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School board member out after one term

BILL LAMBERT WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION TO
"DYSFUNCTIONAL" MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling the Mountain View Whisman school board "dysfunctional" and badly in need of new members, Bill Lambert announced that he will not run for re-election this November.

Lambert joined the five-member board in 2012 along with Steve Nelson and former board member Chris Chiang. The arrival of the three newcomers marked a big change in leadership that Lambert said he believes has damaged the school district. Looking back on the last four years, Lambert told the *Voice* that the school board has been "remarkably dysfunctional" and spends too much time micromanaging staff and getting bogged down in the minutiae of big decisions.

By stepping down at the end of the year, Lambert said, he hopes to encourage as many people as possible — particularly younger candidates, parents and non-incumbents — to run for a seat and help get the school district back on track.

"You need new people in there," he said. "It's healthy for the community."

Lambert, who has a doctorate in chemistry and works as a patent attorney, said he originally got involved with the school dis-

trict out of frustration. He said he got tired of reading about how science education was taking a back seat in local schools because of cuts to state funding, and he began volunteering to teach advanced math and hands-on science experiments at Monta Loma Elementary School.

As he became more aware of what was going on in the Mountain View Whisman School District, Lambert said, he began attending board meetings, deciding to run for the school board after sitting through meetings for two years straight. Lambert said he feels strongly about science education, and plans to continue helping the district adopt a stronger science curriculum even after stepping down.

Lambert isn't alone in his scathing opinion of the school board's performance. A recent audit commissioned by the district found that school board members have shown a "consistent lack of leadership" on improving student performance, and have strained their relationship with district staff to the point where the district's top brass feel as if they are constantly being accosted by combative board members during meetings.

Lambert has a reputation for staying out of the fray, reserving his comments and avoiding the arguments, rants and grandstanding that have become common at board meetings. The quiet demeanor, he said, is his

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Bill Lambert



MICHELLE LE

Google cemented its dominance over North Bayshore real estate in a massive property-swap deal with LinkedIn. Google employees on the company's signature company bicycles are a frequent sight in the area, such as this one at the corner of Shoreline Boulevard and Pear Avenue.

Google, LinkedIn agree to huge land swap

LINKEDIN LEAVING NORTH BAYSHORE FOR SUNNYVALE BORDER

By Mark Noack

Google and LinkedIn officials on Tuesday announced a surprise deal for a massive property exchange that would trade real estate and development rights, consolidating Google's pres-

ence in Mountain View and effectively sending LinkedIn out of North Bayshore and over to the Sunnyvale border.

Both companies characterized the deal as mutually beneficial, allowing them to consolidate property surrounding their respective campuses while

streamlining responsibility for a hodgepodge of transportation improvements required by the city.

The deal involves a total of about 2.5 million square feet of office space between the

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City council to discuss alternatives to rent-cap ballot measure

TENANT ADVOCATES BLAST IDEA AS SUBVERTING CITIZENS' MEASURE

By Mark Noack

In a special meeting set for Thursday, July 14, Mountain View's City Council was expected to discuss a possible last-ditch effort to consider some

kind of alternative to a citizen-backed rent control measure.

The special meeting was held after the *Voice's* press deadline, but a report on the outcome will be posted on the newspaper's website, mv-voice.com.

The discussion about alternatives was spearheaded by Mayor Pat Showalter, who voiced concerns that the ballot initiative expected to go before voters in

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Gael Gomez, Palo Alto



"No, I have my concerns about the zika virus."
Johnathon Tung, San Jose



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Brian Luna, Mountain View



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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

PUNCHES THROWN AT SAFEWAY

An unknown suspect reportedly tried to punch a Safeway employee in Mountain View last Friday, after he was asked to leave the store, according to police.

The employee told police that the man had been in the store located at 645 San Antonio Road at around 1:45 a.m. on July 8. The suspect allegedly got upset after the employee told him to leave the store and tried to punch the employee, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The employee was not injured during the altercation, Nelson said.

The suspect had left before police arrived, and the employee did not desire prosecution, Nelson said.

WORKPLACE SCUFFLE

A man who was allegedly pushed by his business partner on Tuesday went to the Mountain View Police Department and asked police to "reprimand" his co-worker, according to police.

The man entered the lobby of the police department around 5 p.m. on June 12, and told officers that earlier that day he had been pushed by his business partner in the 2600 block of Fayette Drive, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. No one was arrested or hurt, Nelson said, but the man asked that police "reprimand" his business partner. Officers obliged.

Police did not have information on why the man was pushed in the first place, or what led to the incident, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

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■ **COMMUNITY BRIEF**

NEW HUNGER HOTLINE

Hunger Free America, a nonprofit organization, has launched a national outreach campaign to fight hunger in America. In Californian households, 13.5 percent of all residents and 22.9 percent of children don't always have access to enough food. As a result, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) operates a toll-free hotline connecting callers with emergency food providers in their communities, as well as nutritional assistance programs and other services that promote self-sufficiency.

During the summer months, the hotline also provides information about where children 18 years old or younger can receive free meals through a USDA program. In addition to the hotline, Hunger Free America launched hungervolunteer.org, a volunteer-

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BRENTEN BRANDENBURG

Anne Johnston (from left), Jan Jones and Diane Christopherson sort through donated books for the Friends of the Mountain View Library on July 11.

Library volunteers seek new Friends

By Perla Luna

In just two days, the book avalanche on the floor is already toppling out of the storeroom and onto the floor of the sorting room. The pile keeps growing as the telltale creak of the book drop-off box creaks and more books slide down onto the stack. But that's a typical day for the Friends of the Mountain View Library.

Since 1957, the Friends of the Mountain View Library have made it their mission to foster a close relationship between the library and Mountain View citi-

zens. They want to promote knowledge of the library's services and its needs, as well

'We have just enough people running our events, but we're always looking for more help.'

RUSSELL JONES, FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW LIBRARY

as aid in the development of library programs through their fundraising.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday sorting teams come in for about two hours and go through the new pile of donated books. They scan every single book and judge it for value and quality before bookmarking it for one of four possible locations: the library lobby shop, the quarterly book sale, the online shop or recycling. Contrary to popular myth, no donated books go on the library shelves.

"I volunteer here because I enjoy it," said Russell Jones, the Friends' membership

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What to expect when Google Fiber comes to town

KANSAS CITY STILL HASN'T FULLY EMBRACED SUPER-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE

By Mark Noack

With much fanfare, Google recently announced plans to bring its sought-after Google Fiber internet service to its Silicon Valley homeland. Over the next three years, officials with the tech giant promised to roll out its ultra-fast, 1-gigabit-per-second bandwidth to consumers in Mountain View, Palo Alto and several other South Bay cities

The promise has been hailed by many observers as a much-needed shake-up for the local telecommunications market. But to hear the story from other areas already equipped with Google Fiber, the new service might not be the overnight sensation its fans anticipate.

Take the example of Kansas City, the original pilot location for Google Fiber's launch. Back in 2012, the Midwest city seemed the envy of the nation for being picked to debut the premier internet service. And in some ways, it was a perfect testing ground: the local broadband internet market was controlled largely by Time Warner Cable, which had a reputation for lousy customer service and sneaky fees (just check its Yelp page).

But after almost five years of Google Fiber expanding its availability, Kansas City's internet market is still dominated by Time Warner, according to sources. This is despite a Google Fiber bargain deal: six years of 5-megabit-per-second internet

for households willing to pay a one-time \$300 fee. But today only a "few small pockets" of well-heeled Kansas City neighborhoods have heavily embraced Google Fiber, said Tom Esselman, CEO of Connecting for Good, a Kansas City-based nonprofit focusing on expanding internet access to disenfranchised residents.

"The whole idea behind of Google Fiber of 'build it and they will come,' — that's been blown up in the last five years," he said. "It was plainly evident that just because they were Google Fiber and had a lot of hoopla, they were not effectively getting people signing up for their service."

Google Fiber officials declined to respond to questions about its Kansas City pilot program for this story.

Esselman describes himself as a big fan of Google Fiber's speedy service, pointing out he loves its ability to, for example, have multiple video chats running seamlessly on his desktop. In the long run, he believes Google Fiber will gradually chip away at market hold of the established telecommunications players.

But Google had to learn some big lessons first, he said. The company originally came into Kansas City with a "one-size fits all" pricing plan that didn't win many lower-income customers. In a write-up on Google Fiber service in Kansas City, the magazine Fast Company describe it as

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New startup could help teachers buy Bay Area homes

SAN FRANCISCO COMPANY AIMS TO CREATE COMMUNITY FUND FOR HEFTY DOWN PAYMENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

School districts in Mountain View have acknowledged that the high cost of living is putting the squeeze on teachers, making it hard for them to keep up with monthly rent and nearly impossible to buy a home. A new venture kicked off by two Stanford grads is looking to change that, and turn long-term renters into first-time home buyers.

Co-founders of the startup "Landed" have been visiting local school districts, offering a new financing program that would create a special fund that teachers could tap into for a down payment on a home in the area.

Under the proposed framework, investors — such as residents in the communities of Los Altos or Mountain View — could pool money into a fund that district teachers can

tap into for a 20 percent down payment on a home. Investors

'It's an interesting model.'

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would have a stake of about 25 percent of the future profits, or losses, when the home is sold

or refinanced.

Jonathan Asmis, co-founder of Landed, presented the plan to the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board last month, noting that many teachers are facing a tough dilemma: They want to buy a home in the area, but rental costs are so high that it's nearly impossible to save anywhere close to a 20 percent down payment for a home. The cost of living in the area, Asmis

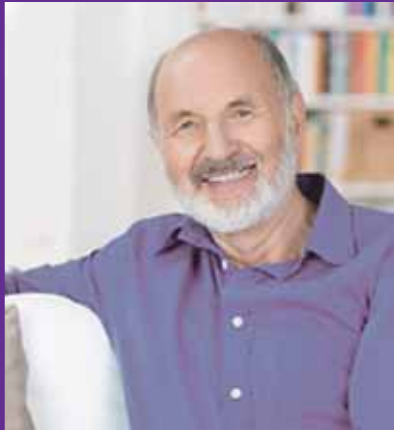
said, is clearly outpacing salary increases.

"Housing prices are going up faster than your ability to pay the faculty who are coming here to teach the kids," he said.

Through what Asmis called a "partnership fund," a teacher could pay \$80,000 for a down payment, while Landed could use the investment pool to contribute an additional \$80,000.

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chairperson. "If I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't do it. We do this because we want to."

Before joining the program, Jones worked at Hewlett Packard until 1987 and then began operating his own small business. His wife, with whom he co-chairs the sorting process, was first brought into the fold by a neighborhood friend. Around 2006, she introduced Jones to the program and he's been a Friends member ever since.

"I have strong feelings about the library. I think it's something we all need and deserve," he said.

