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A robotic arm spreads sauce onto a Zume pizza at the start-up's Mountain View headquarters. The new company aims to make high-quality delivery pizza through an increasingly automated process.

Robots rolling in dough

MOUNTAIN VIEW'S ZUME AIMS TO AUTOMATE PIZZA DELIVERY FROM START TO FINISH

By Mark Noack

Plenty of tech-savvy start-ups nestled in Mountain View have striven to save the world while raking in cash — but this one may be the first trying to do so by hawking pizza.

With three patents and \$5.7 million in funding, new venture Zume is a pizza company like none other, with aspirations to take that investment dough, sprinkle in some technology and heat up the Bay Area food scene.

That might seem a tall order, especially considering that Zume has been in business for barely three months — and

there's hardly a more crowded market than pizza. Yet in true start-up fashion, this newcomer to the pizza-delivery world is already eyeing rapid expansion with plans to open seven more branches throughout the Bay Area by 2018.

So why are investors so keen on Zume? Short answer: robots.

Long answer — the company is positioning itself to take advantage of automation, particularly the potential to have a pizza kitchen and delivery system that can essentially run on autopilot. That means a digitized ordering system, a

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Mayor pitches plan for alternate rent control measure

SPECIAL JULY 14 MEETING CALLED TO CONSIDER SECOND BALLOT INITIATIVE

By Mark Noack

In a challenge to Mountain View's citizen-backed initiative to curb rising rents, city officials could draft a second ballot measure that would address the same issues. This week, Mayor Pat Showalter announced she was calling a special City Council meeting to consider putting forward an alternative measure to restrict apartment rent hikes this November.

The special meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on July 14 at the Second Stage theater at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro St.

While Showalter has been one of the council's few supporters of restricting rent increases, she said she was nevertheless

the annual increases in the Consumer Price Index for the Bay Area.

Showalter indicated she had

'We don't think a second ballot measure is the way to go.'

EVAN ORTIZ, TENANTS COALITION SPOKESMAN

concerned about the inflexibility of the ballot measure being brought forward by the Mountain View Tenants Coalition. That measure would basically limit annual rent increases to

no problem with the spirit of the Tenants Coalition measure; in fact, she was among the 7,300 people who signed a petition

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Safeway moving into old Fresh & Easy space

By Mark Noack

A vacant Monta Loma neighborhood storefront formerly occupied by a Fresh & Easy grocery will be reopened as Mountain View's newest Safeway branch, according to a company announcement last Thursday.

Safeway officials said they had finalized a lease for the 28,100-square-foot space, which is located at 580 N. Rengstorff Ave. The company will begin remodeling the interior over the coming months and has plans to open by the end of this year. The new store will be the fourth Safeway location in Mountain View.

Fresh & Easy began in 2007 as an ambitious venture by the major British-based company Tesco to start a grocery store chain in the United States. The company began its operations by opening hundreds of stores in California, Nevada and Arizona.

The Fresh & Easy chain debuted with a business focus on prepackaged food and self-checkout. That idea never took off with American customers, and last year the company swiftly shuttered its remaining U.S. stores.

The closure came as blow to the Monta Loma neighbor-

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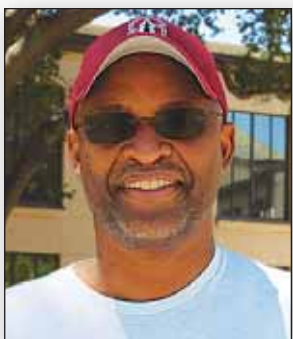
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CRIME BRIEFS

STABBING AT RENGSTORFF PARK

A young person is recovering after a reported stabbing in Mountain View Saturday night, according to police.

Police said officers responded to Rengstorff Park, located at 201 South Rengstorff Ave., at 9:55 p.m. and found a juvenile male suffering from at least one stab wound.

The victim was transported to a local hospital to be treated, but there was no information released about his condition.

Police said the incident is currently under investigation, and no further information has been released.

—Bay City News Service

BOMB SQUAD CALLED

A bomb squad was called to an abandoned building Friday morning, July 1, where officers discovered a suspicious item, police said.

It turned out to be a World War II-era rocket-propelled grenade that was inert, Mountain View police later reported.

Businesses surrounding the 200 block of Hope Street, which is near the Mountain View Caltrain station, were evacuated and Hope Street was closed after the item was found, police said.

Police first reported the suspicious item on Twitter at 9:04 a.m. About an hour and a half later, police announced that the item had been investigated and deemed safe.

Hope Street was reopened at about 10:30 a.m., according to the police department's Twitter post.

—Bay City News Service and Mountain View Voice staff

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 500 block Escuela Av., 7/02

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 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/28
 600 block Rainbow Dr., 6/30
 400 block South Dr., 7/03

BATTERY

500 block Moorpark Way., 6/28
 700 block Continental Cir., 6/28
 800 block San Veron Av., 6/30

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

800 block Maude Av., 7/01
 900 block San Leandro Av., 7/03
 400 block South Dr., 7/03

GRAND THEFT

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 6/28
 600 block E. Evelyn A., 6/30

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

800 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/28

CORRECTION

A July 1 story on the departure of Mountain View's deputy city manager, Kimbra McCarthy, incorrectly stated how long she had worked for the city. McCarthy had worked for the city for two years, not 10.

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BRENTEN BRANDENBURG

Julian's attempt to score is blocked by goalie Jonathan at last month's Kick, Lead and Dream soccer camp in Mountain View. The virtually free summer camp aims to inspire and nurture low-income and at-risk children in Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Fostering a winning team

KICK, LEAD AND DREAM SOCCER CAMP HELPS KIDS AIM FOR COLLEGE

By Anna Laman

A sea of yellow t-shirts is visible from afar. Walking closer, one can hear the blasting energy of 350 kids chattering away to their high school-aged coaches about their day. One child is asking for his coach's validation of the new trick he learned. However, this camp has aims well beyond the physical gains of most youth soccer camps to

create an environment where life-long friendships formed and role models are found, giving disadvantaged children in the Bay Area an opportunity to believe in themselves and strive towards a brighter future.

