrill, his aunt Mary Edith Snow, and cousin Jack Milton Snow. Bill proudly served his community with over thirty years in the Palo Alto Fire Department and retired as Battalion Chief.



He raised his family in the communities of Palo Alto and Los Altos. He returned to Oklahoma after retirement. He was loved and respected by those that knew him. He was an avid fisherman who loved the Sierras and getting away to spend time in what he called "PQT" (peace, quiet, and tranquility). We like to think he has now gone to that great fishing hole in the sky; catching the big ones.

A memorial service is planned for October 17, 2015; 10AM at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, 695 Arastradero Rd, Palo Alto. (650) 493-1041. Those wishing to share their memories at the service are invited to do so. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the GBS/CIDP Foundation. <http://www.gbs-cidp.org/>

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SCHOOL BOARD

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tain View would react.

"We enabled it to happen, we allowed it to happen and we watched it happen," Lambert said. "Superintendent Skelly just did not understand the political situation and created something that, if we had really thought further about it, was an inappropriate thing to do."

Last March, Skelly told the *Voice* that it was easy to be critical of the task force members, but that they did as well as they could have. He said people were upset about the task force even considering closing or combining schools, but that it was important to look at all the options and alternatives to get the best results.

Spending bond money

How to spend the remaining Measure G bond money on school facilities is also a serious board-related issue, according to Superintendent Ayindé Rudolph. At their June 24 meeting, board members were put into a position where they had to decide, item by item, what should be cut from construction plans at Castro and Mistral Elementary. Rudolph said that level of micromanagement should never have reached the board.

"The decision fell on you to start striking things out. That changed the public's perception of the board," Rudolph said. "It put the public against the board when what you were doing was the right thing."

A tense relationship

The deep-seated tension between district staff and trustees still appears to be a problem. Rudolph explained that staff continues to see the board's comments and actions as combative.

A recent example was at the Sept. 17 meeting, where the board reviewed the results of the newest state standardized tests. Coladonato asked Rudolph

for more information on how the state's "targeted" funding for low-income and minority students was allocated in the district prior to the meeting. But it wasn't clear, Rudolph said, that he wanted to have a larger discussion on how that funding was being spent, making it seem as if staff was unprepared when it came up at the meeting.

"What it looks like is the board is going after the district office (for) not having that information," Rudolph said.

While it wasn't a big issue for Rudolph, who said he didn't take it personally, it was a problem for other district office staff.

"I can tell you the next day when we had our district office meeting, what it reinforced is 'the board is still against the district office and the schools,' and that's reflected in the way that the community thinks about us," he said.

Rudolph said that part of his job is repairing the relationship so staff members don't feel like they're "constantly being accosted" by the board, which he said has been an issue since former Superintendent Craig Goldman stepped down in December. When there's an altercation at a school board meeting, Rudolph said he can walk away without feeling as if he is personally attacked — but he's an exception.

"My perspective is different because I wasn't here. With the staff, they have what happened with Craig (Goldman), what's happened with Kevin (Skelly). All of that historical stuff, those feelings come back up," he said.

Miscommunication via email seems to be a recurring problem for the district. In one instance, Rudolph mentioned that board member Steve Nelson had made a Public Records Act request that led to Nelson threatening legal action.

Nelson had requested a copy of the Uniform Complaint Procedure, which is a statement families can fill out if they feel the district has violated a federal or state law or regulation. Rudolph misinterpreted the request to mean Nelson felt the form ought to be more publicly available on the website. That's when Nelson said he wanted to pick up the document later that day, Rudolph said, and that he would challenge the superintendent if he didn't follow through with the request.

"His response was ... 'If you don't want to do that, then I'll get my own lawyers and I'll start a lawsuit,'" Rudolph said.

A loyalty pledge?

In an effort to mend these problems and get along better at future board meetings, Bill Attea, the retreat facilitator, encouraged board members to have mutual

respect for one another and find ways to overcome their divisiveness in the future.

"When you proceed to be divisive, you are working against the role you were elected (to fill)," Attea told the trustees.

Board president Ellen Wheeler agreed, and said board members need to start supporting board decisions once they have been voted on and approved, whether they agree with the decision or not. That way, individual members aren't railing against decisions that were made and creating a schism on the board.

"I 100 percent think it's critical to the success of our board and to the schoolchildren of this district," Wheeler said.

The board could not take action at the meeting, but members were informally polled to see who would agree to Wheeler's proposal. Lambert said it is important to support decisions, at least publicly, whether they agree with the decision or not — particularly in light of having a new superintendent, a new chief business officer and a new board member to start the year.

"The school district is tired of all the antics on this board and we have an opportunity to start fresh and stop all the divisiveness, and this is a step in the right direction," Lambert said. "I think all of us have to accept that during the past three years this board has had a culture of undermining each other's actions."

Board member Jose Gutiérrez said he did not want trustees to agree to any kind of loyalty pledge, but that he agreed members ought to start looking at their actions as a board, rather than as individual viewpoints.

Nelson took a decisively contrary view to Wheeler, saying it is important for him to take a strong stand on political issues, including teacher salaries and adding a new school. He compared himself to the Americans who fought against apartheid in South Africa in the 1980s, rather than going with the status quo.

"Ellen (Wheeler) and Bill (Lambert) have a different idea of how legislative a school board is," Nelson said.

After the meeting, Rudolph told the *Voice* that the meeting went well and everyone who participated appeared to get something out of it. Coladonato called the meeting "productive" and said members were cordial in going through the difficult issues facing the board.

"I feel like the board worked together reasonably well. We left the meeting with some strong directions to go in," Coladonato said. ▀

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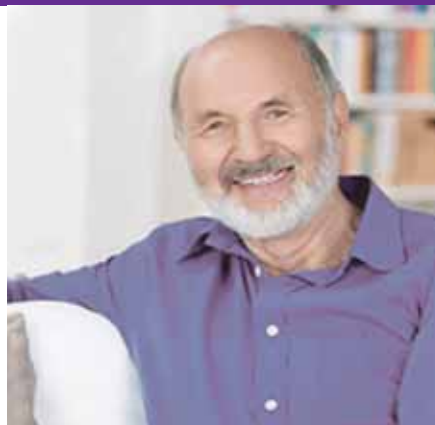
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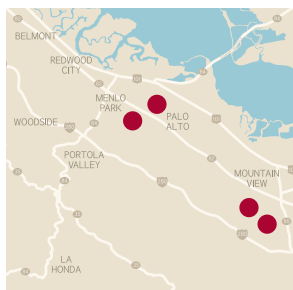


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APARTMENTS

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of five-story buildings and one seven-story building. In applying for the project, Prometheus representatives said they would seek to maximize use of a density bonus for development beyond the limits established by the city's precise plan for the San Antonio neighborhood. The proposed seven-story building would also surpass the city's height limits.