Their dedication to the program has paid off. Over the past year, the Friends have raised over \$90,000 in revenue, all of which goes toward library grants for children, teen and adult programs. The money the Friends made served over 2,200 people in last year's summer reading program, as well as helped fund adult classes like yoga and bike repair, which served just under 400 people. A special point of pride for them is Brainfuse, an online homework helper, that was used more than 10,000 times last year.

Despite their success in generating funds, the Friends are currently struggling with, well, finding friends. Their membership is over 200, which is great for the membership dues that contribute to their annual revenue, but it hasn't been so great for involving members in active volunteering roles. They estimate there are around 50 regular volunteers who help with the sorting, book sales and the lobby shop.

"We have just enough people running our events, but we're always looking for more help in those areas," Jones said. "My personal goal is to get more of the citizens of Mountain View involved. Anyone who is willing to put in the time, we'd like to have them."

The Friends have no age limits for their volunteers and welcome anyone from student volunteers to elderly adults. They boast a diverse group of volunteers from all different professional fields, ages and backgrounds.

"We're a friendly group of Friends," treasurer Pat Kassner said. "If you're new to the area, you get to know people. The sorting teams that we have aren't large but we have five or six people in the room so if you're shy, you don't have to worry because everyone else is talking."

Kassner, an accountant, start-



BRENTEN BRANDENBURG

Books pile up outside the **Friends of the Library** drop-box in Mountain View.

ed coming in with her grandson back in the 1990s and became attached to the organization. She officially joined the Friends in 2000 and is now in charge of the online Amazon shop in addition to her responsibilities as treasurer.

The community aspect of the program is something that strikes both Jones and Kassner as unique and important. She is especially satisfied with the sense of purpose she gets from volunteering.

"The friendships you form at work are very different from the friendships you form with fellow volunteers, because it's not a job," Kassner said. "You're here because you want to be here. I feel like I've gotten more friends and gotten to know more people, so I feel like that's a side benefit for me personally since I've started volunteering."

The strong bonds the Friends have formed with each other show through in their interactions and shared commitment to the library. Traditions like an annual Christmas party for

the sorting teams and periodic volunteer appreciation events don't hurt, either. Volunteers can expect a chorus of "happy birthdays" on their special day and homemade cards made by a fellow volunteer.

For staff like Library Director Rosanne Macek, the Friends make their jobs easier through their hard work in generating supplemental funding for the library. The funding allows the library to expand its collection, pay for important electronic resources like Brainfuse and provide programming for Mountain View residents.

"What a difference these folks make in our community. They are not only examples of how important volunteerism is, but they provide financial support for the library that allows us to do things we couldn't otherwise. It really just makes a huge impact in the community," she said.

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it as being like a “\$4 ice-cream sandwich” — “A welcome treat for people with disposable income, but still out of reach for others.”

Google recently began offering a wider variety of service plans. Rather than focusing solely on offering the fastest service, Google Fiber officials in recent months have focused on computer-literacy programs for impoverished communities rather than focusing on early-adopter customers, Esselman said.

“Honestly, I think in the last six months the landscape for Google Fiber here has changed more than in the last five years,” he said.

Silicon Valley and the South Bay makes up a vastly different consumer market for Google Fiber, with a strong tech-savvy

population thirsty for ultra-fast bandwidth. Esselman says it was surely a strategic move to test out Google Fiber in a relatively isolated market like Kansas City before rolling out the service to the metropolitan coastal cities.

It’s already abundantly clear that some residents can hardly wait for the service. In recent Mountain View meetings, seniors from local mobile-home parks have urged the city officials to advocate on their behalf to encourage Google Fiber to be brought to their neighborhoods. In some cases, neighbors have even proffered convenient times when the Google Fiber team could lay lines, such as when other utilities would be digging up trenches.

When it was announced in May that the service would be coming to Mountain View, Google Fiber officials said the service would be installed throughout the city over the

course of three years. The company provided a citywide map showing the various network hubs and service lines they were planning throughout Mountain View.

Some neighborhoods were conspicuously absent from the map, but Google Fiber officials say that doesn’t mean those neighborhoods will be excluded. Some areas will require negotiating access agreements for installation since they are privately owned, said Google spokeswoman Kelly Mason.

“We can’t say whether a particular complex will or will not be served,” she said via email. “Today, there are major apartment buildings, complexes, gated communities, mobile home parks, etc. that aren’t on the (initial design) map. That doesn’t mean we’re not planning to serve these areas.”

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November is too rigid and inflexible. In particular, she points out that the measure is a charter amendment, meaning its language couldn’t be changed except by another ballot measure.

In a staff report she authored, the mayor lays out a variety of options for the council, including drafting a competing measure for the November ballot. Showalter proposes that the city could draft a measure with the same language, but frame it as an ordinance that could be changed by the council.

Alternatively, Showalter suggests that the council could revive a past proposal for a last-resort binding-arbitration program that would empower an independent arbiter to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants. That idea came about earlier this year after months of public discussions among city officials, but it was ultimately scuttled by the council in favor of a non-binding mediation program favored by landlords.

Showalter said that the council could enact an ordinance under its own authority without the need for an election.

The mayor’s call for an alternative has been roundly criticized by the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, which presented 7,300 signatures to the city last month in order to put its rent-control measure on the November ballot. Advocates with the group say the mayor’s efforts would, intentionally or not, act as a spoiler and sabotage their measure’s prospects at the ballot box.

If enough signatures are validated, the City Council is expected to officially place the Tenants Coalition measure on the ballot at a special Aug. 9 meeting. At that same meeting, the council could act to place its own competing measure on the ballot.

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LAND SWAP

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two tech giants, including sites already built and occupied as well as areas with development rights for future construction.

Perhaps the biggest chip tossed into the pot is LinkedIn's colossal 10-building project, dubbed the "Shoreline Commons," that is slated to occupy the North Bayshore gateway along Shoreline Boulevard. The project will be handed over to Google, which would continue working with the five other landowners collaborating to build a mixed-use campus.

LinkedIn's Shoreline Commons proposal, which got the City Council's blessing in October, calls for a new hotel, movie theater, shops and restaurants that would create a sort of mini-downtown to serve the thousands of new apartments being planned in North Bayshore.

For now at least, Google officials intend to move forward on the plans for Shoreline Commons, although the development could be tweaked in the coming months, said Mark Golan, Google's vice president of real estate.

"As of now, there's no change. That development is proceeding as it was originally anticipated," he told the *Voice*. "At the end of the day, this is a positive transaction for LinkedIn, Google and the city itself."

LinkedIn will also hand over to Google the area now used as its global headquarters, a six-building site along Stierlin Court. Those buildings are currently leased by LinkedIn and total about 375,000 square feet of office space. Google would take over the lease as part of the deal.

The deal essentially results in LinkedIn making a complete exit from Mountain View's North Bayshore while Google continues to increase its already dominating presence. But while LinkedIn will need to move 3,700 employees, the company also gains a sizable new foothold just south of Highway 101.

In exchange, LinkedIn is acquiring ownership of seven buildings near East Middlefield Road and Maude Avenue, totaling about 750,000 square feet of office space. The properties add up to about 28 acres along the border of Sunnyvale that would become LinkedIn's new headquarters. LinkedIn already owns about 10 buildings nearby, so the new sites from the trade help create one unified flagship campus for the company, said LinkedIn Vice President Jim Mortgensen.

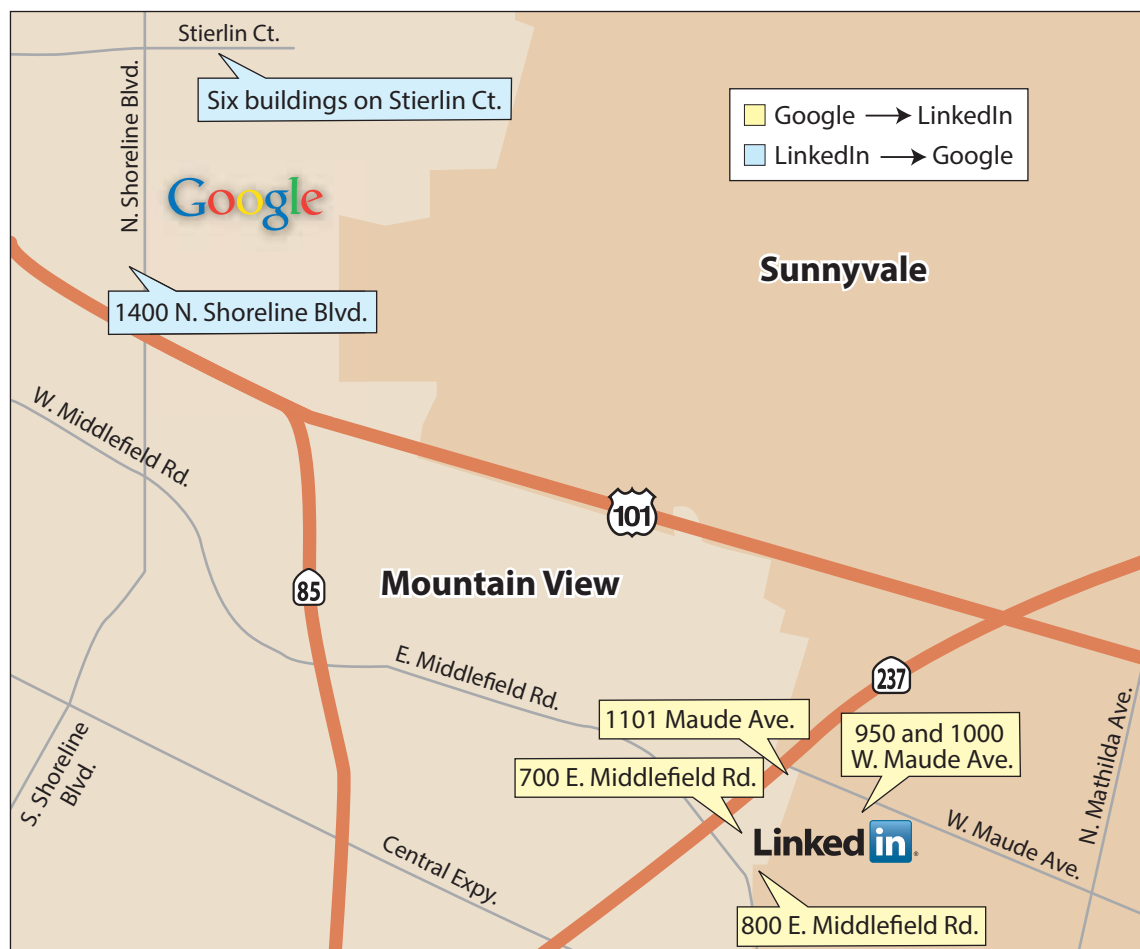
"This lets us get our employees in a walkable campus by this year," he said. "This is huge; this lets us foster our culture of collaboration, and it gets our research and development teams together so they produce better products."