The 10th Annual Kick, Lead and Dream (KLD) summer soccer camp under the aegis of the Sunnyvale Police Activities League, was held in Cooper Park, Mountain View on June

13 to June 24. The nonprofit summer camp is created and managed by volunteers from the local community. What started with only 30 children and a few coaches has now expanded to serve about 350 low-income and at-risk students in second through seventh grades from public schools in Mountain View and Sunnyvale, and has about 90

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Oakland man arrested in arson, shooting at Google campus

MAN SUSPECTED OF BURNING GOOGLE VEHICLES, SHOOTING AT BUILDING

By Mark Noack

Federal and local law enforcement officials have arrested an Oakland man in connection with a string of recent arson attacks at Google's Mountain View campus, which damaged a building and two company vehicles.

The suspect, identified as

30-year-old Raul Murillo Diaz, is facing up to 20 years in prison on arson and firearms charges.

Starting about two months ago, Diaz allegedly began a pattern of driving out to Google's headquarters to start small fires and damage the company's property, according to court records. In his tes-

timony with detectives, Diaz reportedly said that he was angry because he believed the company was watching him.

The first reported arson incident occurred late in the night on May 19, when officials say Diaz allegedly threw two Molotov cocktails at a parked

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Crowded high schools could get squeezed

NEW STUDY PREDICTS MVLA ENROLLMENT WILL SWELL IN THE COMING YEARS

By Kevin Forestieri

Enrollment in Mountain View's local high schools has been increasing quickly in recent years, hitting an all-time high and showing no signs of slowing down. A new study commissioned by the Mountain View Los Altos High School District found that student enrollment is poised to grow by more than 500 students over the next five years, prompting big concerns about how to house the incoming teens.

Since the 2011-12 school year, the district has seen uneven but consistent increases in the number of incoming freshmen, with the biggest jumps in the last two years. Most of the growth has been lopsided in favor of Los Altos High School, which grew by 325 students over the last nine years, while Mountain View High grew by 94 students over the same period.

Forecasts by the demographic firm Jack Schreder and Associates estimate that 583 more students are expected to pour into the district by the 2021-22 school year, meaning the district is going to have to quickly add classrooms, teachers and new facilities to handle the expected influx. Jamie Iseman, a demographer with the firm, told school board members at a June 20 meeting that it might help to adopt more stringent intra-district transfer policies to cut down on the number of students crossing school attendance boundaries.

"Revisiting (intra-district) policies will likely be a short-term solution to a long-term problem — something to get you through the interim," Iseman said. Superintendent Jeff Harding said it might be prudent to have two concurrent plans, one to address existing overcrowding at both Mountain View and Los

Altos high schools, and another to build facilities for the long-term goals of accommodating the expected surge of students. Harding said that after talking with Los Altos principal Wynne Satterwhite, he has concluded that there's virtually no room to grow on the campus.

"If she had an extra teacher, she would have no place to put that teacher," Harding said.

"We are down to having zero extra space for growth at Los Altos right now."

The attendance boundaries for the district's two schools cut vertically through the cities of Mountain View and Los Altos, split roughly by

Shoreline Boulevard, Springer Road and Magdalena Avenue.

Board president Phil Faillace agreed that the district's two high schools were never built to accommodate the anticipated enrollment surge, and said that any plans to alter the district's transfer policies will have to be clearly stated to the community, with plenty of time for comments and feedback.

"I think we need to get a long pipeline out there," Faillace said. "People need to be aware of it sooner rather than later."

The demographic report also recommended seeking voter approval for a new bond measure to help finance new school facilities, though discussion on a future school bond remained largely absent from the board's discussion.

Some board members expressed skepticism about the enrollment forecast, questioning whether so-called "student generation rates" for different types of housing accurately reflect how many families in Mountain View and Los Altos are expected to have children. A multi-family residential development, such as rental apartments, are expected

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Iris Karen (Abraham) Moran

August 10, 1939 – June 14, 2016

Iris Moran, a longtime resident of Mountain View and passionate community volunteer, died on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, as a result of a fall at the visitors' center while visiting Hoover Dam in Nevada.

Iris Karen Abraham Moran was born Aug. 10, 1939, in Dickinson, ND, to Stanley and Ruth (Malone) Abraham. She spent her early childhood on a ranch in the North Dakota Badlands near Medora, and in other western North Dakota towns. Her family settled in New Salem (ND) where she attended public schools, graduating in from high school in 1957.

Iris attended Lakeland College near Sheboygan, WI, and graduated in 1961 with a degree in Medical Technology. She began her career as a medical technologist in Milwaukee, and later worked at the U. of Colorado Medical School in Denver, CO, where she met her future husband Tom Moran. They married in Denver on Aug. 25, 1967. After several moves across the country, Iris and Tom moved to Mountain View in 1974.

Iris was actively engaged in the community as board member and docent for Music for Minors, board member and major fundraiser for Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC), active member of Foothills Congregational UCC Church in Los Altos, and as Springer School Site Council chair. Iris grew up in a very musical family and loved music. She played clarinet in high school and sang in her high school and college choirs, Foothills Church choir, the Stanford Symphonic Chorus, and the Berkshire Music Festival in MA. A breast cancer survivor, she served on her church's Relay for Life committee (American Cancer Society), and was a contributor to numerous cancer support groups, the El Camino YMCA and other local and national groups. Iris's other interests included gourmet vegetarian cooking, quilting, biking, exercising at the Mountain View YMCA, camping, traveling, and appreciation of the fine arts, particularly the San Francisco Symphony, Ballet, and De Young Museum.

Iris lived life to the fullest. Her energy was legendary, her love was expansive, and her ebullience infectious. She gave selflessly to her family, friends, church and other organizations. No task was too great if it benefited her family and others.

Grieving her loss are her husband, Tom, Mountain View; their children, Jill Moran (Dennis Mullane) and grandson Stanley Moran-Mullane, Oakland, CA; Andrew Moran (Lisa) and their children, Madeleine, Miles and Lorraine Ruth, Salt Lake City; her siblings, Henrietta Foreman, Bismarck, ND; Daniel (Diane) Abraham, Centennial, CO; and Jordis (Marc) Conrad, Bismarck, ND; her brother-in-law, Pat (Judy) Moran in Wisconsin, and sister-in-law, Mickey (Ernie) Hopp in Ohio, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband's parents, Horace and Gladys Moran; a brother-in-law, Howard Foreman; and a grandnephew, Johnathan Nyberg.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on August 20, 2016, at Foothills Congregational UCC Church, Los Altos, CA.