"The city's goal is to improve the quantity, diversity and affordability of housing," said Nathan Tuttle, senior development manager for Prometheus. "We feel this development responds directly to those goals."

The new apartment complex is meant to work in tandem

with the ongoing development across the street at the San Antonio Shopping Center that aims to turn the area into a commercial hot-spot.

To get clearance to pack in so many units, Mountain View planning staff said that Prometheus would need to meet certain qualifications — namely, including dozens of affordable homes or an equivalent lump sum in cash to the city. Planning staff reported that Prometheus' plans would require at least 44 units set aside as affordable homes, but they noted that this number was still prone to change.

Some council members made clear they thought the affordable-housing component of the project should be much larger. The Prometheus proposal was premised on using a variety of density bonuses, including

incentives in the city's precise plan for the San Antonio neighborhood as well as a 1979 state law meant to encourage affordable-housing.

'I'm worried that we're giving up a whole lot of units for very little additional affordable housing.'

COUNCILMAN LENNY SIEGEL

City Council members pointed out that Prometheus would be maximizing its affordable housing to get the largest density bonus under the state rules. But they questioned why

Prometheus didn't also have to provide additional affordable housing to meet the city's rental-housing impact fees.

"I'm worried that we're giving up a whole lot of units for very little additional affordable housing," said Councilman Lenny Siegel. "To me, they're double-dipping."

City planning staff informed council members that the developer had no obligations to build more affordable homes. State law effectively trumps the city's rules in this matter, and its affordable-housing requirement exceeds what the city would have required, explained Community Development Director Randy Tsuda.

Boiling this down, Mayor John McAlister said he thought the city was getting a raw deal.

"They're getting 200 extra units, and we're only getting 44

(affordable) homes," he said. "We're getting hosed, but that's the law."

Prometheus also must provide some type of public benefit, which could be a new public park, trails or other community space. City staff calculated this project would require about \$2.5 million in community benefits.

A round of public speakers were mostly supportive of the project as a way to increase housing stock in the city. One exception was Suzanne Ah-Tye, who identified herself as the owner of a 14-unit apartment next to the Prometheus site. Her property consists of two-story buildings, and she worried that the proposed five- and seven-story buildings would block out sunlight to her property.

"It's right next door to me, and I find myself getting upset by the project's enormity," she said. "This would literally loom over our complex, blocking out the sunlight and creating more traffic and pollution."

City officials said those concerns could be taken up as the project moves forward for further review. The council's discussion at Tuesday night's study session did not allow for a formal vote to be taken. Council members voiced criticism of small details, such as architecture design and the layout of the buildings, but overall signaled support for the plans. ▀

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Katie Singer, Author of An Electronic Silent Spring, will report on the impact of EMR exposure on wildlife.

Peter Sullivan, founder of Clear Light Ventures, Silicon Valley computer scientist who will discuss his personal family experience with autism spectrum disorder and how he improved the health of his family through EMF reduction.

HOTEL

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lot sites. Another public parking lot located downtown, along Bryant Street, is expected to be considered for housing projects in the future.

Councilman Inks withdrew his support for the project over its projected costs. The full project is expected to cost more than \$110 million dollars, and Inks reminded his colleagues that the city would be asked to cover some of that price.

"I'm not comfortable with the numbers at this time," Inks said.

The Robert Green Company had indicated the city's stipulations for free parking and labor concessions added as much as \$25 million to the total cost of the project. For that reason, company representatives said last month that the city would need to help finance some of the project. ▀

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That pressure showed no signs of waning at the Oct. 6 meeting, and a series of public speakers reiterated the state of desperation to city leaders. Giving a new take on the problem, Principal Kim Thompson of the Graham Elementary School explained how rent increases were to blame for the declining enrollment at her campus. A teacher from the same school district described how many faculty members were similarly hard-pressed to stay in the area.

But those with a counter perspective also made a show of force. Landlords and advocates for apartment owners admonished city leaders that the renters' tales they were hearing of wanton evictions could be grossly exaggerated.

"Many of these things are being mischaracterized. We don't casually toss residents aside," said Michael Pierce, a board member for the California Apartment Association. "There's many operators that are not going crazy with rent. Many of us are operating very affordable housing."

Most of the back-and-forth public comments came in the early minutes for what became a



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Councilman Mike Kasperzak is interviewed by Univision reporter Beatriz Ferrari prior to the council meeting.

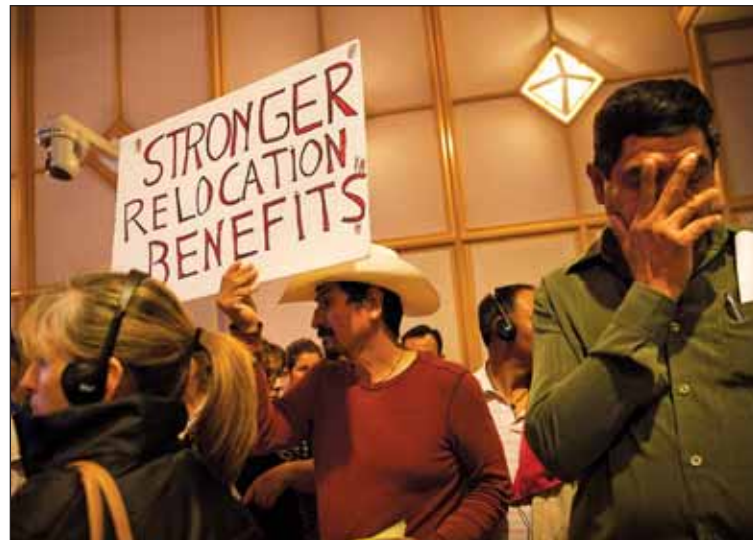
marathon six-hour council meeting. Around midnight, when most of the crowd had gone home, the council began discussing a relatively mild proposal to address the rental issue — the last item on the night's agenda.

In an uncommon step for an elected leader, Councilman Mike Kasperzak had drafted his own proposal that he described as a good starting point that could be implemented relatively quickly. His idea was to create a set of compassionate practices that landlords could voluntarily

operate under. In what he dubbed a "fair rental-practices program," Mountain View landlords would commit to limiting rent increases to once per year. The voluntary program wouldn't stipulate a specific cap on rent increases — instead it states that such increases should be "reasonable."

What exactly would be a reasonable rent hike? Kasperzak suggested 7.5 to 10 percent per year fit the definition in his mind, but he avoided setting that as a guideline.