Both companies hailed the new deal as a mutual win that would bolster their long-term growth; however, their relationship was hardly so amicable about one year ago. At that time, both companies were in a heated contest for a limited pool of office growth being allowed by the city. In a surprise move, Mountain View City Council members awarded LinkedIn the lion's share of future development rights, despite pledges from Google to help build housing in the area, with plenty of lucrative public benefits thrown in.

North Bayshore traffic

In the background of this complicated property swap is the equally complex problem of traffic congestion in North Bayshore. As part of giving the green light to both companies' proposed developments in the area, Mountain View officials are requiring a variety of transportation improvements, including construction of a new frontage road as well as about \$90 million in other infrastructure projects.

Those transit requirements left both companies stuck in a dilemma. Last year, as LinkedIn brought its Shoreline Commons project forward for review, city officials pointed out that the company



The sites being traded between **LinkedIn** and **Google** as part of a huge property-swapping deal announced on Tuesday. LinkedIn would move out of the North Bayshore area while expanding its foothold near the Sunnyvale border.

couldn't build its project unless Google agreed to contribute a portion of its land for a pedestrian bridge over Highway 101 and a new off-ramp at La Avenida.

Similarly, Google's various proposed developments in the region could conceivably have been obstructed if LinkedIn refused to participate in traffic mitigation.

At the time, LinkedIn officials gave public assurances the situation wouldn't be a problem, but it turns out to have been a bigger concern than was publicly revealed. In fact, both companies had already started discussions over a possible property trade last summer, Mortgensen said.

"For Google, this (property trade) makes perfect sense. More than anything else, it takes the

issue of all the transportation infrastructure that the city needs and it leaves it with one party," he said. "Google no longer has to do things that would be for the benefit of LinkedIn. That friction between us really wasn't very good."

For their part, city officials say they have known for months that the two companies were having back-room discussions about a land swap. The new deal resolves a tricky question for the city over how to fairly balance development rights between two companies that would have been forced to cooperate while competing, said Mountain View Community Development Director Randy Tsuda.

"If one company would have installed certain improvements that benefit another company, is that equitable?" Tsuda said. "The conclusion they all came to through their conversations was it's simpler to coordinate if one company was in control and had the major presence in North Bayshore."

But plenty of questions remain over the particulars of the deal. For example, last year, when city officials approved LinkedIn's Shoreline Commons project, the company pledged it would donate \$40 million to MidPen Housing to help provide affordable housing in Mountain View. LinkedIn confirmed that it will not be writing that check, and city officials say that responsibility for that approximate sum would likely be

shifted to Google as a housing-impact fee for the project. Google officials couldn't respond to the *Voice's* questions about it.

Also up in the air is the future of a row of North Bayshore small businesses that were to be redeveloped for the Shoreline Commons project. Last week, the owners of Pakistani and Indian restaurant Zareen's announced they are opening a second Palo Alto location, based partly on fears that they would need to close their Plymouth Drive location in Mountain View due to what will now be Google's expansion.

Under the cloud of looming redevelopment, the situation for the area's independent cafes and other eateries has felt half like a "bargaining chip" and half like a "chess piece" in the larger corporate game, said Rob Graham, the owner of the Sports Page Bar and Grill, located at 1431 Plymouth Drive.

He recalled Google throwing a party at his pub when the company's then-modest team of 100 workers launched their initial public offering. He said he remained nervous, but hopeful that the tech giant would consider his business' future with sensitivity.

"I don't know what's going to happen with the land swap. I have no control over that," he said. "But I do have a little bit more confidence. I know the people at Google and maybe they're not so big that they're going to run over me." ■

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Turner-trial judge criticized for bias in assault case

BUT SUPPORTERS OF JUDGE AARON PERSKY ARGUE THAT COMPARISON IS 'INFLAMMATORY'

By Elena Kadwany

Another local sexual-assault case has become the latest battleground in the continued debate over whether the judge who presided over the sentencing of former Stanford University student-athlete Brock Turner should be removed from the bench, with critics of the judge arguing it shows further evidence of judicial bias and his supporters warning it is misleading to compare the two cases.

The details of the Turner case are nationally well-known: Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky sentenced Turner, 20, to six months in jail, three years' probation and lifetime registration as a sex offender for sexually assaulting an unconscious and intoxicated young woman outside a fraternity party on campus in January 2015. Persky's sentencing decision sparked outrage among many who decried it as too lenient and biased in favor of the young, white university athlete.

These same critics are now pointing to another sentencing decision by Persky — three years in state prison, negotiated

in a plea deal for an immigrant from El Salvador who admitted to sexually assaulting his roommate — as further evidence of this partiality, though some of Persky's supporters say that it is misguided and even "inflammatory" to compare the two cases.

Raul Ramirez, 32, was arrested in Sunnyvale on Nov. 15, 2014, for sexually assaulting his pregnant roommate, according to court documents obtained by the *Voice's* sister paper, the Palo Alto Weekly.

Ramirez admitted to police that he "wanted to have sex with her, but she refused" and that she "told him to stop but he did not," according to his translated police statement.

Ramirez was later charged with two felony counts: sexual penetration by force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of bodily injury; and assault with intent to commit rape.

Under a plea deal that Persky oversaw, Ramirez pleaded guilty to the first charge and will receive the mandatory minimum sentence for that crime: three years in state prison, according to a form Ramirez signed in March. He also must register as a sex

offender for life. Like Turner, he had no prior criminal record, according to Alexander Cross, a private defense attorney who represented Ramirez for several months at the start of the case.

Michele Dauber, the Stanford law professor leading the effort to recall Persky, said the Ramirez case lays bare "disparities and injustices in the criminal justice system and the way that privilege plays a role in criminal justice system."

"It seems to be more evidence for the fact that he (Persky) really bent over backwards to give Turner an unreasonably lenient sentence when you compare it to the sentence for this individual, who was not an elite, privileged athlete and didn't get the same level of solicitude from the judge," she told the Palo Alto Weekly.

Persky's sentence for Turner followed a recommendation made by the county probation department to make a legal exception in the case and find unusual circumstances given several factors, including that Turner is young, has no significant criminal record and expressed remorse for his actions.

Ramirez, too, has no prior

record and expressed remorse — factors that "ordinarily would provide a basis for leniency," Dauber said.

Cross, however, said that the cases are "highly different, at least with the facts that matter." Ramirez admitted to the crime immediately and pleaded guilty.

In Turner's case, the victim did not remember the assault due to intoxication, and questions were raised about consent. Turner admitted to digitally penetrating the woman but testified that the sexual contact was consensual.

The Ramirez case is "a lot more cut and dry, frankly," Cross said. "The Brock Turner case — it's far more nuanced."

Santa Clara County Public Defender Sajid Khan, one of more than 100 public defenders who signed a June 15 letter to the California Commission on Judicial Performance in support of Persky, has similarly argued that it is misleading to compare the two cases.

In a June 30 blog post, Khan wrote that Persky did not have the same legal authority or discretion to give a lesser sentence in the Ramirez case.

Yet in this case, once Ramirez

agreed to plead guilty to the felony sexual-penetration charge, he faced a mandatory minimum sentence, and probation and a lighter sentence were not options, said retired judge LaDoris Cordell.

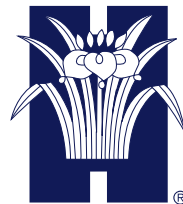
"Judge Persky had no discretion to avoid the prison sentence of three years," she wrote in an email to the Weekly.

Cordell, who joined 17 other retired judges in issuing a letter of support for Persky on the grounds of judicial independence, said that plea bargains, not jury trials, produce the most criminal convictions. She ventured a guess that a review of plea bargains in Santa Clara County would show that they end in disproportionately harsher punishments for people of color and low-income people.

"It is my belief, albeit based on anecdotal information, that plea bargaining is filled with bias, both conscious and unconscious," she said.

Khan, for his part, doesn't disagree that privilege played a role in Turner's sentencing.

But "to attribute the discrepancy between the Brock Turner sentence and Raul Ramirez's plea deal to Judge Persky and any sort of bias that he may harbor — to me, it's really inflammatory," Khan said. ▣



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The extra money would bring down mortgage costs without the buyer having to take on more debt. Landed's contribution would be in exchange for a share of the future appreciation in the value of the property.

Asmis said such a plan would help bring teachers closer to the district and improve teacher retention.

Although the startup is appealing to school districts all over the Bay Area, the extent

that teachers actually need the help could vary significantly. In the case of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, teachers made an average of \$113,000 in 2015. The countywide median income was \$106,000 during the same year. In the Los Altos School District, teachers made an average annual salary of \$78,000, and the Mountain View Whisman School District wasn't far behind at \$71,000, according to state payroll data.

Teacher turnover has been the most challenging for the

'Housing prices are going up faster than your ability to pay the faculty who are coming here to teach the kids.'

JONATHAN ASMIS, CO-FOUNDER OF LANDED

Mountain View Whisman district, forcing administrators to go on a hiring spree and bring in 170 new teachers over the last four years. In an attempt to keep teachers from continuing the exodus, district officials are now considering building teacher housing on district-owned property, though specific details about the plan have yet to be revealed.

Constructing apartments for teachers isn't an option for the Mountain View-Los Altos district. Superintendent Jeff Harding told board members at the June 20 board meeting that the district doesn't have the available land to spare for a residential development.

At a recent Santa Clara County panel on teacher housing, Harding said Landed's strategy seems like an intriguing new venture that could help teachers settle down in the community as home buyers.

"We think there's some potential here," Harding said. "It's an interesting model."

Board member Susan Sweeley, who works at Alain Pinel Realtors, told the *Voice* in an email

that Landed has a "brilliant" idea that could take advantage of rapid home appreciation in Silicon Valley, and could prove beneficial for both investors and buyers. As a real estate agent, she said, she would still like to go through all the safeguards to make sure teachers who buy properties in the area are protected. She said that she plans to meet with the founders of Landed to learn more, but for now, she is optimistic.

"I love the idea and the opportunity it presents to our teachers and staff," Sweeley said in the email.

Harding said that he talked with the district's attorney and has concluded there would be no legal obstacle to the district's supporting Landed if it creates a community fund, particularly because district funds are not involved.

Board president Phil Faillace pointed out that because the district is so uninvolved in the nuts and bolts of the financing plan, Landed could potentially start a community investment fund for teachers without any board or district support, and

wondered what role the district would actually play in the housing program.

Although the company would manage money from community investors independently, Asmis said, prospective residents would have a lot more confidence putting money into a program to support teacher housing if it is backed by the school district. He said that the district does not expose itself to potential lawsuits down the road by supporting the program.