Memorial gifts may be made to Lakeland College for the Professor Ellerbusch Music Scholarship fund, Lakeland College, PO Box 359, Sheboygan, WI 53082-0359, or to Foothills Congregational UCC Church, 461 Orange Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022.

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KIDS SOCCER

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coaches.

At the cost of \$10 per child, the camp aims at fostering a safe and friendly environment for kids to be actively inspired, physically and mentally, by their high school volunteer coaches from elementary and middle schools in the Bay Area. Coaches become role models to the kids, encouraging them to brainstorm future goals and learn the importance of leadership and commitment.

Each of the 24 soccer camp teams represents a country with strong soccer tradition. Apart from the soccer tournaments that run on a daily basis, inspirational guest speakers come to the camp. "Past guest speakers have included players from the San Francisco 49ers, Cincinnati Bengals, San Jose Earthquakes, FC Gold Pride and Mountain View's mayor," said Joe Seither, the lead parent volunteer.

Albertin Montoya was the first guest speaker this year. Born in Cuba, he immigrated to the United States when he was a small boy. Montoya was raised in Mountain View, attended Los Altos High School and went to college at Santa Clara University. He went on to play for the San Jose Earthquakes (then called the Clash), and is now the director of coaching for Mountain View-Los Altos Soccer Club.

Kip Colvey, another guest speaker this year, was born in Hawaii and raised in New Zealand. He recruited to play for Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo and drafted by the San Jose Earthquakes.

It's not surprising that approximately 50 percent of the high

school volunteer coaches were campers themselves when they were in middle school. "The soccer camp becomes a metaphor for life," said Edgar Tapia, a KLD leader.

Tapia, who received a KLD college scholarship, is now a managerial economics major at the University of California at Davis, and credits to the soccer camp for fostering his determination to attend college. He was a camper for four years, a young boy without a father figure at home, he said. "I found my father figure in the older coaches at the camp."

In high school, Tapia became a volunteer coach and has come back for the past three years. "I want to help that kid who might be struggling at home, that was me back in the day. I see myself in them," he said.

Tapia recalled his love for one coach who talked about his college education. "I remember hearing about his love for school and it made me want to go to college one day, and here I am motivating kids in the same way ... I love it."

Enthusiastic soccer player Sakshan Karki, has been a camper for two years and expressed his love for the camp. His favorite part is the coaches, he said. "They're funny, supportive and motivating."

Another camper, 10-year-old Moise Garcia, said the camp is motivating. "It cheers me up because it's boring at home. My godfather and cousin do it too."

A big part of the camp day is focused on fostering a healthy and collaborative environment between neighboring communities in the Bay Area like Sunnyvale and Mountain View.

Campers are provided with

free food and drinks, camp t-shirts and the chance to win prizes. Free round-trip bus transportation is also included, from pick-up points in Mountain View and Sunnyvale.

Seither said one of his fondest memories at the camp was seeing how happy and appreciative one young child was about the fresh food. "When I asked him what his favorite part was, he said, 'The food, you have food here.' It astounded me how something so small could be such a positive force in their lives."

A newly formed Kick, Lead and Dream College Scholarship has just come into play, intended to recognize KLD campers who stay on the academic path and graduate from high school. "The camp has always reinforced the values of aiming high in life, working hard toward your goals, making good life choices and staying out of trouble," Seither said. "When an at-risk camper accomplishes these things and tackles a higher education goal, we want to publicly recognize their hard work and achievement."

The recipients of the first two KLD College Scholarships this year were Ivan Chavez and Edgar Tapia, both campers who grew into coaches, serving as adult interns and mentors to this year's youth leaders.

Seither said he is always hoping for more adult volunteers to help the summer camp move in the right direction. He has recently initiated an advisory board to add stability to the camp. "A challenge has been the turnover of new adult volunteers each year with a loss of institutional knowledge," he said.

More information about the camp is online at kldsoccer.com.

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to yield only a 0.006 student for every unit — or one child for every 167 apartments.

Board member Joe Mitchner questioned whether the student generation rates will prove accurate, considering that many Mountain View families are living in apartments due to the high cost of buying a home.

"I think what we've found, at least anecdotally, is that apartments might be generating more kids in our area than normal because while rents are high, it's still the cheap way to buy into our local district," Mitchner said. "It's cheaper than paying \$3 million for a house."

Iseman maintained that the student generation rates are likely within a 1 percent margin of error, and said student generation rates are going to be

low in areas with major developments that are not likely to attract families.

A similar back-and-forth transpired last year, when the Mountain View Whisman School District commissioned a demographic study by the same firm. Many families and school board members contested the results, citing anecdotal evidence and even door-to-door surveys to make the case that more families throughout Mountain View are having kids. The argument at the time was that the forecast by Jack Shreder and Associates downplayed an impending wave of new children who will need to attend public schools.

"They had anticipated wild growth because of all the developments that are coming online," Iseman told the high school district board at the June meeting. "And the types of

developments (Mountain View) is constructing are appealing to young professionals (who) don't have kids."

Despite Los Altos High growing much faster than Mountain View in recent years, the demographic study found that enrollment growth will be evening out between the two schools over the next five years, with 240 new students expected at Mountain View and 320 expected at Los Altos.

Mitchner said he was skeptical of the prediction, and said it could be a big problem if the district plans for roughly even growth only to find out that Los Altos continues to take the brunt of student growth.

"My concern is that if it's not 240 students to Mountain View and 320 to Los Altos, we've got a much bigger challenge ahead of us," he said. ▣

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RENT CONTROL

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to put it on the ballot. But she explained that she had concerns that the measure is calling for rental protections that would be enshrined as an amendment to Mountain View's city charter. To her understanding, that would make its provisions unchangeable except by another voter measure.

"If we were to find out there was some unintended consequence of

water. Only in recent days did they learn from city officials that Showalter was looking to schedule a special City Council meeting during the traditional summer recess. The mayor agreed to a hasty meeting on Monday with the Tenants Coalition, and she explained her position. She tried to make the case that voters could approve both initiatives.

The situation could become a "huge mess" if two near-identical measures wind up on the ballot, said Tenants Coalition spokesman Daniel DeBolt.

By all accounts, the exact legal and electoral ramifications of having two similar measures on the ballot are still unknown. Attorneys with the city and the tenants' group are looking into the matter. The city should have those questions answered in time for next week's meeting, Showalter said.