Under the program, landlords



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Supporters of a moratorium on rent increases react as they listen to speakers at Tuesday night's meeting.

would agree to go beyond their legal obligations by providing tenants renewable 12-month leases as well as 90-day notices for

'The fact that it's all voluntary leaves me skeptical.'

COUNCILWOMAN PAT SHOWALTER

evictions. Under state law, tenants being evicted must receive at least 30 days notice, or more if they have lived there longer than a year. The voluntary program would also call for landlords to listen to tenants' complaints and participate in mediation to resolve disputes. In his report, Kasperzak explained that he was modeling the program on similar efforts in Healdsburg and San Rafael.

Those landlords willing to abide by the fair-rental practices would be singled out in a list publicized on the city's website. Landlords who refuse to join the program or fail to follow its guidelines could also be revealed in a city "naughty list," Kasperzak said.

Such volunteer efforts haven't always shown success, Kasperzak admitted. Nevertheless, he said he thought the program would be a good starting point that could be implemented relatively quickly.

"This clearly is no panacea," he said. "But this gets the discussion going and hopefully the apartment industry as a whole is listening, and realiz(ing) the council won't tolerate people taking advantage of the market."

But even in the late hours, plenty of public speakers complained that the proposal seemed toothless. Voluntary programs were a poor substitute for actual enforceable measures for renters, said Carol Lamont, who previously managed East Palo Alto's

rent-control program.

"When I saw this proposal, I thought of the weak gestures other cities have tried over the years," Lamont said. "There's nothing other than rent stabilization that I've found to be effective."

Many public speakers urged city leaders to enact formal regulation that would limit how much a property owner could hike rents year to year as well as a moratorium on immediate increases. Councilman Ken Rosenberg asked the city staff about how such a moratorium could be enacted, but he declined to bring the idea to a vote. Such an action would require approval from six out of seven council members.

Dabbling in the rental market clearly made council members nervous, and Kasperzak and others signaled they would not support anything resembling rent control. Kasperzak and Mayor John McAlister pointed out they had engaged in talks with landlord groups in recent days to discuss possible solutions. Representatives from the California Apartment Association said at the meeting they were supportive of Kasperzak's voluntary proposal.

Other council members described the voluntary program as little more than a Band-Aid, but they didn't mount an effort to oppose it.

"The fact that it's all voluntary leaves me skeptical, but it's something we could put into place quickly," said Councilwoman Pat Showalter. "We really need to know the extent of the problem to get the proper remedy."

A consensus emerged that the city would look to collect data in the coming days. Kasperzak's proposal would be added to a "menu" of housing options that would be prepared by city staff for an Oct. 19 housing study session. That meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Senior Center at 266 Escuela Ave. ■

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quizzes, as well as the concept of “fourth grade” or “seventh grade” are abandoned in favor of a more fluid model, where students can collaborate with one another based on their level of school work, rather than their age.

Unlike Khan Academy, Khan Lab School charges tuition: \$22,000 annually.

It started 13 months ago as a small-scale experimental school, with about 30 students — mostly friends and family of Sal Khan, according to the school director, Orly Friedman — and seven staff members. The class includes a large central room full of tables and chairs, with break-out rooms along the sides for group work and quiet reading and studying.

The enrollment has grown to nearly 60, and is expected to reach the maximum capacity of 95 once high school students are added to the mix next year.

At the school’s very first open house on Monday, Khan told prospective parents that it was always his goal, even before designing Khan Academy, to create a school that challenged the typical educational model. Though it may seem ironic that it harkens back to the one-room schoolhouse model of the 19th century, there are a few key distinctions. The Khan Lab School has overwhelming amounts of data for tracking student progress, and plenty of online and hands-on resources to teach just about any level of any subject.

The vision for the school was laid out three years ago in Khan’s book, “The One World Schoolhouse,” where he wrote that a student’s education shouldn’t have to be bound to the “tyranny” of lectures and one-size-fits-all curriculum that’s all too common, and that an updated version of the one-room schoolhouse is one of the ways to break the mold.

“It feels like the time is right to put these ideas into practice,” Khan told the parents.

Former Mountain View Whisman School District board president Chris Chiang, who is now the academic director for the middle school-aged students at the Khan Lab School, said the differentiated instruction is being put to use. Students in the same age group are mastering mathematics at their own pace, for example, ranging from fourth-grade math to geometry. Student progress is logged into a data-



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Younger students at Khan Lab School play chess on Oct. 6.

base and carefully monitored, which shows how long students worked on activities and how many “mastery components” they’ve achieved in different subjects.

“It’s the idea that students can be sitting next to each other and working on a completely different grade level,” Chiang said.

During the first half of the school day students work on their core skills, which includes writing, math, reading and computer programming. Chiang said students as young as 9 and 10 are designing their own programs, graphics and video games at the school, and that the added tech-savvy component of the basic curriculum has been a positive addition to the Khan Lab School.

Friedman said a number of students have been using Lightbot, an educational video game designed to introduce kids to the concepts and principles in computer programming. Friedman said the puzzles in the game really stretch how well students understand new concepts, which plays right into the so-called growth mindset that preaches that struggling aids the learning process.

“Watching them struggle through those puzzles, you know that’s good for their brains,” Friedman said.

When one parent asked how

all of this translates into a compelling college application, Khan stressed that it is a top priority for students coming out of Khan Lab School to be competitive when applying for college. School staff still have to work out all the details on how to reach that point, but he said students with a compelling portfolio of work and strong standardized test results will have a good shot at some of the best schools in the world.

‘It feels like the time is right to put these ideas into practice.’

SAL KHAN,
FOUNDER OF KHAN ACADEMY

“For the elite private schools, this is exactly what they’re looking for,” Khan said.

Some parents also expressed concerns about the amount of time students spend sitting in front of computers throughout the school day. After all, the school has a strong computer science component, and although it is separate from Khan Academy, it does use online resources including Khan Academy, Udacity, Duolingo and other digital

learning tools.

Chiang said that many of the projects are completely offline and involve plenty of hands-on work from students working in groups. In one project, students built a boat by building individual components in separate rooms at the school. The only catch was that each room represented a different country with a different language, and each room had to communicate with one another using translation techniques.

The project teaches students about the nature of multicultural business networks, Chiang said, and how well the students communicated will determine just how wet they’ll get when they take the boat out for a spin.

Other parents wondered what the physical activity is like at such a small-scale school, with a modest-sized lot outside for outdoor activities. Khan admitted that there is no organized school football or soccer team, nor do they expect to have a sports program that rivals a normal school in the next three to four years. But the founding families of the high school-aged children joining the school will be part of the conversation on how to expand the sports program at the Khan Lab School.