Housing support programs are not new in the Bay Area. San Jose began its Teacher Homebuyer Program in 1999, which grants teachers an interest-free loan if they buy a home within the city limits, to be paid off during the resale of the home or after 30 years. Asmis also pointed out that Stanford has a similar program for teachers coming to the Bay Area from areas where salaries and the cost of living are significantly lower, making it tough to break into the local housing market.

"People who are moving from the Midwest to become a professor at Stanford sell their \$500,000 home and now have to buy a \$2 million home — where do they get the wealth to make that transition?" Asmis said. "One of the things Stanford does is invest alongside of them." ▣

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conscious and best effort to keep the meetings from flying out of control.

"I go to board meetings now with the sole objective of not having it turn into a circus," he said. "I guard my comments, I do not engage, I say as little as possible."

Board meetings over the last year have been governed by a rigid time-limit system that grants board members only a few minutes to talk during each agenda item. A big, red shot clock installed in the board room often cuts off comments abruptly. Lambert called it a bad system that does a disservice to the district, but it's the best solution the board could muster.

"It has prevented our board from having open and honest discussions that the public deserves," Lambert said. "But I am willing to give that up, because the other alternative is that it turns into a joke and makes our district look foolish and irresponsible."

Much of the dysfunction has

been blamed on Nelson, who has been censured for his hostile behavior toward district staff and his fellow trustees, and was the subject of a short-lived recall effort last year. Chiang, who was the board president last year, resigned from the board to protest what he called "devastating harm" caused by Nelson, prompting school community members to call on Nelson to resign.

Nelson announced earlier this year that he would not be running for re-election, leaving two of three seats open for new candidates this November. The third seat up for election this year is held by Jose Gutierrez, who was appointed last year, though he has not announced whether he intends to run this November.

Although Lambert has taken careful steps to avoid the controversies facing the board since 2012, he has avoided pointing the finger and blaming Nelson for the dysfunction in district leadership. The board acts as a whole, Lambert said, and everyone serving on the board needs to take responsibility for the problems.

Looking forward to the next election, Lambert said he thinks the district could benefit from new board members who represent regions throughout the district, particularly north of El Camino Real. Parents with children in the district would add an important perspective, he said, and it wouldn't hurt to have board members who are still young and working as well.

"I think what happens too often is people who run for public office run because they don't have anything else to do, and that can lead to too much micromanagement," he said. "If that's all you do in life, it's overwhelming and it's hard to give that up."

Despite the troubles on the school board, Lambert said he is optimistic for the future. He said the school district finally has a comprehensive plan for constructing and financing new facilities at all of its school campuses, and the new superintendent, Ayinde Rudolph, has been a good leader and has done a lot to bring back a "positive attitude" into the school district. ▣

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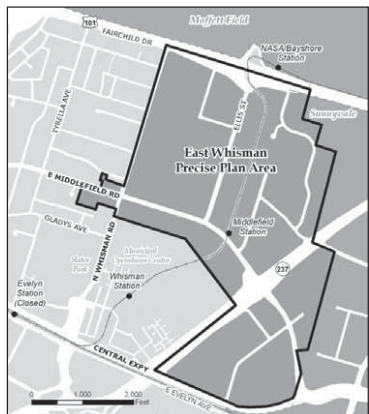


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A meeting agenda and additional materials for the workshop are available on the City's East Whisman Precise Plan website at: <http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/comdev/planning/activeprojects/eastwhisman.asp>.

For any questions, please contact Lindsay Hagan of the City of Mountain View Community Development Department at 650-903-6306 or via email at lindsay.hagan@mountainview.gov.

From Nine Stories to nursery rhymes

LISA LOEB PERFORMS SING-ALONG CONCERT AT STANFORD

By Karla Kane

Grownups may recognize the voice of Lisa Loeb from hit songs such as "Stay (I Missed You)" and "I Do," but thanks to her forays into children's music, the singer/songwriter/guitarist has a whole new generation of fans. Local families will have a chance to sing along with Loeb when she performs at Stanford's Bing Concert Hall on Sunday, July 17.

Loeb first rose to fame when her music was included in the iconic '90s film "Reality Bites," making her the first artist to score a No.1 single in the U.S. without being signed to a record label. Since then, she's had a fruitful career, releasing a number of critically acclaimed pop-rock records (solo and with her band Nine Stories) featuring infectious melodies and heartfelt lyrics.

Loeb has enthusiastically embraced the children's music scene. Her most recent album is a compendium of 35 beloved classics called "Nursery Rhyme Parade!" It was released last year via Amazon Music and her own Furious Rose label. While her previous albums contain mostly original songs, "Nursery Rhyme Parade!" exclusively focuses on timeworn favorites such as "The Muffin Man," "Humpty Dumpty" and "Hey Diddle Diddle."

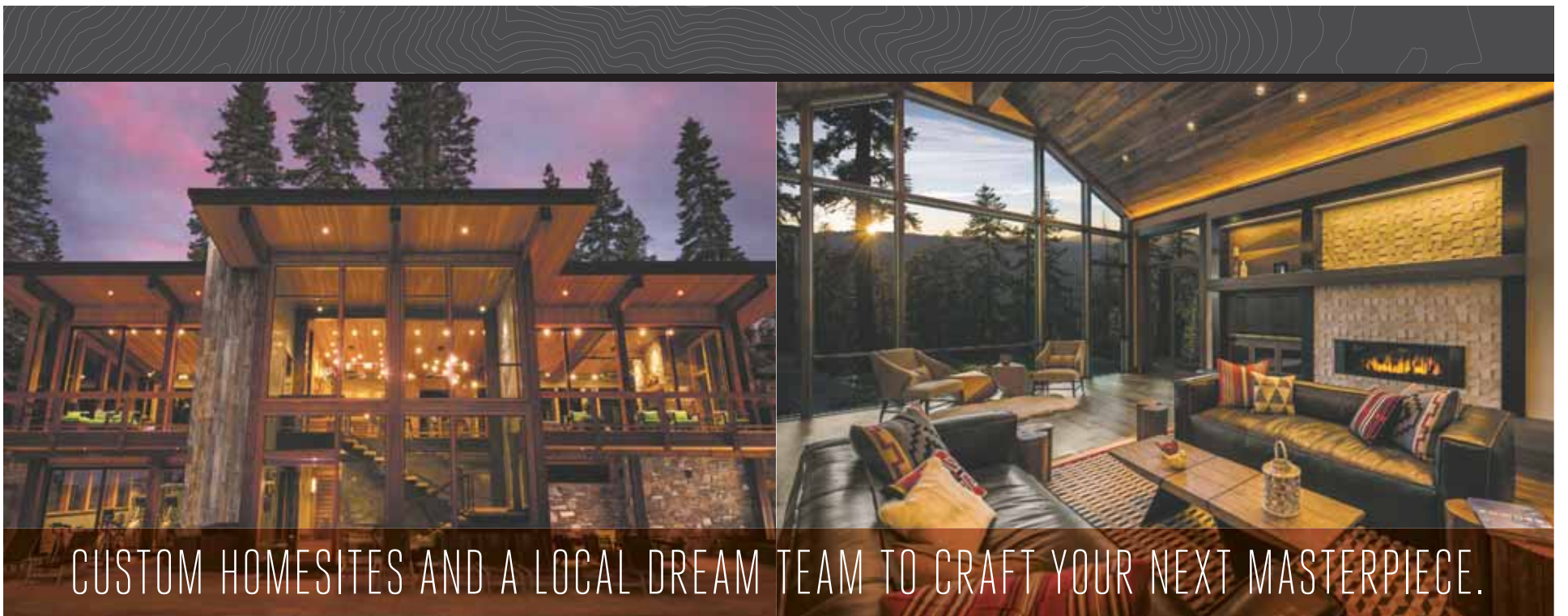
"I didn't realize until I really started playing a lot of kids' concerts that what they really connect with is songs that they already know. These are like hit songs for them. There's a real satisfaction to be able to sing along with them," she said.



Lisa Loeb, the indie singer/songwriter who was a surprise hit in the 1990s, is playing a children's concert at Stanford.

Instead of elaborate production or silly voices, "Nursery Rhyme Parade!" has a purposely stripped-down sound. Loeb's lovely, unadorned vocals are front and center in the mix, with

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LISA LOEB

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occasional harmonies, acoustic instrumentation and percussion in the background. And while she imbues her singing with enough personality to tell a story (such as portraying the scolding mother cat in “Three Little Kittens”), the overall presentation is gentle and straightforward rather than cutesy. It has a playful, intimate, soothing sound that’s evocative of a mother singing her children to sleep, which was

exactly Loeb’s intention.

She described the “old-school, analog” album as something “simple, to help kids and grown-ups connect,” and reminiscent of her childhood, “before there was so much interference by telephones and computers and info at your fingertips.”

Nursery rhymes may well be the original ear worms, surviving in popular culture for hundreds of years. Young listeners are drawn to the catchy tunes, the repetition of the rhymes and rhythms, and “sometimes the

weirdness of the lyrics brings them in,” she said, laughing. The pleasure of repeating the “knick-knack paddywack” nonsense lyrics of “This Old Man,” cannot be denied. (But “Three

Blind Mice,” which didn’t end up on the album, is not a favorite of Loeb’s young daughter, who said, ‘Mommy, that’s too violent,’ Loeb recounted.)

In addition to her music career

and active family life — the mother of two is currently finishing up another kids’ record and contributing music to Amazon’s “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie” TV show — the ever-busy, Los Angeles-based Loeb has branched out into film and television acting, voice-over work, books and stage musicals for kids, a nonprofit coffee brand and even her own line of eyeglasses.

Lisa Loeb Eyewear, launched after many years of fans admiring her proudly bespectacled look, features affordable, fashionable frames, all named after Loeb’s songs.

“If my name’s on it, I want it to represent me,” she said. “I’m very involved with — and sort of obsessed with — any project I put out. I spend way too much time on my computer doing things other than writing and recording songs. Being a business person and a creative person and figuring out where the two mix is an interesting balance.”

Though Loeb has often played in the Bay Area over the years, she said she’s looking forward to returning to Stanford for the first time since she visited colleges as a teen (she ending up earning a comparative-literature degree from Brown University).

At her show, fans can expect plenty of chances to sing along with the songs they love, drawn from her various kid-friendly projects. Performing for children “takes a little more energy” than playing for a crowd of adult fans, she said, but the value she places on audience engagement is the same.

“I ask kids a lot of questions, and audience participation will change the show. There’s an ebb and flow of participation and listening,” she said.

“A lot of my music is based on my summer-camp experience,” she added. (Loeb has also founded The Camp Lisa Foundation, a nonprofit that helps send underprivileged kids to camp).