Tenants Coalition members say they decided to draft their measure as a city charter amendment as a deliberate move to prevent what happened in the city of Richmond. Last year, elected leaders in the East Bay city approved an ordinance for rent control by a thin majority, but they later rescinded that ordinance after landlords launched an organized opposition effort.

The mayor's desire for a special meeting also presented a challenge for city officials, many of whom are on vacation during the summer recess. Showalter said Councilman John Inks will likely be absent from the meeting although he might teleconference in. The Council Chambers won't be available because the city is renovating the room.

An agenda for the special City Council meeting will be posted online at mountainview.gov. Email Mark Noack at mnoack@mv-voice.com

'My real desire here is to provide a workable rent-protection program.'

MAYOR PAT SHOWALTER

this measure that pretty much everyone agreed wasn't a good thing, then the only way to fix it would be to have another vote," she said. "That's cumbersome, expensive and time-consuming."

Showalter is proposing some kind of alternative measure that would be classified as a city ordinance, meaning the City Council could amend and tweak the policy to suit future needs. As to the specific provisions, she said she was amenable to having language that would mirror the Tenants Coalition's measure. However, she was doubtful that proposal would find enough support among the rest of the seven-member council, of which five members had voted against past rent-control proposals.

One idea that might win support, Showalter said, would be to dust off the city staff's unapproved plan for a binding-arbitration program and use that as a template for a city-sponsored ballot measure.

"My real desire here is to provide a workable rent-protection program," Showalter said.

But tenant advocates don't feel reassured by the mayor's sentiment, especially after weeks of pounding the pavement to collect signatures for their measure. Intentional or not, a second ballot measure would rival their initiative and possibly sap support from voters, said Tenants Coalition spokesman Evan Ortiz.

"There's some anxiety that having different measures would possibly be confusing and may inadvertently erode support by splitting the vote," he said. "We don't think a second ballot measure is the way to go."

The mayor's announcement came as a surprise to the Tenants Coalition, according to members. She first mentioned her idea back in May in a meeting with the group, but they say she never brought it up again and they assumed it was dead in the

DeBolt, who is a former Voice reporter, joined the group about a year after leaving the newspaper's employment. At the council meeting next week, the Tenants Coalition would likely speak in opposition to the mayor's proposal, he said.

"I don't see how this could be anything but an attempt to undermine what we're doing," DeBolt said. "This is very concerning and very unnecessary."



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robotic pizza assembly line and the promise of special trucks that can bake pizzas en route and someday — perhaps — use self-driving technology for deliveries.

To hear the founders tell it, though the pizza company has been their brainchild for the last four years, it's only in recent days that Zume has been ready for public consumption. Founders Alex Garden and Julia Collins say their idea boils down to making delivery pizza that is as good or better than any pie ordered at a sit-down pizzeria.

Zume operates out of a non-descript office space tucked in Mountain View's Willowgate neighborhood. It would be pretty much unrecognizable from the outside if not for the company's colorful delivery fleet parked along the side. Inside, pizzas are ubiquitous — pizza-inspired art, pizza-slice-shaped air mattresses and a constant supply of complimentary pies to sample in the office break room.

A former president at the video-game company Zynga, Garden says he's been slowly developing Zume after getting interested in ways to optimize the \$39-billion pizza business. It's a line of work with a thin profit margin, he says, dominated by big players like Domino's and Papa John's that can lean on their sizable economy-of-scale advantage. Very much the tech visionary of the team, Garden started work in 2012 to secure patents for new ovens, assembly lines and pizza boxes in an effort to streamline a delivery kitchen.

Collins, the CEO of the company, joined last year and brought experience from the competitive New York City restaurant scene. Cheerful, energetic and an extremely fast



A custom robot slides a pizza into the oven at Zume on June 30.

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talker, she had launched her own restaurant chain Mexicue and helped manage the Harlem Afro-Asian restaurant Cecil, which she proudly points out was singled out by Esquire magazine as America's best restaurant in 2014. She even worked for about two years for East Coast artisanal food distributor Murray's Cheese, during which she helped create a "meltability index" to compare how well about 120 types of cheese worked in a grilled-cheese sandwich. Gouda, she said, is hands down the best for the task, although it works well when paired with something aged and sharp.

Sitting in the conference room at Zume headquarters, Collins and Garden used a smartphone to order up two of their pizzas

off the menu, and they led a quick tour of their production line. We were met in the kitchen by Aaron Butkus, Zume's head chef, who had recently been hired after working at Roberta's Pizza, considered one of Brooklyn's best pizzerias. Butkus talked through the process as two discs of dough moved down the kitchen conveyor belt. A pair of dangling hoses squirted a puddle of sauce onto the dough and the next device down the line stroked the sauce around the dough in a star-like pattern. "These machines will be mimicking my hands, even the way I spread the sauce," Butkus said. "It aligns technology with human (technique), but otherwise it feels the same."

Plenty of steps in the process are still handled by the humans, such as spreading the cheese and adding toppings. But down the road, those too would be automated, Collins said. One of the kitchen's most expensive pieces, a \$40,000 robotic arm that looked like it belonged in a semiconductor plant stood at the end of the conveyor belt to scoop up the uncooked pizzas and carefully place them in the oven. Start to finish, the Zume kitchen could churn out 360 pizzas an hour, Collins said.

Company officials are already considering other meals that could be added to the robo-assembly line. If robots could be designed to make a pizza, it wouldn't be much harder to get them to prepare a salad, Collins said.

"You could have a salad robot, an omelet robot, a hamburger robot — this works for any-



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Julia Collins, CEO, and Alex Garden, founder of Zume on one of the inflatable pizza-shaped air mattresses at the Mountain View headquarters.

thing!" she said.

For now, the company is holding back on its biggest innovation of all: delivery trucks outfitted with mobile ovens to allow cooking while enroute to customers. It would be a huge advantage, Collins said, because not only would it greatly speed up delivery, but it would also provide a much tastier pizza.

"If you want the best food in the world, it's coming straight out of the oven," Collins said. "Delivery pizza is pretty good, but it's not the same as what

you get as when you order in the restaurant."