Besides ditching grade levels, the school sets itself apart by having a year-round

school schedule, with only a few weeks of summer break, as well as no assigned homework. Khan explained to parents that the second half of the day is open-ended and gives students a big window to get independent work done. That way, he said, students can focus on family-related activities at home instead of worrying about school.

With that freedom comes an expectation of student autonomy, but the school does accommodate students who need more structured oversight. School staff groups students based on their level of independence to make sure students looking for a little more structure from their teacher aren’t lacking the guidance they need to thrive.

Being an experimental school, things are going to change a lot based on feedback. School staff gets together every six weeks to talk about what’s working and what’s not, Chiang said, and make changes that could radically change class formats.

“In three to four months, things can look way different,” Chiang said.

In order to make that work, Khan stressed that they want families who are willing to be part of the experiment and are willing to try different things year to year to see what works in the class environment. He likened the school to a start-up company, “in the best and the worst sense of the word.”

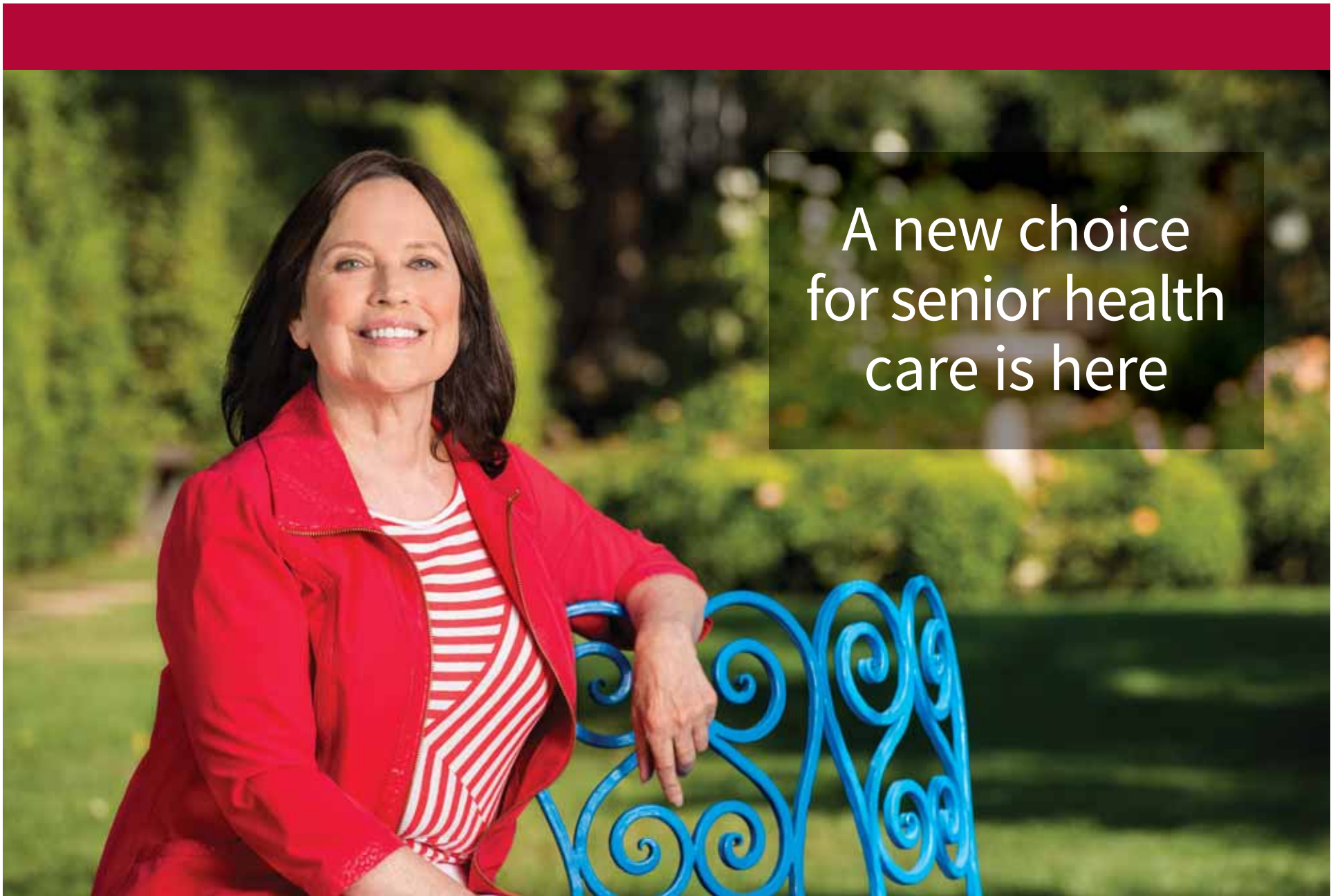
Sangeeta Dedatta is president of the school’s newly-created parent association, and said one of the main concerns of parents going into the school was whether their kids were motivated enough to work without a more structured curriculum and class day.

One of the main selling points of the school, Dedatta said, was the idea that her kids could learn at the pace that works best for them on an individual level.

“It was important to allow our kids to grow at their own level,” she said.

The overarching goal of the school, Khan said, is to develop new practices and new ways of teaching that could ultimately be adopted elsewhere in public, private and charter schools. He said it’s likely that one day that Khan Lab School will be used to develop content on Khan Academy, and that the school could catalyze big changes in the world of education. ■

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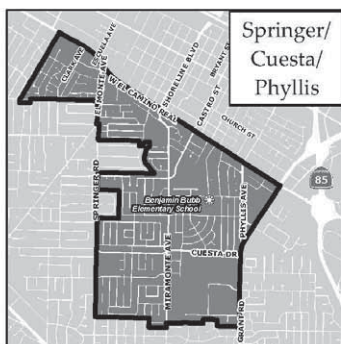
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MICHELLE LE

Los Altos audiologist **Dr. Jane Baxter** has traveled to Jordan twice to provide aid at refugee camps. The charity work has instilled a new sense of purpose in the veteran doctor.

Hearing a call for help

LOCAL AUDIOLOGIST FINDS NEW PURPOSE IN HELPING REFUGEES IN JORDAN

By Mark Noack

Helen Keller once said, "Blindness separates people from things. Deafness separates people from people."

The feeling of separation has been certainly true at the refugee camps in Jordan, where millions of Iraqis, Syrians and Palestinians struggle for basic needs like food and shelter. Given the desperate situation, other important needs like medical care and education often get short shrift.

On a visit to Jordan earlier this year, Dr. Jane Baxter, owner of the Los Altos auditory clinic Pacific Hearing Center, found a way she could help — deafness and other hearing ailments are rife throughout the refugee camps, she said.