“Kids respond to the funny or gross-out songs or songs they know from school; the parents have a great time, too,” she said. “Really, each concert is different but people seem pretty happy in the end.” ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Don't muddy the waters on November ballot

The Mountain View City Council made serious mistakes, in our view, when it approved an anemic set of rules that the majority of council members insisted would give renters adequate protection from unfair evictions and punishingly steep rent hikes. It appears that at least one council member who voted for the new rules — Mayor Pat Showalter — has come to understand that the April approval was, at the very least, a tactical blunder.

Now, the mayor is making a desperate attempt at recovery. With a citizen-backed ballot measure promising real relief for renters almost certain to come before voters in November, Showalter has called a special meeting for July 14 so that the council can consider her recommended course of counteraction: Either place a competing measure on the November ballot that would grant some of the renter protections the council majority rejected in April, or introduce an ordinance with those protections that could be approved and put in place before the November election.

The council meeting took place after the *Voice's* press deadline this week, so at the time of this writing, the council's actions are unknown. But Showalter's announcement that the council would consider a ballot measure to compete with a measure whose proponents gathered some 7,300 signatures to place it on the ballot leaves us uneasy. Is the eleventh-hour maneuver a logical, well-intentioned move, or is it an act of bad faith?

In all fairness to Showalter, she indicated during the spring meetings that she preferred stronger renter-protection measures, which made her vote to approve the toothless "protections" all the more puzzling. But now, she has urged the council to concede to tenant advocates' demands for stronger rules in an attempt to avoid what she believes to be a fundamental flaw in the citizen-backed measure.

"My real desire here is to provide a workable rent-protection program," Showalter has explained. But members of the initiative-sponsoring Mountain View Tenants Association criticize the mayor's move as an attempt to undermine their effort to pass effective rent-stabilization measures.

The council-supported measure, if endorsed this week and approved at a scheduled Aug. 9 City Council meeting, would have some of the same protections found in the citizen-sponsored measure. That includes binding arbitration, which the council signaled support for last year, but rejected in the spring when the staff presented a draft ordinance with binding arbitration as a last resort in a rent-increase dispute.

The key difference between the citizen-backed initiative and what Showalter proposes is that the former would be a "charter amendment" and would require another vote of the public to change, while the council-backed rules could be changed by the council itself. The mayor said having to go to the ballot to change the charter wouldn't allow fixes to the new rules even though unintended consequences might come to light after the law takes effect.

But will voters accept that argument? Will they support new rules that could be changed at the whim of council members, the majority of whom have already indicated they oppose any sort of legal regulation on rent increases? Or will they prefer a law that can't be weakened or otherwise changed by the city's political leaders?

We hope that the council will allow that question to be answered in November by an up or down vote on a single measure. Council members had their chance last spring. The voters should have their say in November on a ballot with a single clear choice. ■

■ LETTERS VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SOUNDING THE CALL FOR MORE CANDIDATES

On the November ballot in Mountain View will be four of seven seats on the City Council, seats on school boards and on the El Camino Healthcare District board, and the initiative measure to control rents and evictions of some existing renters (in apartments built before 1995).

In addition, on the county-wide ballot is a bond measure for subsidized housing and another sales tax increase proposed by the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) expected to raise more than six billion dollars.

If the VTA gets its sales tax measure passed, it will be unfettered in moving ahead with any ill-conceived and self-serving projects it fancies — including taking lanes on El Camino Real for its "rapid transit" buses only, collecting tolls from "express

lane" drivers on Highway 85 and creating more congestion than it relieves.

I am writing mainly to seek more candidates for local offices from whom to choose. The initial filing deadline for local offices is Aug. 12. For City Council, only five candidates have announced so far — including two current council members (Chris Clark and John McAlister) and one former member (Margaret Abe-Koga). Mountain View deserves better than those three.

Gary Wesley
Continental Circle

AN OLD GUARD VOICE SPEAKS OUT

Lucky residents of Rengstorff neighborhood. You've been aced out twice from a supermarket in walkable distance to your homes and your rents keep going up! Where were you to buy groceries

to feed your families? Now big, overpriced Safeway is coming.

The Americana, Sylvan, and Dale neighborhoods are getting a Best Buy in a perfect location for a supermarket. Save Mart kept it empty for so long and finally gave in to pressure to put in an Electronics superstore. Many seniors in three mobile home parks used to walk to that Lucky store. Many apartment residents also walked to this convenient supermarket. Employees of Palo Alto Medical Clinic MV picked up groceries to take home. There is not a convenient supermarket to walk to in this neighborhood.

With all the high-rise apartment buildings going up in Mountain View, the Planning Department and City Council have ignored the people who will live in them. You have created grocery deserts. If one does not have a car to get your family needs — good luck. Oh, hop on your bike and juggle a backpack with a few groceries or take a bus or shuttle that takes a good hour to circumvent

its route. Your milk is warm and frozen items thaw. Fresh fruits and vegetables are limp. And how many bags can you juggle on your lap for an hour?

Our city has become a place of little people, trying to keep a job, an apartment or home mortgage payments. No wonder crime and traffic are clogging our pores. Just wait for the next bubble to burst. Empty office buildings, empty apartment buildings, people leaving in droves for other states, where they might raise families, own a home and live in a less hectic world. Good! Maybe our nice, decent city will return to a quieter, calmer city once more.

I bet you can tell this letter was written by a longtime resident of Mountain View. I have paid taxes to build schools, City Hall, the library, etc., to nurture my environment and enjoyment of my city. Alas, nobody seems to care about the Old Guard who built this city.

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Tried and true

Hearty and homey, **Vino Santo Bistro** is a longtime crowd-pleaser in Redwood City

Review by Dale F. Bentson
Photos by Michelle Le

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

As Italian restaurants go, Redwood City's Vino Santo Bistro is a charmer — not exactly old-school, not exactly trendy. There's no artisan pizza there (no pizza at all, in fact), but rather the tried and true standards of antipasti, salads, pasta, meat and fish. It's a solid Italian menu we've expected and relied on for years.

The restaurant is cozy and family-oriented and the waitstaff will bend over backwards to please. Could the decor use a little freshening? Sure, since the place hasn't changed much in its 12 years. Every dish was inviting and homey, though, just like Sunday dinners at nonna's.

Chef-owner Odon Ocegueda honed his skills as chef at Chantilly Restaurant in Redwood City for 11 years and Menlo Park's Carpaccio for nine years before that. General manager and son Adan Ocegueda is a certified sommelier who has put together a venture-some wine inventory designed for pairing with the cuisine.



Left: *Vino Santo Bistro's dense, creamy amaretto cheesecake is a highlight of the dessert menu.*

Top: *The homemade pappardelle pasta is tossed with pancetta, prosciutto and mushrooms in a light marinara sauce, and seasoned with basil.*

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VINO SANTO BISTRO

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A good start was the nicely balanced prosciutto-wrapped pears (\$11). Salty and sweet, the dish featured a half dozen pear wedges enveloped in pan-seared prosciutto with arugula and an appetizing gorgonzola balsamic-reduction sauce.

A little heartier was the polenta al forno (\$12), a satisfying plate of roasted polenta topped with feta cheese, balsamic, basil and a mushroom reduction. The feta added zing

to the fragrant earthiness of the mushrooms and sauce.

Bruschetta al pomodoro (\$7) was a classic rendition of toasted bread with a hint of garlic, chunks of tomato, olive oil, garlic, capers, and basil, topped with parmesan curls. The bruschetta stayed true to its central Italian roots and wasn't blown out of proportion as it is at many local restaurants.

Caprese salad (\$10) though, was an uninspired presentation of sliced mozzarella, sliced tomato, oregano, Kalamata olives and basil. Add your own oil and Balsamic

vinegar. It was bland and disappointing, especially at this time of year. The tomatoes should have been sweet, rich and smelled like summer and the herbs should have popped. Every dish I tried at Vino Santo resonated with seasonal brightness except this one.

The homemade pappardelle (\$17) was seriously wonderful. The luscious pasta was infused with smoked paprika, boiled and then tossed with pancetta, prosciutto, mushrooms and basil in a light marinara sauce. The pasta was expertly sauced, generously coating the

pasta ribbons without drowning them. I nearly ordered a second portion for dessert.

The sweet potato gnocchi (\$18) — hand-rolled potato dumplings tossed in brown butter with crispy sage and flecks of black truffle — were neither feathery nor pasty but rather compact and full-flavored. Taste-wise, I couldn't distinguish whether the gnocchi were made from sweet or white potatoes, but they were delicious by any count.

The oven-baked and breaded eggplant, melanzane alla parmigiana (\$17), was the freshest tasting version I've had. Of course, anything straight from the oven with melted mozzarella and parmesan would taste good, but it was the tomato sauce that distinguished it. A tiny bit of sugar neutralized the tomato's natural bitterness and elevated the marinara sauce to lick-the-plate status. Segmented asparagus spears added color contrast to the presentation.

Veal scaloppine (\$21) was offered three ways: with Marsala sauce, picatta or saltimbocca (topped with prosciutto in a white-wine sauce). I chose picatta. Good choice. The thinly sliced veal had been quickly sauteed and sauced with a demi-glace, wine, butter, lemon and capers. The generously portioned and mouthwatering dish was served with scalloped potatoes and a medley of tender sauteed vegetables.

The calamari Dore (\$20) were tantalizing, the lightly battered calamari steaks sauteed in a sauce of white wine, lemon and butter. The calamari was tender, delicate and flavorful. Dore, which we see on menus associated with Dover sole, petrale, and other white fish, simply refers to seasoning with salt and pepper, dusting with flour, dipping in egg and sauteing in butter and/or oil until golden brown.

Desserts were skillfully prepared. The near-weightless tiramisu (\$7) had layers of mascarpone cream, liqueur and espresso-drenched lady fingers, topped with shaved chocolate. It was enjoyable but upstaged by the sumptuous amaretto cheesecake (\$7) which was dense, rich and creamy — a dessert of dreams.

Adan Ocegueda's wine list spans the globe with selections from practically every wine-growing region. However, it's more adventurous than lengthy, designed to introduce diners to new varietals, pairings and atypical ways of thinking about food and wine.

Vino Santo isn't cutting-edge Italian. It's charm lies in its time-tested approach: honest, straightforward, well-prepared food, thoughtfully presented and reasonably priced. ■

Email freelance writer Dale Benton at dfbenton@gmail.com.



Odon Ocegueda serves up dishes at Vino Santa Bistro in Redwood City on July 12.



The melanzane alla parmigiana is baked, breaded eggplant slices nestled in mozzarella cheese and marinara sauce, and sprinkled with asparagus.

■ DINING NOTES

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SAVORING SUMMERTIME

This summer's top food and drink events on the Midpeninsula

By Elena Kadvanly

Pig roasts, Bastille Day, Silicon Valley Beer week — summer is chock full of food-and-drink events around the Midpeninsula. Read on to fill your calendars (and stomachs).