For now, the company is waiting for approvals from the Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health, which does not allow standard food trucks with human chefs to cook while driving. Speaking for the department, Program Manager Rochelle Gaddi said Zume's idea is unprecedented and her team would need to do quite a bit of research to evaluate its safety

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Employees at Zume work in the kitchen alongside robotic pizza-making technology.

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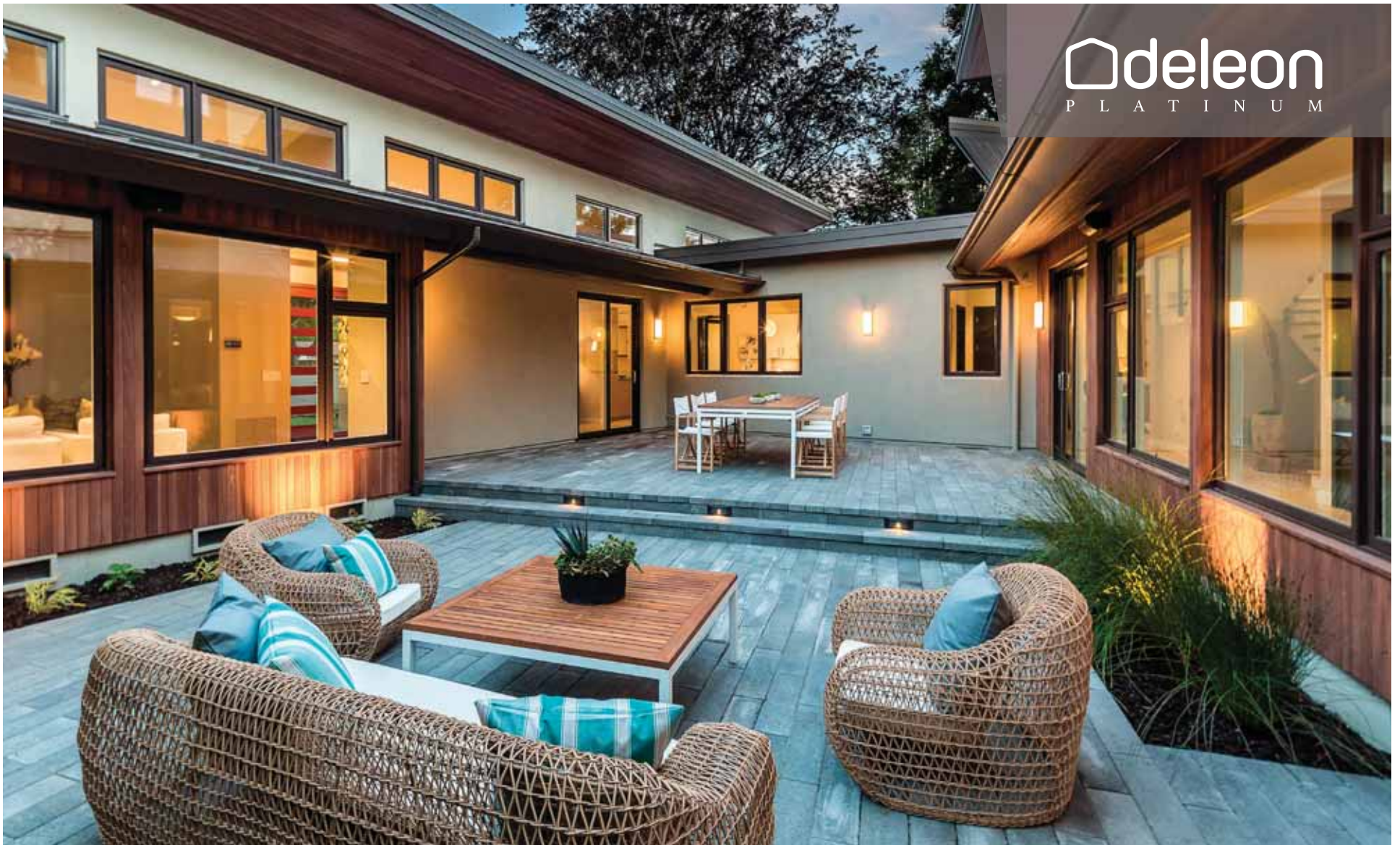
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Petition against Turner judge gains 200,000 signatures

A group of women's advocates and assault survivors gave a judicial agency in San Francisco 200,000 more signatures last week calling for the ouster of a judge who sentenced a former Stanford University swimmer to six months in jail for sexual assault.

The new signatures add to more than a million previously submitted to the state Commission on Judicial Performance on June 10, together with a formal complaint seeking an investigation of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky.

The commission investigates judicial misconduct and has the power to impose punishments ranging from censure to removal from office.

"Until they do what's right, we're not forgetting them. We will keep fighting for all the survivors until we get a better culture," said group spokeswoman Melissa Byrne.

On June 2, Persky sentenced former Stanford student and swim team member Brock Turner, 20, to six months in county jail for his conviction on three felony counts of sexual assault in 2015 on a woman who was unconscious from intoxication.

Prosecutors had asked for six years in state prison. Persky said during the proceeding that he believed a prison sentence would have "a severe impact" on Turner. Turner is expected to be released from his jail term after three months.

The sentence has drawn widespread outcry and international attention.

UltraViolet, a national women's rights group, organized the submission of the signatures and a rally of about 30 people this morning outside the State Building where 10 sexual assault survivors spoke.

"Say no to rape culture," Ruby Elton, a recent high school graduate, said to the crowd carrying signs stating "Fire Judge Persky" and "Remove Judge Persky."

California Highway Patrol officers who provide security at the State Building allowed only five members of the group to go to the commission's office on the 14th floor.

Behind the closed door of the office, the group could be heard chanting, "Fire Judge Persky."

After presenting the signatures, the group leaders told news reporters that commission director and chief counsel Victoria Hen-

ley personally received the signatures from behind a plexiglass window but commission members, who were meeting today, did not greet the group.

Assault survivor April Grant, 54, of Pacifica, said outside the office, "We are not saying that all rapists should be treated equally, but justice and common sense should be used. Where is the common sense in a three-month sentence?"

"All Judge Persky cared about was the future of Brock Turner," Grant said.

The 11-member commission is made up of three judges, two lawyers and six citizens. It has the power only to investigate and discipline misconduct, such as corruption, and does not have the authority to change a ruling.

The commission's website says that errors in a judicial decision are not normally considered misconduct.