In May, Baxter and a group of other audiologists set up temporary hearing clinics at several of the refugee camps for the non-governmental organization Life for Relief and Development. Each day followed a similar routine, she said. At the start of the morning, hundreds if not thousands of refugees would line up hoping for aid, including some adults who had been functionally deaf for

their lives.

To the best of their ability, Baxter and her team performed tests, fit hearing aids and gave counseling. Her husband, Steve Baxter, accompanied the team and served as a impromptu aide, helping solve tech problems and learning how to cast ear molds.

It was a huge surprise just how widespread the hearing problems were, she said. The team worked long days and completely exhausted their supply of 300 hearing aids brought for the trip.

'It makes you remember why you're in this profession.'

DR. JANE BAXTER

Hundreds more had to be turned away, she said.

"We could only help the tip of the iceberg. There were kids lining up and down the block," Baxter said.

In one extreme example, a team visited a Jordan ministry of health hospital. Somehow word got out in advance, and more

than 1,300 people were clamoring outside the clinic for help. With the medical staff only able to handle a fraction of that group, there were many who had to be turned away. The police had to be called out twice after concerns mounted that a riot might break out, she said.

There are many reasons for why hearing problems are widespread among the refugee population. Baxter said the patients she examined showed a higher rates than typical in the United States for congenital hearing ailments. Additionally, many refugees were living in squalor, and some children examined by Baxter showed problems resulting from this, such as ear canals clogged with earwax. She suspects many patients had also experienced hearing loss as a result of the strife that forced them to leave their homelands.

Conditions in refugees camps are spartan and clinics are severely overwhelmed, explained Aymen Aburahma, emergency response head for Life for Relief and Development. That imbalance means fewer people can be examined and diagnosed. On

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MV Chamber selects interim CEO

By Mark Noack

In a changing of the guard, the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce has appointed longtime board member Julie Hart Conde as the organization's interim CEO. Conde replaces longtime Chamber head Oscar Garcia, who left his position in September.

Conde comes from a background in the hospitality industry, holding down a variety of jobs at restaurants, hotels and catering companies. Locally, she worked as general manager for Joie de Vivre Hotels, working at the Hotel Avante in Mountain View and the Wild Palms Hotel in Sunnyvale.

She joined the Chamber as a board member in 2004, and served two terms. During that time, she participated on committees including the nonprofit's finance, nominating and Leadership Mountain View advisory councils. In 2008, she participated in the Chamber's Leadership Program, and she later came to work at the chamber as a temporary replacement for the organization's events manager.

In a press release announcing her new position, Conde signaled she would seek to maintain stability as the Chamber undergoes a leadership transition. For months, the Chamber's search committee has been trying to find a suitable new CEO to fill

the job permanently. So far, no firm date has been set for when that new hire would be made.

For her part, Conde told the *Voice* that she doesn't want the job permanently. She has time to spare right now, but she explained that she intends to eventually return to work at her own wedding and event planning company, Celebrations By Heart.

"For this is really about continuing the wonderful momentum that Oscar has had for the last six years," Conde said. "We've got a great town here, and I want to make sure people feel like things don't have to stop."

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PROVIDED BY JANE BAXTER

Dr. Jane Baxter brought her audiology skills to refugee camps in Jordan and said she was amazed to find that so many people needed her help.

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top of that, clinics provided by U.N. agencies often can't provide specialized auditory help, he said.

"When you have one clinic for 100,000 people, you just can't treat them in the same ways," he said. "When we have a crisis, we usually look at the most important needs: food, water, shelter ... But things like hearing aids? That's not focused on a lot."

Deafness and hearing problems can spiral into a cascade of other troubles. For children, hearing loss will usually hinder language development and education. Deaf adults could suffer

limited earning potential.

Last month, the Jordanian government invited Baxter and her colleagues to come back as part of an initiative they dubbed "Hearing Without Borders." This time, the audiologists received a government escort and assurances that their help was greatly appreciated. The Jordanian government also promised it would donate hundreds more hearing aids by the year's end.

For Baxter's part, her trips to Jordan — an area of the globe she said she knew little about — has been like a finding a new sense of purpose. She hopes to return for her third trip later this year.

Sitting in her Los Altos clinic on Monday, Baxter presented what has become her favorite keepsake from her visits. It was a short video of a 3-year-old Syrian boy with severe hearing impairment who had never developed speech or language skills. The boy had just been fitted for a hearing aid, and had a giant smile on his face as Baxter spoke. He began humming and laughing along, finding his voice for the first time.

"It stirred up a passion in me that I didn't know I had," she said. "It makes you remember why you're in this profession."

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The 90-minute program will feature a talk by Torlakson on the outlook for public education in California and the opportunities and challenges anticipated this school year. Attendees are invited to pose their questions to the state schools chief, Hill and the superintendents in a Q&A session that will cap the town hall meeting.

"This is a terrific opportunity for families to hear from the leader of public education in our state and the top school officials in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties," Hill said in a statement. "It's also a great opportunity for residents to share their questions and concerns about education, state policy and how that affects children in the public schools of our community."

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Cañada College Main Theatre at 4200 Farm Hill Boulevard, Building 3, in Redwood City. Admission and parking are free, but RSVPs are strongly encouraged. To RSVP, please call Hill's district office at 650-212-3313, or visit senate.ca.gov/2958/TownHallEd.

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During the hot summer months, water usage is generally higher, but new data from the Santa Clara Valley Water District shows that Santa Clara County managed to keep up its water conservation rate in August, even as state numbers slipped.

According to the State Water Resources Control Board, statewide savings dropped in the month of August from 31 percent to 27 percent, though still exceeding the statewide mandate of 25 percent cutbacks.

However, Santa Clara County was able to cut its August water use by an impressive 35 percent when compared to August 2013, the baseline year. This marks the third month in a row that the county's water providers have kept water usage down by 35 percent. Cumulatively, from January to August, the countywide conservation rate was 26 percent.

"We're very proud of the effort that Santa Clara County residents have put forth to fight the drought," said Gary Kremen, chairman of the water district's board of directors. "We encourage everyone to keep it up, even as we head into the winter season."

Mountain View gets about 10 percent of its water from the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the rest comes from Yosemite's Hetch Hetchy reservoir. Even with predictions of a strong El Niño this winter, water district officials say they do not know how much rain and snow will fall on Northern California to help alleviate the drought. Because of this, the district encourages people to continue saving through the winter months in order to maintain its 30 percent goal.

Carl Sibley

County launches diabetes awareness campaign

Santa Clara County has launched a diabetes awareness campaign on the disease that has grown at an "alarming rate" among residents, officials said.