SUMMER PIG ROASTS AT PIZZERIA DELFINA

It wouldn't be summer without a pig roast, right? In late May, Pizzeria Delfina started monthly pig roasts held al fresco in the downtown Palo Alto restaurant's patio. For \$40 (plus tax and gratuity), you get unlimited roasted pig from a local farm, "summertime" side dishes and Peroni beer on tap (or iced tea and lemonade for those who aren't boozing). The restaurant's regular dinner menu and cocktails are also available for purchase a la carte.

The event is held the last Tuesday of every month with open, family-style seating, first come, first served. Starting in August, there will be two seatings, 5-7 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to eventbrite.com.

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BASTILLE FETE DAY AT LEFT BANK

Vive la France! Celebrate Bastille Day at Left Bank in Menlo Park on Thursday, July 14, with a la carte menu specials for lunch and dinner and live music. The specials will stay on the menu through July 17. For more information, go to leftbank.com.

WHISKEY DINNER AT THE SEA BY ALEXANDER'S STEAKHOUSE

Sample "rare and intriguing" whiskeys while dining on hors d'oeuvres prepared by The Sea by Alexander's executive chef, Yu Min Lin at this whiskey dinner on Thursday, July 24, from 7-9 p.m. Whiskeys will include an Irish 12 year, a Caledonian 28 year and a Port Dundas 25 year, among others. David Stirk, creator of an "exclusive malts" line of whiskey, will attend as a special

guest. Tickets are \$155 (excluding tax and gratuity). Space is limited to 30 people. Call 650-213-1111 to reserve a spot.

MENLO SUMMERFEST

It's back, but with a new name: What used to be the Connoisseurs' Marketplace, Menlo Park's annual summer festival, is now Menlo Summerfest. Head to downtown Menlo Park on Saturday and Sunday, July 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for live music, art and plenty of food and drink. There will be food trucks, food booths, local food purveyors, cocktails, craft beer and wine. For more information, go to miramarevents.com.

SILICON VALLEY BEER WEEK

The annual Silicon Valley Beer Week will descend on Midpeninsula breweries, bars and restaurants from July 22-30. Go to svbeerweek.com for lists of events in Mountain View, Los Altos and Redwood City.

PAL BLUES, MUSIC, ARTS & BBQ FESTIVAL

The Redwood City Police Activity League (PAL) will host its 11th annual PAL Blues, Music, ARTS & BBQ Festival, at Courthouse Square in downtown Redwood City on



Pizzeria Delfina in Palo Alto goes whole hog at its monthly pig roast dinners this summer.

Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, noon to 8 p.m. Enjoy barbecue, drinks, live music and art at this free festival. For more information, go to redwoodcitypal.com.

PASTRY POP-UP AT ZOLA

Visit downtown Palo Alto French restaurant Zola on Saturday, July 23, for a pop-up of baked goods made by Howie's Artisan Pizza chef John Shels-ta (who makes special pastries for the restaurant's weekend brunch menu) and Melissa Mendoza, the pastry chef at Michelin-starred Chez TJ in Mountain View (who happens to be Shels-ta's girlfriend). Catch them 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

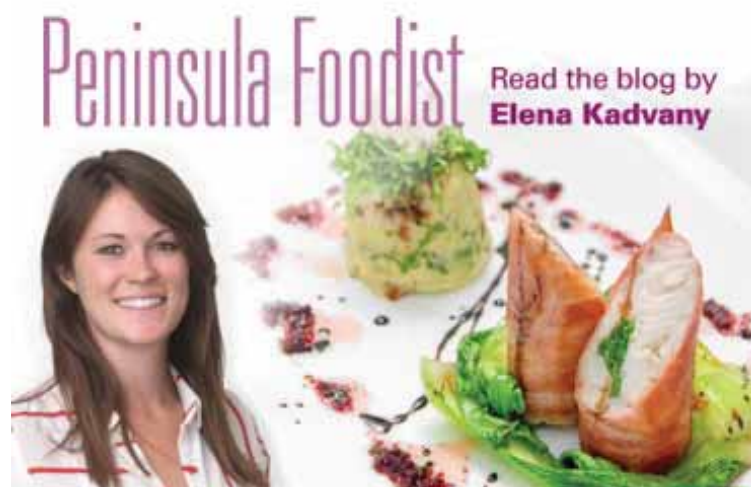
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FARM TO TABLE DINNER AT FILOLI ESTATE

Enjoy local food al-fresco at this family-style farm-to-table dinner at Woodside estate Filoli on Friday, Aug. 12, 5:30-8 p.m. Fresh ingredients are sourced from local farms and ranches as well as Filoli's own orchards and are prepared with "an emphasis on seasonality, simplicity and local availability," according to the event description. Tickets are \$175 per person; go to filoli.org to purchase before Aug. 5. Email Peninsula Foodist blogger Elena Kadvanly at ekadvanly@



Filoli estate offers al fresco dining at a special farm-to-table event in August.



MOVIE TIMES

Central Intelligence (PG-13) ★★1/2

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Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. 5:55 & 9:45 p.m.

The BFG (PG) ★★Century 16: 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 8:15 a.m.
Century 20: 10:10 a.m., 1:05 & 7:10 p.m. In 3-D at 4 & 10:05 p.m.**Finding Dory (PG) ★★★** Century 16: 9:20, 10:15 & 11:05 a.m., 12:05, 1, 1:45, 2:50, 3:40, 4:40, 5:30, 6:20, 7:25, 8:15, 9:05 & 10:05 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 8:20 a.m. Sun. 10:55 p.m. Century 20: 10:10 & 11:30 a.m., 12:55, 2:15, 3:35, 4:55, 6:15, 7:35, 8:55 & 10:15 p.m.**Free State of Jones (R)** Century 20: 12:25, 3:40, 6:55 & 10:05 p.m.**Ghostbusters (PG-13) ★★1/2** Century 16: 9:10 & 11:15 a.m., noon, 2:15, 3, 5:15, 6:15, 8:10, 9:15 & 11 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 12:01 a.m. Sat. & Sun. 8:15 a.m. In 3-D at 9:45 a.m., 12:45, 3:55, 7 & 9:55 p.m.

Century 20: 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m. In 3-D at noon, 3, 6 & 9 p.m. In X-D 3-D at 10 a.m., 1 & 7 p.m. In X-D at 4 & 10 p.m. In DBOX 3-D at noon, 3, 6 & 9 p.m. In DBOX at 11 a.m., 2, 5, 7:55 & 10:45 p.m.

Hunt for the Wilderpeople (PG-13) ★★★

Guild Theatre: 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9:30 p.m.

Independence Day: Resurgence (PG-13)Century 16: 10:10 a.m., 1:10, 4:05, 7:10 & 10:05 p.m.
Century 20: 10:15 a.m., 1:15, 4:15, 7:20 & 10:25 p.m.**The Infiltrator (R) ★★1/2**

Century 20: 10:15 a.m., 1:20, 4:25, 7:30 & 10:35 p.m.

The Legend of Tarzan (PG-13) Century 16: 9:50 & 11:10 a.m., 12:30, 1:50, 3:10, 4:35, 7:20 & 10 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 8:25 a.m.

Century 20: 11:15 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:35 & 10:15 p.m.

Life, Animated (PG) Aquarius Theatre: 2, 5:35, 7:40 & 10 p.m.**The Lobster (R) ★★★1/2**

Aquarius Theatre: 2:45, 4:15, 7 & 9:45 p.m.

Maggie's Plan (R)

Palo Alto Square: 1:45, 4:30 & 7:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9:50 p.m.

Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates (R) 1/2Century 16: 9:15 & 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:05, 7:55 & 10:35 p.m.
Century 20: 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55 & 10:30 p.m.**Morocco (1930) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. 7:30 p.m.**National Theatre Live: One Man, Two Guvnors (Not Rated)**

Aquarius Theatre: Sun. 11 a.m.

Now You See Me 2 (PG-13) 1/2

Century 20: 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

Our Kind of Traitor (R) Century 20: 11 a.m., 4:35 & 7:20 p.m.

Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 4:15 & 7 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 9:40 p.m.

The Purge: Election Year (R) Century 16: 9:05 & 11:45 a.m. 2:25, 5, 7:40 & 10:25 p.m. Century 20: 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:15, 8:05 & 10:45 p.m.**The Secret Life of Pets (PG)** Century 16: 9, 9:40, 11 & 11:30 a.m., 12:10, 1:30, 2, 2:40, 4, 4:30, 5:10, 6:30, 7:05, 7:45, 9, 9:30, 10:10 & 10:50 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 8:30 a.m. In 3-D at 10:20 a.m., 12:50, 3:20, 5:50 & 8:20 p.m. Century 20: 10:00, 11:20 & 11:55 a.m., 12:35, 1:55, 2:35, 3:10, 4:30, 5:10, 5:45, 7:05, 7:45, 8:20, 9:40, 10:20 & 10:50 p.m. In 3-D at 10:40 a.m., 1:15, 3:50, 6:25 & 9 p.m.**The Shallows (PG-13)**

Century 20: 10:30 a.m., 12:45, 3, 5:25, 7:50 & 10:10 p.m.

Shanghai Express (1932) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Fri. 5:55 & 9:15 p.m.

State of the Union (1948) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun. 3:40 & 7:30 p.m.

Sultan (Not Rated) Century 16: 6:25 & 10:15 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11 p.m.**Swiss Army Man (R)** Century 20: 1:40 & 10 p.m. v

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MOVIE OPENINGS



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Melissa McCarthy, Kate McKinnon, Kristen Wiig and Leslie Jones star in the reboot of "Ghostbusters."

'Ghost' with the most

NEW 'GHOSTBUSTERS' IS DYING TO ENTERTAIN YOU

★★1/2 (Century 16 and 20, Palo Alto Square)

Even though you should totally read this whole review, let's bottom line it. Should you see Sony's new "Ghostbusters" remake? Yes. Yes, you should. Will you be entertained? Yes. Yes, you will. Will you also be a little annoyed? Well, yeah, probably. But that's what you get for going to a blockbuster summer comedy, circa 2016.

The 1984 film, helmed by Ivan Reitman, became a smash hit starring Bill Murray, co-writers Dan Aykroyd and Harold Ramis, and Ernie Hudson as a team of paranormal "exterminators." Now revived for the Age of Reboots by co-writer/director Paul Feig and co-writer Katie Dippold, "Ghostbusters" has become a vehicle for a quartet of funny women: Melissa McCarthy, Kristin Wiig, Kate McKinnon, and Leslie Jones. Contrary to contrarians (a.k.a. sexist internet cranks), this is a great idea for two reasons: one, all four women are comedically gifted actors; and two, "Ghostbusters" now boasts the guaranteed bonus of boosting STEM education for girls.