After the sentencing, Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen called Turner a "predatory offender" and said he disagreed with the sentence, but said he did not think Persky should be removed from office.

Henley was not immediately available for comment.

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GOOGLE ARSON

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Google Street View vehicle. The crime was caught on surveillance footage and also witnessed by a Google employee from his office window.

Investigators say Diaz drove up near the Google vehicle, exited his car and lit two beer bottles filled with some sort of fuel. He threw the firebombs at the hood of the Google car, but both bounced off and landed on ground. Only one of the so-called Molotov cocktails exploded, and Diaz ran up and grabbed the second one and hurled it at the ground to get it to ignite. Both explosives mostly burned the surrounding ground and did little damage to the vehicle.

footage from all the incidents reportedly showed the same 2004 Volkswagen Touareg SUV, and officials also had a basic description of Diaz's appearance.

On Thursday, June 30, just after midnight, police officers patrolling the area spotted an SUV matching that description driving through the Google campus. As officers followed the SUV, it appeared to be making evasive maneuvers, pulling into random driveways and braking for no clear reason. Officers pulled over the vehicle and found Diaz at the wheel wearing shoes matching those in the suspect description. Next to Diaz, officers spotted a cylindrical object with wires coming out, which they believed could be a pipe bomb.

The bomb squad was called

He allegedly sprayed the fuel onto one of Google's prototype self-driving cars and then lit the fire.

About two weeks later, Diaz reportedly returned late in the evening to the campus and allegedly fired a full handgun magazine at the windows of a Google building. Witnesses nearby say they heard about 10 gunshots being fired and they spotted a man matching Diaz's description driving an SUV around the area at the time.

Diaz allegedly came back to the area just a few days later, on June 10, and attempted to set another vehicle fire. According to security camera footage, this time he brought a pump squirt gun believed to be filled with some type of fuel. He allegedly sprayed the fuel onto one of the company's prototype self-driving cars and then lit the fire, according to an affidavit filed with the Santa Clara County courts. The vehicle was destroyed in the blaze.

After the three incidents, Mountain View police began coordinating on an investigation with Google security as well as the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Video

and determined that though the object was designed like a bomb, it wasn't loaded with any flammable substance. Diaz was arrested at the scene.

Through his interviews with investigators, Diaz eventually admitted to committing both arsons and firing bullets at the Google building, according to the affidavit. On the evening of his arrest, he said he was planning to shoot at another Google building. The unloaded pipe bomb in his car he said was a target he used for practice shooting.

Diaz reportedly said his motive for the attacks was because he believed Google was watching him, and he had been keeping a journal to track the company's spying. He mentioned Larry Page, Facebook and Google numerous times to investigators, court records show.

The case is currently being investigated by ATF officials. A spokeswoman for the agency said she could not comment on an ongoing case. ■

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Avenidas and Lyft partner to give seniors rides

Palo Alto's senior services agency Avenidas and ride-sharing company Lyft are partnering to provide rides to seniors on the Peninsula, the nonprofit agency announced last week.

San Francisco-based Lyft, which facilitates rides through a smartphone application, will provide older adults with discounted rides, with Avenidas acting as the dispatcher through the agency's Door to Door Transportation program. The program provides 5,300 rides a year, according to Avenidas. Users will not need a smartphone to request a ride.

"Many of the older adults

whom we serve either don't feel comfortable using apps on their phones, or don't even own a smartphone at all, and now, thanks to this unique partnership with Lyft, Avenidas will handle the ride scheduling for them," Avenidas President and CEO Amy Andonian said in a statement. "An additional benefit of partnering with Lyft is that we are no longer fully dependent on having enough volunteer drivers, and so we can now fulfill all ride requests."

The Door to Door program takes requests from individuals, referrals from social workers, calls from other senior centers and hospitals, as well

as calls from adult children on behalf of their parents. The rides, according to Avenidas, are "critical to people who no longer drive, as they help prevent isolation by getting people to the places they want to go, and keeps them healthy by getting them to important medical appointments."

Rides can be booked by calling 650-289-5411. Fees vary: \$9 for short rides (0-3.9 miles); \$13 for medium rides (4.0-7.9 miles); and \$18 for long rides (8.0-12 miles). There is a fee of \$7.50 for rides cancelled without 24-hour notice.

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Stanford Jazz Festival in full swing

BASSISTS LINDA OH AND ESPERANZA SPALDING AMONG NOTABLE PERFORMERS

By Yoshi Kato

For jazz fans, highlights of the annual Stanford Jazz Festival are many, with world-class talent both locally and globally sourced.

Mixing and matching from the superb Stanford Jazz Workshop (the festival's parent organization) faculty, founder and director Jim Nadel puts together a diverse festival lineup, running this year through Aug. 6 at various venues on the Stanford campus.

A prominent presence at this year's festival is bassist Linda Oh. The Malaysia-born, Australia-raised, current New York City resident is playing in concerts at Dinkelspiel Auditorum (starting at 8 p.m. each night) on Tuesday, Aug. 2, Wednesday, Aug. 3, and Friday, Aug. 5. She's also participating in the all-star closing-night concert on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Bing Concert Hall.

A member of Manhattan School of Music's (MSM) pre-college jazz faculty, Oh said she's looking forward to being a part of the faculty of the Stanford Jazz Workshop (SJW) for the first time.

In addition to playing with pianist-keyboardist Fabian Almazan since their MSM days, Oh is a longtime member of trumpeter Dave Douglas' most recent quintet. Oh has also played in the Sound Prints quintet with Douglas and tenor saxophone titan Joe Lovano, and in three different family groups, including two co-led by twins — The Le Boeuf Brothers and a trio with saxophonist and drummer Marcus and E.J. Strickland. She's also been a member of The Whitfield Family Band.



JOHN BAPTISTE GUILLEMIN

Bassist Linda Oh will perform at this summer's Stanford Jazz Festival, and is joining the faculty of the Stanford Jazz Workshop.

As is the case every year with the festival, there will be some familial-type reunions on the bandstand at the shows that Oh will anchor on bass. The Aug. 2 date is billed as "Ambrose and Friends," with Oakland native and workshop alumnus Ambrose Akinmusire leading a group that includes Almazan and drummer Obed Calvaire. He and Calvaire formed a trumpet trio for Oh's debut album, "Entry," which she self-released

in 2009.