The "Together We Can Prevent Diabetes" campaign aims to prevent type 2 diabetes, a chronic condition that can be difficult for people and their families, county public health department spokeswoman Allison Thrash said.

The campaign also aims to provide people with direction if they are at risk or have diabetes, she said.

Data from a county 2013-14 survey shows that about 8 percent, or 112,000, of people in the county have been diagnosed

with either type 1 or 2 diabetes and about 10 percent of adults reported they had pre-diabetes.

The disease is a very expensive problem that can cost \$243 billion a year nationwide, according to a 2014 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The condition is "one of the things contributing to drastically increasing health care costs" and can lead to serious complications if it is poorly managed, Thrash said.

The CDC report also shows that nine out of 10 people do not know they have pre-diabetes and one in three people will have diabetes in their lifetimes.

The message will be spread

through "eye-catching" advertisements on dozens of Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority buses and bus shelters, Thrash said.

The eye-catching image that reads, "It's in our hands" will be seen in English, Spanish or Vietnamese, she said.

The campaign will also feature a billboard at the interchange between Interstate highways 280 and 680.

The effort also focuses on preventing diabetes by making behavioral changes such as increasing physical activity and making healthier food choices.

"We can reverse the growth of type 2 diabetes with our comprehensive efforts to prevent cases from ever getting beyond the pre-diabetes stage," Supervisor Dave Cortese said in a statement.

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County approves North County homeless shelters

By Kevin Forestieri

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday approved a handful of homeless shelter programs that would provide 125 additional shelter beds during the cold winter months, including locations in Sunnyvale and Palo Alto.

The most significant of the shelters is in Sunnyvale, where the county plans to build a

100-bed temporary facility on a small, northern wedge of Moffett Field. The shelter, which was approved by the Sunnyvale City Council on Sept. 29, is intended to help boost the available drop-in shelter space in the North County area.

The shelter at Moffett could be seen as a temporary fix following the closure of the Sunnyvale Armory, which used to serve as a cold weather shelter for as many as 125 homeless

people each night. The closure of the armory in 2014 correlates with a substantial increase in the unsheltered homeless population in North County cities like Mountain View in 2015, according to a county survey.

The temporary shelter is expected to be built and ready to use by November 30 and will be available for use through March, with the possibility of

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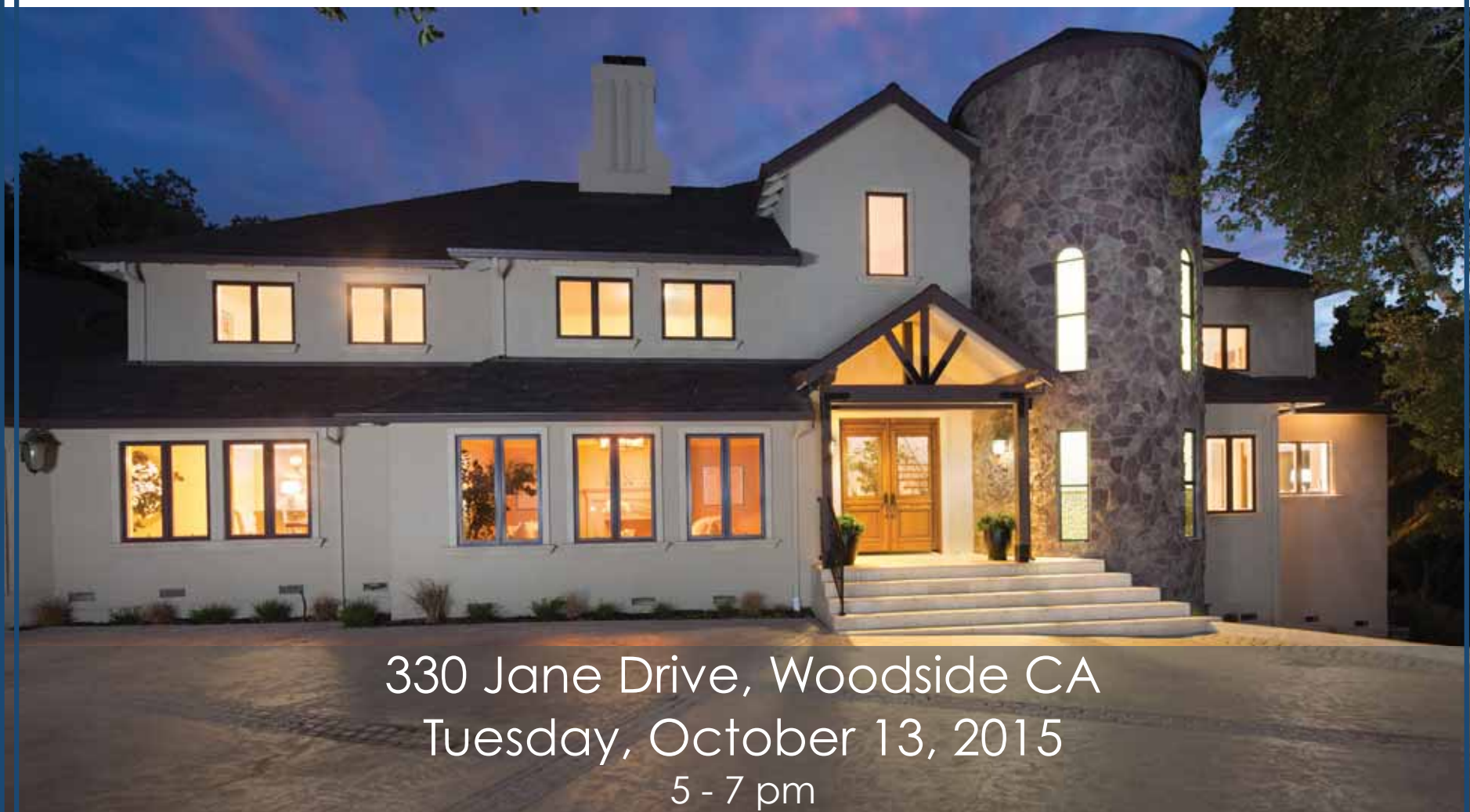
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Report: Silicon Valley incomes continue upsurge

Silicon Valley's median household income rose to \$98,500 from 2013 to 2014, the Joint Venture Silicon Valley's Institute for Regional Studies reported Friday in a press release.

The Institute's analysis of new U.S. Census data also revealed that San Francisco's income rose nearly 7 percent during the same period to \$85,070.

According to the report, Silicon Valley's income gains have outpaced inflation for three straight years, while the poverty rate has dropped to its lowest level since 2008, reaching 8.1 percent in 2014. (The rate was down 1.6 percentage points since 2013 and 2 percentage points below the peak in 2012). In San Fran-

cisco, the poverty rate dropped 1.7 points to 12 percent in 2014.