Wiig plays physics professor Erin Gilbert, who finds her bid for tenure terrifyingly threatened when her erstwhile research partner Abby Yates (McCarthy)

re-publishes their book on the science of ghosts. In short order, both women found themselves laughed out of academia, just in time to investigate a rash of new ghost sightings in New York City. Joined by crazed cyberpunkette Jillian Holtzmann (standout Kate McKinnon) and, eventually, streetwise subway worker Patty Tolan (Leslie Jones), Erin and Abby find themselves heading up the only group qualified to save the city from a paranormal apocalypse.

There's a lot to like about the "Ghostbusters" relaunch, starting with a healthy respect for the fundamentals of the franchise: funny people, a well-established special-effects aesthetic (dazzlingly upgraded here) and science-fiction and horror tropes simultaneously taken seriously and interwoven with comedic conceits. Feig gets the most not only from his leads, but from a supporting cast that includes Chris Hemsworth as the ghostbusters' objectified himbo receptionist, Andy Garcia as the mayor, Cecily Strong as his assistant, and many, many more.

The new "Ghostbusters" runs into trouble in a few areas that intersect, like those ley lines at the point of modern Hollywood

comedy. The film is as wild as the original "Ghostbusters" was — but the original was also loose and textured and, strangely enough, grounded in ways the new one can't manage: elements like the funny-sexy courtship of Murray and Sigourney Weaver allowed Reitman's picture to breathe in ways Feig's never does. This "Ghostbusters" is out to entertain you, to be sure, but almost desperately so, beholden to its comedy-classic predecessor and curdling its own breezy-funny front end through please-love-this cameos from the original stars and into a dazzling, but numbingly chaotic, Times Square climax that just won't quit, all the way through the most manic credits you've ever seen (and the bonus footage stretches all the way to the post-credits, so stick around).

It's 2016, so like it or not, you're going to get too much of a good thing. It's unfortunate that Feig's balance tips more to mayhem than well-scripted comedy, but this respectable remake musters enough yuks to make it worth your while.

Rated PG-13 for supernatural action and some crude humor. One hour, 56 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

MIKE AND DAVE NEED WEDDING DATES 1/2

Some films strive for a future-classic status, and then there's "Mike and Dave Need

Wedding Dates," a lazy, crass comedy that confesses it's not Mr. Right, it's Mr. Right Now by name-checking better films. The film comes "inspired by the life stories of Mike Stangle and Dave Stangle," self-obsessed perma-fratboys who once ran a Craigslist ad to get dates for a family wedding. Here the duo, played by Adam Devine (the wantonly destructive Mike)

and Zac Efron (the almost-as-boneheaded Dave), seek to secure women before the Hawaiian wedding of their sweet sister (Sugar Lyn Beard). Two conniving lowlifes, Anna Kendrick's Alice and Aubrey Plaza's Tatiana, answer the call, the joke being that they're a match made in hell for Mike and Dave. All around it's a shame

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Faking bad

BRYAN CRANSTON IS 'THE INFILTRATOR' IN FACT-BASED DRAMA

★★★1/2 (Century 16 and 20, Palo Alto Square)

One law-enforcement lectures another in purple prose, and the recipient shoots back, "Is that Shakespeare?" No, but it is part of the problem with "The Infiltrator," a sturdy but uninspired crime docudrama that's neither convincingly colloquial nor thrillingly stylish.

Based on Robert Mazur's autobiographical account of the same name, "The Infiltrator" kicks off in 1986 Tampa, Florida, to tell the tale of Mazur's undercover work for U.S. Customs, specifically "Operation C-Chase," which targeted the gigantic drug-trafficking network of Pablo Escobar's Medellin Cartel by way of its money-laundering through the giant Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). Director Brad Furman ("The Lincoln Lawyer") and screenwriter Ellen Brown Furman gild the story with a few invented scenes to raise the audience's blood pressure (including a test of loyalty involving Santerla and firearms).

Aside from the evergreen drama of undercover work, Furman's greatest asset — and possibly liability — here is Bryan Cranston ("Breaking Bad") in the role of Mazur. On the one hand, Cranston tamps down his tendency toward hamminess to deliver a reasonably nuanced star turn; on the other hand, the 60-year-old Cranston doesn't have the appearance or demeanor to convince us that he's an undercover customs agent. It's a testament to his skill that he can make us forget his miscasting



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Bryan Cranston stars in "The Infiltrator," the real-life story of federal agent Robert Mazur.

from time to time, but it's miscasting all the same.

Anyone who's ever seen an undercover crime drama (think "Donnie Brasco" and "The Departed") will recognize just about every in-too-deep beat of "The Infiltrator": Mazur's concern that partner Emir Abreu (John Leguizamo) is a loose cannon; their hilariously hard-bitten boss (Amy Ryan); the near misses; the strain on Mazur's home life with wife (Juliet Aubrey) and kids; and the tug of sympathy on Mazur and his fake fiancée (Diane Kruger's agent Kathy Ertz); and the high-ranking lieutenant, Roberto Alcaino (Benjamin Bratt). None of this is the film's fault, but "The Infiltrator" falls down by settling for archetypal characterizations and relationships and by being generic when it could be — like, say, Scorsese's "Casino" — fascinatingly wonky about the ins and outs of the criminal enterprise, the law enforcement effort to take it down and the politics therein.

Instead, "The Infiltrator" is competent but just not that interesting, and the late-in-the-picture long Steadicam shot nodding to Scorsese and DePalma serves only as a cinematic distraction. For most of the picture, Furman seems consciously to be channeling cheapo '80s crime dramas (fun fact: Mazur served as consultant on the film of "Miami Vice," where Michael Mann convinced him his story was worth telling on screen).

The Furmans pace out enough gruesome moments, seedy nightclubs and telltale trappings (in one memorable scene, erstwhile star Michael Pare) to make the film something of a cheeky throwback. In the end, though, "The Infiltrator" works out to be one more fact-based drama where audiences would be better served to curl up with the book.

Rated R for strong violence, language throughout, some sexual content and drug material. Two hours, 7 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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that talented performers (especially the women) are wasted on such dire material. *Rated R for crude sexual content, language throughout, drug use and some graphic nudity. One hour, 38 minutes.* — P.C.

HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE ★★★

Writer-director Taika Waititi has another indie-flavored charmer for audiences in the new family adventure "Hunt for the Wilderpeople." The story unfolds in New Zealand, where 13-year-old Maori child-of-the-state Ricky Baker (Julian Dennison) gets placed with the Faulkners, an older couple living on the outskirts of the bush. Matters start looking up for Ricky, a problem child who romanticizes gangsterism, in the nurturing embrace of

"Aunt" Bella (Rima Te Wiata), but then circumstances conspire to leave Ricky alone with grumpy, 65-year-old Hector (Sam Neill). When Child Services tries to remove the child from him, Ricky has other ideas, and the unlikely pair, along with dogs Tupac and Zag, find themselves on the run in the bush. "Wilderpeople" can get a bit cutesy, but mostly Waititi undercuts the clichés with good humor. Dennison's a definite find, and the long-undervalued Neill makes the most of a juicy late-career role. *Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including violent content, and for some language. One hour, 41 minutes.* — P.C.

THE BFG ★★★

While passable, "The BFG" is largely lifeless, which is unusual for fantasy material birthed by Roald Dahl or directed

by Steven Spielberg. The tale begins in a London orphanage, where the lonely young Sophie (newcomer Ruby Barnhill) encounters the scary-at-first but actually gentle giant (Mark Rylance). Fearing exposure, the one and only BFG ("Big Friendly Giant") kidnaps Sophie. Sadly, they don't make fast friends, but they do make slow ones, eating almost half of the film in dull and near tensionless courtship. A twinkly John Williams score aims to prop up the whimsy, but to no avail. It's the story's second movement that gooses the film to life (during a trip to Buckingham Palace). But it's not enough to save the exposition-driven narrative, and there's little sense that Dahl's novel excited Spielberg's imagination in the least. *Rated PG for action/peril, some scary moments and brief rude humor. One hour, 57 minutes.* — P.C.

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HIGHLIGHT

Mountain View Buddhist Temple Obon Festival & Bazaar

The Mountain View Buddhist Temple invites the community to attend its annual Obon festival, a cultural event featuring Taiko drummers, Japanese food, games and prizes. The festival will come to a close at 7 p.m. on Sunday with a colorful celebration of traditional Obon dancing. Parking and admission to the event are free. July 16, 4-10 p.m.; July 17, noon-9 p.m. Free admission; food and games available for purchase. Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. mvbuddhisttemple.org

THEATRE

TheatreWorks: 'Confederates' To begin its 2016-17 season, TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will present the world premiere of the political drama "Confederates," a timely look at the 24-7 media that focuses on a presidential candidate, his daughter, desperate reporters and the unfolding of a Confederate flag. See the website for specific times and ticket prices. July 13-Aug. 7. \$19-\$80. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.theatreworks.org

Peninsula Youth Theatre: 'James and the Giant Peach, Jr.' Peninsula Youth Theatre will put on a production of "James and the Giant Peach, Jr." a musical adaptation of the wacky and magical tale by Roald Dahl. Two separate casts will switch off performances. July 14 and 15, 6:30 p.m.; July 16, 1 and 6:30 p.m.; July 17, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$16 adult; \$13 senior, child age 12 or under (plus fees). Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. pyt.net.org

MUSIC

The History of the Harp with Angel Firestar Simmons Experienced performer, teacher and composer Angel Firestar Simmons will play an evening of harp folk music from around the world. There will be copies of her CDs for sale after the performance. All ages are welcome. July 19, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Summer Sings with Schola Cantorum and The New Millennium Orchestra As part of its Summer Sings series, the choral group Schola Cantorum will welcome community members to participate in singing Bach's "Magnificat" and Mozart's "Requiem." Singers will be accompanied by the New Millennium Chamber Orchestra, and Vance George, conductor emeritus of the San Francisco Symphony Chorus, will conduct. July 18, 7:30 p.m. \$13 general; free for students ages 25 and under with ID. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. www.scholacantorum.org

TALKS & LECTURES

'Amazon Jungle Treasures' Joan Sparks will give a talk and share photos of wildlife from her two-week trip to the Amazon jungle with National Geographic photographers. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Los Altos Library. July 25, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scl.org

'One Theory of Effective Restoration and Redefining Sustainability' During this California Native Plant Society event, Lech Naumovich will give a presentation looking at how — despite the common focus on excluding human activities and mitigating human impacts — human effort can be an effective restoration tool. July 15, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.cnps-scv.org

FAMILY

Ballerina Camp For the Love of Dance in Mountain View will offer a Ballerina Camp for children ages 3 to 5, during which a professional teacher will lead them in a dance class, crafts and games. There will also be stories and a snack. July 26-28, 10 a.m.-noon. \$95. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. www.fortheLoveofDance.com