The following night boasts an international flair with at least three sets of musical ties: guitarist Gilad Hekselman (born and raised in Israel) and guitarist/vocalist Camila Meza (a native of Chile) co-headline a show that features pianist Ethan Iverson (of The Bad Plus fame) and the legendary drummer Billy Hart.)

Mapping out the connections, one finds that Oh has gigged with Hekselman, and

they've both played with saxophonist Jonathan Greenstein. She's also performed in concert with Meza, and Iverson and Hart have been members of each other's bands for over a decade. (The Billy Hart Quartet, with Iverson, saxophonist Mark Turner and double bassist Ben Street, has its own show at Dinkelspiel on Sunday, July 31, at 8 p.m.)

On Friday, Aug. 5, Oh will participate in the famed SJW

All-Star Jam in which a slew of faculty members — including saxophonists Turner and SJW alumnus Dayna Stephens, and Meza and Hekselman — partake in an always-inspired night of organized-yet-extemporaneous communal interactivity.

The concluding 2016 festival concert on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Bing Concert Hall was originally going to feature Bobby McFerrin. The famed "Don't Worry, Be Happy" vocalist had to pull out for health reasons and has been replaced by Grammy-winning bassist/vocalist Esperanza Spalding, now performing alongside Oh, Akinmusire, guitarist Julian Lage and pianist Taylor Eigsti (both SJW alumni) and percussionist Tupac Mantilla.

Oh said she's intrigued at the possibility of performing with fellow double bassist/bass guitarist Spalding and isn't sure exactly what to expect from that night.

Though the festival and workshop take place at Stanford University, they are not officially affiliated with the school. However, there are some musicians with strong Stanford connections.

The group Charged Particles features keyboardist Murray Low and drummer Jon Krosnick, who both have ties to The Farm. Low is a jazz-piano guest lecturer in the music department while Krosnick is the Frederic O. Glover professor in humanities and social sciences (the trio also includes bassist Aaron Germain).

Woodwind virtuoso Paul McCandless will perform with

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issues. When Zume submits all of its information, Gaddi said, her team will need about three weeks to fully review it.

"This proposal is quite revolutionary," Gaddi admitted. "We've never heard of anything quite like this."

In the back lot of Zume's offices was a pizza truck the size of a UPS carrier already equipped with ovens and ready to go as soon as health officials give it the green light. The company also has a fleet of smaller Fiat compacts that are ready for ovens as well as self-driving technology. Collins pointed out that the Fiats are the same size as

Google's self-driving cars, so it should be easy to adopt the technology once it's available. For now, the company is cooking the pizzas at its central headquarters and using four delivery drivers.

The lesser-known technological marvel at Zume is the company's unique boxes, Garden said. He decided to ditch the traditional cardboard pizza box for a clamshell-like container tailored to prevent the crust from soaking in grease and to retain flavor better. Made from biodegradable sugar-cane fiber, that box design was so important to Garden that he spent years securing a patent for it.

Much of the media attention Zume has received so far has focused on the company's technol-

ogy angle — what Garden dubbed "the robot pizza circus" — but when they talk, the two founders make sure not to overplay their nifty tech. Instead, they talk about how their ingredients are sourced from local farms, their top-notch kitchen crew, and how their dough is prepared 48 hours in advance. Harnessing technology is just one step toward creating the perfect pizza on demand, Garden and Collins said.

"What if quality for our customers was an absolute, but we're willing to take on any kind of technology overhead costs?" Garden said. "Our idea is to use this (technology) to allow us to make food that's tastier and healthier for people."

Collins said Zume's current

34-member team had all lost weight from eating regular helpings of their company's pizza. It was a case of the "European mystery," she said: a high-fat, high-quality diet that ultimately proves to be the healthier option.

Such anecdotal evidence makes for good marketing promotion. The emphasis on natural ingredients and quality also might be intended to distance Zume from the bad reputation assembly lines and automation have in the food world — that is, cheaper products of questionable nutritional value. Collins emphatically said that the overall quality of Zume's pizza is their top priority.

"We've automated some of the process, but we want to make

sure that automation isn't going against the ideas of good food and culture," she said. "The robots are here to facilitate that process."

The pizzas arrived in the company's conference room, a Southwestern-themed combo called "Sonrisa" and the "Mrs. B," a sausage, tomato and basil recipe that came from the head chef's grandma. As this reporter sampled them, Garden was intent on getting a verdict.

It was a tasty pizza, but was it the best I've had? That was hard to say.

Garden seemed a tad disappointed by the response, but bounced back quickly.

"Well, we're getting better every day!" he said cheerfully. ■

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the Charged Particles rhythm section on Saturday, July 9, at 8 p.m. at Campbell Recital Hall, and will also give an “Inside Jazz” pre-concert talk an hour prior at that Braun Music School venue.

Performing with McCandless is particularly special to Krosnick for personal reasons.

“Paul’s music was the soundtrack for the first date I had long ago with my later-to-be wife,” Krosnick wrote in an email, “and we just celebrated our 30th anniversary. Cathy credits Paul’s music as illustrating for her the kind of guy I am.”