During the same period, California and the U.S. as a whole showed modest gains in median household income, rising 1 percent and 1.1 percent, respectively (after adjusting for inflation), said Rachel Massaro, Joint Venture vice president and senior research associate for the Institute, in the press release.

The share of households earning more than \$150,000 annually during the two-year period increased by close to 4 percentage points in Silicon Valley and 1 1/2 points in San Francisco. In comparison, the share of households earning more than \$150,000 annually in California and the

nation between 2012 and 2014 increased approximately 1 percentage point.

And the share of households earning less than \$35,000 annually decreased in Silicon Valley during the two-year period, dropping from 19 percent in 2012 to 17 percent in 2014.

"This latest data demonstrates that economic prosperity in Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area shows no signs of slowing down," Massaro said.

The report also found that the share of the population ages 18 to 64 with health insurance increased in Silicon Valley, up 4.9 percentage points to 90 percent of the population covered. ▀

Palo Alto Weekly staff

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an extension available depending on the weather.

Prior to the decision to use a parcel on Moffett Field, the county considered use of a parcel of county-owned land off of Central Expressway and North Fair Oaks Avenue in Sunnyvale. The plans were dropped after residents in the bordering neighborhood of single-family homes criticized the plans and voiced concerns about how a homeless shelter could affect their community.

Once the temporary shelter

is torn down next year, county staff will have to continue the search for a permanent homeless shelter somewhere in the North County, according to Ky Le, director of the county's Office of Supportive Housing. The intent of the Board of Supervisors, Le said, is to eventually have one or more shelter facilities in Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale.

In addition to the Moffett shelter, five additional shelter beds will be added at Palo Alto's Hotel de Zink, which is run by InnVision Shelter Network, and 20 additional beds in East Palo Alto through Project WeHope.

The increased shelter space in the North County is part of a larger plan by county staff to substantially increase the number of year-round shelter beds available to homeless people throughout Santa Clara County. The plans, which will cost the county \$13 million in one-time costs and another \$13 million in ongoing costs, were outlined late last month with a sense of urgency as the winter months — and an El Niño-fueled rainy season — approach. ▀

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contributed to this report.*

CRIME BRIEFS

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a vehicle arrived at the scene. The suspect then struck the second patrol vehicle but was unable to escape, police said.

Officers were able to immediately take the suspect into custody without further incident.

The injured officer was taken to San Francisco General Hospital where he was treated for injuries to his legs and ribs, police said.

Ulises was booked into San Francisco County Jail where he faces charges including attempted murder, recklessly evading a police officer, aggravated assault on a peace officer with a weapon, and carrying out a hit-and-run collision causing injury and property damage, among others.

—Bay City News Service

BABY FORMULA STOLEN

A pediatric office in Mountain View was burglarized over the weekend after suspects made their way into the building and stole 20 cases of baby formula.

Police were called to Hospital Drive Pediatrics at 2500 Hospital Drive on Sunday after the building had been reportedly burglarized. Officers found that the door into the building had been pried open, and 20 cases of baby formula valued at approximately \$3,120 had been taken, according to police spokeswoman Leslie Hardie. A prescription pad worth \$10 had also been taken, Hardie said.

As of Tuesday there was no information on a suspect.

Kevin Forestieri

DIABETES

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"While individual behavior change is necessary to prevent diabetes, this positive, community-wide campaign also calls for residents and organizations in Santa Clara County to come together to support one another and work collectively to address this health crisis," Supervisor Ken Yeager said in a statement.

The county is also working on an evidence-based program for people with a high risk for diabetes, Thrash said.

There will also be free screening events at the "Day on the Bay" multicultural festival in San Jose on Oct. 10 and the Open Air Health Fair Oct. 10 and 11 at the San Jose Flea Market.

People can learn about community resources available to manage diabetes and find out if they are at risk through an online test at SCCPreventDiabetes.org.

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**City of Mountain View Senior Center
266 Escuela Avenue**

Please join us to continue our discussion about updating the City's North Bayshore Precise Plan. This is our second workshop that will build off the community input we received from our July 25 workshop.

At this workshop we will ask for further public input on planning for a new residential neighborhood in North Bayshore.

All are welcome to attend this community workshop.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact: Terry Blount | 650.903.6306 | Terry.Blount@mountainview.gov.

Visit: <http://www.mountainview.gov/northbayshore>



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNCIL MEETING

California / Escuela / Shoreline Complete Streets Project

The City Council will consider conceptual alternatives for the three streets included in the Complete Streets Feasibility Study

City Council Study Session
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
Second Floor, City Hall
500 Castro Street, Mountain View



Mountain View Community Center

Staff will provide an update to City Council regarding the Community Center renovation plans

Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.
(or as soon as item can be heard)
Council Chambers

For further information visit the City Projects webpage at <http://www.mountainview.gov/cityprojects> or contact public.works@mountainview.gov.

'ESENCIA FLAMENCA'

Siblings Rosario, Ricardo and Jose Castro Romero were born and raised in Andalusia, Spain: the heartland of the art of flamenco. Their acclaimed flamenco company, Suite Española, comes to Redwood City this Sunday, Oct. 11, at 2 p.m. They'll perform their latest show, "Esencia Flamenca," at the Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway. Tickets are \$49-\$95. Go to goo.gl/o1OYIB or call 650-369-7770.

REEL ROCK

From Budapest to Birmingham, Santiago to St. Louis, the 2015 REEL ROCK film festival is touching down around the world this month to thrill audiences with a touch of vertical fever. One of the premiere rock climbing film fests, REEL ROCK will bring a curated collection of climbing films to the Mountain View Center of the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., on Monday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. This year's lineup features films of big walls, big boulders and big moves from world-class climbers, including Tommy Caldwell, Kevin Jorgeson, Alex Honnold and Daniel Woods. But you don't have to know a thing about these guys to get an adrenaline rush off their bodacious high-ball bouldering, free climbing feats and epic journeys up jagged Alpine routes. Plus, it's not



SHIN YAMAZAWA

Rosario Castro Romero of Castro Romero Flamenco will perform at Redwood City's Fox Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 11.

just screenings: Come prepared for prize giveaways, athlete and filmmaker appearances and a party-like atmosphere. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the ticket office, over the phone or online. Go to goo.gl/sdvAF2 or call 650-903-6000.

NANCY CASSIDY

For a mellow evening of family-friendly folk music, head to a house concert held by singer-songwriter Nancy Cassidy on

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AIDAN MONAGHAN/TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX FILM

Mountain View resident and author of **"The Martian,"** Andy Weir will read from his book and sign copies at the Stanford Bookstore on Thursday, Oct. 15.



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Amy Schumer headlines the Oddball Comedy Festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre Oct. 13.



COLLEEN HAYES/NBC

Aziz Ansari of "Parks and Recreation" headlines the Oddball Comedy Festival at Mountain View's Shoreline Amphitheatre Oct. 13.

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Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. The show takes place at 2297 Harvard St., Palo Alto. All ages are welcome. A \$10 donation is requested. Go to nancycassidy-music.com or call 650-888-8270.

'THE MARTIAN'

From programmer and soft-

ware engineer to novelist and author of the sci-fi novel that's been made into a feature film starring Matt Damon, Mountain View's Andy Weir has been on a galactic journey of his own. Weir will appear at Stanford Bookstore on Thursday, Oct. 15, to read from, discuss and sign copies of "The Martian." The event is free. Go to goo.gl/O8w6Oi or call 650-329-1217, ext. 320.

ODDBALL FESTIVAL

Comedians Aziz Ansari ("Parks and Recreation") and Amy Schumer ("Inside Amy Schumer," "Trainwreck") headline the Oddball Comedy & Curiosity Festival at Mountain View's Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, this Tuesday, Oct. 13. The laughs start at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$31.75-

\$150.75. Go to oddballfest.com.

JEWISH FILM FEST

From the opening night festivities on Saturday, Oct. 10, featuring Israeli recording artist David Broza to the closing night's gala on Sunday, Nov. 8, the Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival returns to Palo Alto this month. Many screenings take place at the Oshman Fam-

ily JCC, 3921 Fabian Way. For a full festival schedule, go to svjff.org or call 408-498-0904. — Elizabeth Schwyzer

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Will taxpayers dig deeper for the schools?

The need for the Mountain View Whisman School District to renew its parcel tax, which supplements the district's budget by nearly \$2.9 million annually, is indisputable, and the school board is almost certain to ask voters to support a tax measure in a special election next May. The biggest question facing board members between now and January, when it has to finalize a ballot measure, is how much more money they will ask district property owners for to fund high-priority programs and a level of teacher compensation that might help ease a teacher shortage of great concern.

Although a number of school community members argue for the need to increase revenue generated by the tax, the district faces some hurdles if it decides to do so.

Some residents are already grumbling over an unfortunate aspect of a parcel tax renewal that would boost the tax for most people, even if the district decides to retain the \$2.9 million goal of revenue generation. That's because, thanks to a recent court ruling, the district will have to abandon its current tiered tax system, where owners of larger parcels pay a higher tax, in favor of a flat tax. That means that, if the district adjusts the tax in a way that ensures the same amount of annual tax revenue, homeowners who now pay \$127 per year will pay \$64 more.

While it's understandable that small-parcel owners would bristle at the thought of paying more even as larger property owners would pay less, voters need to remember that the change is a legal mandate and out of the district's control. And it's certainly out of the control of the kids who would be affected by a funding-related hit to their schools.

Another challenge arises from the community's lack of confidence in the district's school board, according to a poll paid for by the district to gauge support for tax

renewal and the level of taxation. The poll showed that only one-third of respondents believe the board is doing an excellent or good job. Will a school community that's so dissatisfied with what many see as a dysfunctional board be willing to reach deeper into their pockets to support the schools the board oversees? We think the typical voter will — after all, there will be opportunities over the eight-year life of the tax to replace ineffective school board members at the polls.

The parcel tax has been essential to controlling class size, providing music and arts programs, and supporting English-language learners. These programs have been important to voters in the past, who easily approved the current tax.

Three-quarters of the participants in the recent poll said that adequate teacher compensation is a high priority — not a surprise given the district's struggle to fill vacant teaching positions. About 55 teachers left the district at the end of last school year, and school officials have turned to retired teachers, teachers with intern credentials, and hiring substitutes on a long-term basis just to meet demands this school year. The relatively low salaries for district teachers contribute to the difficulty of recruiting new faculty at a time of a dwindling pool of job candidates.

Raising salaries will be necessary for hiring new, fully credentialed teachers and retaining those already here. But that's going to take a higher level of revenue if classroom programs, including those supported by the current tax, are to remain intact. The board is right to be cautious when deciding on the tax rate it should put before voters. But poll results indicate that a modest increase would be supported. Considering what's at stake, the board should state its strong case for an increase, and voters should show they value the education of children in our community. ■

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

JUST SAY 'NO' TO DEVELOPER SUBSIDIES

Mountain View has some land on Hope Street it would like developed, the complication being that the space is now used for parking, so the city has set some rational constraints on development — i.e., provide as much free public parking as currently exists.

We currently have two proposals to build hotels on this site, but both want significant subsidies from the city of

Mountain View. What happened to free enterprise here? Why should the city provide subsidies of sort to a private, for-profit corporation seeking to build on city property? If they can't make a decent profit playing by the rules the city has set, too bad!

There's absolutely no sense in the city giving subsidies to developers in exchange for some mythical future benefits, that may or may not material-

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ize. If someone wants to build a hotel on the city land on Hope Street, they can build it within the zoning and restrictions for the property, and let them figure out how to make a profit on it.

Keep the city out of this — Mountain View doesn't need to be in the business of providing tax breaks, or subsidies, or exemptions from zoning or planning rules to developers in exchange for hypothetical future benefits.

David Lewis
Oak Street

DISTRICT PREPARING FOR WINTER RAINS

In preparation for the winter months, the Santa Clara Valley Water District takes measures each year to keep streams flowing even during heavy storms. Between June and October, water district crews perform major stream maintenance activities such as sediment removal, vegetation management, protection of stream banks, and levee repairs.

Minor activities also have an impact on a stream's flow and can include trash removal, fence and access repair, maintaining sites that have been replanted, and preserving trees in a watershed.

Why is this important? Removing sediment from streams, managing the plants and trees in and around them, and removing trash help the streams maintain their flow, so when it does rain, water is able to move downstream and is less likely to back up and spill over the banks causing flooding and damage. Stabi-

lizing banks helps counteract the effects of erosion that can damage creekside properties.

Stream maintenance work also creates more natural conditions for fish, plants and wildlife, and enhances the ecosystem.

If you have observed a problem in any creek in our service area, you can report it to our Access Valley Water online customer request and information system, at tinyurl.com/SCVwater15.

We are grateful that many

people who live near creeks have reported potential problems that we have been able to address before the winter rains. This summer, our crews removed hazardous trees and branches in or near Adobe, Hale, Los Gatos and Permanente creeks after neighbors reported them.

If you notice something blocking a stream during a storm, call our flood hotline at 408-630-2650.

Gary Kremen, chair
Santa Clara Valley Water District board



CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

City Council Study Session and Community Meeting on Rental Housing

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