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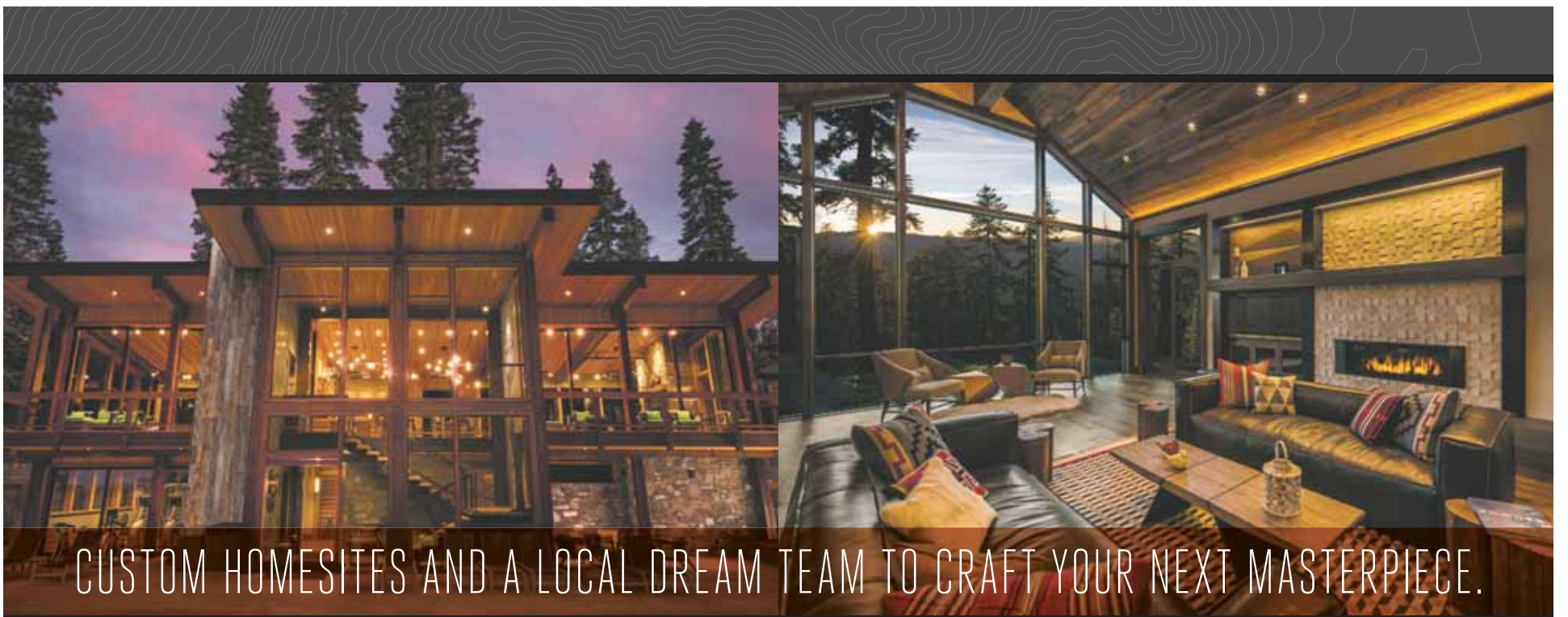
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A welcome step toward housing-crisis remedy

Six thousand, five hundred. That's the most conservative estimate of the number of homeless people now living in Santa Clara County. The circumstances of their plight vary, but many of those living in their vehicles, in encampments or on the unforgiving streets are employed and desperate to find a home for themselves and their families.

The inability of county leaders to solve the homeless and affordable-housing crises is not due to lack of concern and effort. The Board of Supervisors has wrestled with the growing problem for some time as soaring rents and housing prices driven largely by the tech-fueled economic boom in Silicon Valley have forced a dismaying number of low- and middle-income individuals and families from their homes.

The supervisors have taken various actions during the last few years. In January, they approved millions of dollars in spending for programs ranging from homeless shelters, job training, education and emergency rental assistance.

But on June 21, they acknowledged that, as Supervisor Joe Simitian put it, the smaller incremental steps intended to attack the homeless and housing crises with combined force "won't get it done." What is needed, Simitian said, "is the willingness and commitment to devote resources to solve the problem." And they took a giant step forward.

At their June 21 meeting, the supervisors unanimously agreed to put a \$950 million affordable housing bond measure on the November ballot, which, if approved, could combine with federal and state grants to generate some \$3 billion for subsidized housing in the county. Ninety percent of the revenue would fund projects for the homeless and those subsisting

on less than 30 percent of the area's median income.

Bond revenue would be allocated to cities and nonprofits looking to construct subsidized housing, with priority given to "project ready" proposals that are eligible for other grant programs. That is a sound course, reflecting the urgency of the need and the inevitable high cost of addressing it. And address it we must, as it is a situation that is tragically marring the lives and destroying the educational opportunities of young children, driving many members of the local workforce out of the area and from their jobs, and forcing senior citizens in growing numbers from their homes and into shelters, or sometimes onto the streets.

The supervisors had been discussing the option of placing a \$750 million bond measure before voters, but the need for a massive effort to tackle this problem has become so apparent to the people of Santa Clara County that a survey of potential voters indicated enough support for the larger \$950 million bond measure.

At the same meeting, the Board of Supervisors further demonstrated its commitment to helping this vulnerable segment of our community. The supervisors approved a \$3 million project to renovate a warehouse on land in Sunnyvale that will serve as a cold-weather homeless shelter.

They should be commended — and supported — as they continue seeking a way forward and devising solutions to address a situation that deeply harms individuals in our community and, by extension, the community itself. ▀

LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

WERE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS CONFUSED?

I prefer to imagine that council members were confused about the vote at a shambolic special council meeting rather than believe it was yet another betrayal by our elected representatives in favor of big business.

The proposed El Camino Hospital expansion was approved on Wednesday evening (June 22), notwithstanding plenty of opposition and the acknowledgment that council staff informed residents only within 300 feet of the massive redevelopment. Approval was granted despite the damaging effects of traffic congestion on thousands of residents of the Waverly Park and Martens-Carmelita neighborhoods and the loss of dozens more heritage trees.

El Camino Hospital executives present an altruistic image but

this is no old-fashioned community hospital. After CEO Tomi Ryba's effusive speech about the joy of delivering thousands of babies, helping the sick and injured, seniors, etc., one would think that ECH was a charitable institution and not a highly profitable "nonprofit" hospital. (Not profitable enough, it seems, as they are reportedly raising their prices by 6 percent.) How long before these executive managers plead their case for even higher salaries, in light of their "additional responsibilities"?

Insurance companies will pay only for those fortunate enough to have adequate coverage and able to afford sky-high premiums. Do we really need luxurious private rooms at such great expense or do we want good-quality, safe, accessible medical care for all, and at an affordable price?

Christine Crosby
Woodleaf Way

A CREATIVE STRATEGY FOR 'CLIMATE MORONS'

Thirty-one of the premier scientific groups in our country just sent an urgent letter to the U.S. Congress reiterating that climate change is real, that it is driven by human-caused CO2 emissions and that it is already upon us.

Unfortunately, many in today's Congress are in thrall to a rejectionist, know-nothing ideology that could end up being the big-

gest impediment to the fight against looming disaster.

I propose giving the Congress a fact-based standardized test, a sort of "No Congressperson Left Behind." Any who fail would be forced to wear a dunce cap labeled "climate moron" and lose their voting privileges until they have written one thousand times, "Science and policy must be based on facts, not ignorant opinion."

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