Beach Themed Storytime Auntie Dori will lead a special Beach Themed Storytime event at Books Inc., offering stories, activities and snacks. The event is best suited for ages 3 and older. July 23, 3-4 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

Cheerleader Camp For the Love of Dance in Mountain View will offer a Cheerleader Camp for children ages 5 to 8, during which a professional teacher will lead them in a dance class, crafts and games. There will also be

stories and a snack. July 26-29, 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$130. For the Love of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. www.fortheLoveofDance.com

Linden Tree Summer Concert Series Linden Tree Books will host performers on each Wednesday as part of its summer concert series. The July 20 event will feature Mr. Horsefeathers, and the July 27 Happy Bright Kids. Visit the website for a full schedule. Wednesdays, June 15-Aug. 3, 10:30-11 a.m. Suggested book donation for Reading Partners Book Drive. Linden Tree Books, 265 State St., Los Altos. www.lindentreebooks.com

Summer Outdoor Movie Night: 'Kung Fu Panda 3' The second event in the Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series will provide a free screening of the recent animated picture "Kung Fu Panda 3," which is rated PG. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. July 15, 8:30 p.m. (or when dark). Free. Sylvan Park, 600 Sylvan Ave., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/summermovies

Summer Outdoor Movie Night: 'Inside Out' Mountain View's Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series will roll on with a screening of Pixar's recent animated film about emotions, "Inside Out," which is rated PG. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. July 22, 8:30 p.m. (or when dark). Free. Eagle Park, 652 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/summermovies

Summer Outdoor Movie Night: 'The Peanuts Movie' The next Summer Outdoor Movie Night Series event will feature a free showing of "The Peanuts Movie," which is rated G. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. July 29, 8:30 p.m. (or when dark). Free. Stevenson Park, 750 San Pierre Way, Mountain View. www.mountainview.gov/summermovies

'Wolf Camp' Storytime Books Inc. in Mountain View will offer a story-time event with Auntie Dori celebrating Andrea Zull's picture book "Wolf Camp." The event, which will include activities and snacks, is most appropriate for ages 4 and older. July 27, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. www.booksinc.net

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'Water Lines: Mixed Media Prints by Michelle Wilson' The Community School of Music and Arts exhibition "Water Lines" will feature mixed-media works and prints by Michelle Wilson — a papermaker, printmaker, and book and installation artist. On Aug. 12, 6-8 p.m., there will be a public opening reception with the artist. Monday-Saturday, July 22-Aug. 27, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, Mohr Gallery, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. www.arts4all.org

GALLERIES

Gallery 9: Oil paintings by Nicole Jakoby Local artist Nicole Jakoby brings her recent oil paintings to Gallery 9 for an exhibit during the month of July. Her work aims to give life to nature with color, detail and depth. June 28-July 31, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

Viewpoints Gallery: 'Hemispheres' The July show at Viewpoints Gallery "Hemispheres" highlights the watercolor paintings of Veronica Gross, who favors plein air painting and draws inspiration from her travels near and far. June 28-July 30, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. www.viewpointsgallery.com

DANCE

Jazz/Lyrical/Modern Dance Camp This weeklong camp at For the Love of Dance will help dancers ages 9 to 17 deepen their technique in jazz, lyrical and modern dance. July 18-22, 12:30-2:30 p.m. \$165. For the Love

of Dance, 2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View. www.fortheLoveofDance.com

COMEDY

Comedians at Red Rock! Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host one of his monthly comedy showcases at Red Rock Coffee. This comedy event will be held on the third Saturday of each month through January 2017. July 16, 8-10 p.m. Free admission. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. kevinwongcomedy.com/red-rock/

LESSONS & CLASSES

An Introduction to iPad Art Presented by Mobile Art Academy, this hands-on workshop will teach how to create art digitally with a live demonstration by artist Caroline Mustard. Participants can bring their own iPad, download a free app called Paper 53 and follow along with the artist. Registration is required. July 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Design-It-Yourself: Native Plant Garden During this California Native Plant Society event, licensed landscape architect Sherril Osaka will review the principles of native garden design to help those who are ready to remove their lawns to save water, reduce maintenance and create habitat. July 21, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. www.cnps-scv.org

Digital Art Boot Camp: Intro 3D Modeling: Characters This Digital Art Boot Camp — a weeklong evening program suitable for busy adults and teens — will explore the world of 3D art while learning how to use Maya, a powerful 3D software. While focusing on characters, students will gain an understanding of how video games and animated films are being made today. July 18-22, 5-8 p.m. \$225. Art School of SF Bay, 2105 Old Middlefield Way, #D, Mountain View. www.artschoolsfbay.com

Digital Art Boot Camp: Intro 3D Modeling: Environment Offered by the Art School of SF Bay, the fourth weeklong Digital Art Boot Camp will acquaint students with 3D art, the use of the powerful 3D software Maya, and how video games and animated films are made today. This session will center on creating environments. July 25-29, 5-8 p.m. \$225. Art School of SF Bay, 2105 Old Middlefield Way, #D, Mountain View. www.artschoolsfbay.com

Health care programs orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the certified nursing assistant and medical assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. July 29, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. www.mvlae.net

Mountain View Trees: Mulch Workshop At this event sponsored by Mountain View Trees, professional arborists will provide tips and tricks on mulching and dealing with drought conditions. The event will take place behind the library in Pioneer Park. No RSVP is required. July 16, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Personal Technology Tutors Tech-savvy LinkAges volunteers will provide free, personalized technology assistance. Those interested should sign up on the website to reserve a one-hour appointment. Attendees should bring their own charged device (computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.). Wi-Fi will be available. July 19, 4-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Plotting Vs. Pantsing: Organizing (Or Not Organizing) Your Writing Geared towards writers of all levels interested in participating in National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), this workshop run by the Black

Hats Writers Group will look at the pros and cons of plotting and pantsing. Registration is required. July 16, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Integrative Yoga Certified instructor Lauren Palladino will teach a weekly yoga class for all levels of health and fitness. A focus is placed on gentle movements to improve strength and mobility. Attendees should bring a yoga mat and preferred props. Chairs are available for a safe and supported practice. Tuesdays, May 10-July 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. www.scl.org/losaltos

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Tenth Annual Edible Garden Tour Common Ground Garden will hold its 10th Edible Garden Tour, showcasing local food-producing gardens between Redwood City and San Jose. Highlights include mini-orchards, greywater catchment systems, gardening demos and more. The event is Common Ground Garden's main fundraiser and supports its education and food donation activities. July 23, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5-\$30; discounts for children under age 12 and students. Common Ground Garden, 687 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. commongroundgarden.org

SPORTS

Drop-In Bike Clinic Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available to assist community members with bike repairs and problems, including changing a tire, adjusting shifting and breaks, identifying mysterious noises and more. Attendees can use the library's tools. Third Saturday of the month, March 19-July 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Mountain View Tennis Club July Tournament For its July competition, the Mountain View Tennis Club will hold a mixed doubles tournament, open to adult players of all levels. Players can sign up with a partner, or the club can try to help match those who sign up alone. Breakfast and lunch will be included. Visit the website to register. July 23, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. \$15 member; \$20 general. Rengstorff Park Tennis Courts, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. www.mvtc.net

SENIORS

Intro to Google The Mountain View Senior Center will offer a class on using Google for things besides web searches. Topics to be covered include Google Maps, Google Images and Product Search. July 20, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/seniors

iPad Art iPad art instructor and educator Caroline Mustard will lead a one-hour hands-on workshop at the Mountain View Senior Center, including a demonstration of her work. Attendees can bring an iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch and download a free app to try creating art themselves. July 28, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/seniors

Pickleball for Seniors The Mountain View Senior Center offers weekly lessons for seniors ages 55 and older in pickleball, a growing sport that is social, low impact and easy on the joints. No experience is necessary, and all equipment is provided. Players should wear court shoes. Wednesdays, May 18-Sept. 21, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. [www.mountainview.gov/seniors](http://mountainview.gov/seniors)

Shopping on a Budget This class at the Mountain View Senior Center will look at how to save time and money while buying and preparing healthy food. Incentives and prizes will be offered. July 21, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/seniors

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3623 Glenwood Avenue, Redwood City
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Inviting outdoor spaces distinguish this fine 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom home of 1,961 sq. ft. (per appraisal) that stands on a property of 6,386 sq. ft. (per appraisal). Skylights, crown molding, and updated appliances enhance the interior, while outdoor retreats are prime for entertaining and include several fruit trees, multiple tiered decks, and a hot tub with sweeping views. The residence is ideally located within steps of Garrett Park and an easy stroll to local shopping and dining, and fine schools are easily accessible.



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1052 Doheny Terrace, Sunnyvale Offered at \$988,000

Cutting-Edge Townhome Living

Built in 2013 and filled with exciting features, this high-tech 4 bedroom, 3.5 bathroom residence of 1,906 sq. ft. (per county) showcases a home automation system to allow remote access from your smartphone.

Tucked within a well-manicured community, the home displays premium construction, energy-efficient amenities, and stylish updates. Complete with a two-car garage, this handsome townhome is within mere moments of Central and Lawrence Expressways and Highways 237 and 101, and also easily accesses vibrant Mercado Center and other fine local amenities.



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Los Altos 94022

Stunning home in Waverly Park



OPEN SAT/ SUN
JULY 16/17 1:30-4 PM

460 Eunice Ave,
Mountain View

Set on a 7,630 sq. ft. lot, this gorgeous 3-bedroom, 2-bath home in desirable Waverly Park offers 1,887 sq. ft. of living space.

Stunning extensive remodel includes Brazilian cherry hardwood floors, exquisite crown molding, and a spacious open floor plan, gourmet kitchen with Kinawa white granite counters. Enjoy quality time with family and friends in the great room adjacent to the kitchen. Both baths showcase Italian glass tiles & radiant heated floors. Ideal for entertainment, this lovely home is wired for home theater.

Your comfort is ensured with central air conditioning, furnace, CAT5 alarm system, and roof installed six years ago. The property includes a dog run with K9 grass. Huff Elementary, Graham Middle, Mountain View High. Great location!

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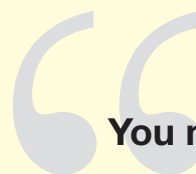
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Custom Home with Dynamic Lower Level

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175 Evandale Avenue #1, Mountain View

Beautiful 2 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, end-unit Townhome boasting 1,167 +/- square feet of living space situated on a 3,060 +/- square foot lot. Chef's kitchen with gorgeous hardwood floors, tile countertops and backsplash, dual-sink compartments, a garden window, and a dining area. Spacious living room with a fireplace and sliding-glass doors leading to the outdoors. Two master suites filled with natural light. One suite with an inviting balcony overlooking the peaceful rear grounds. Well landscaped back yard with a gorgeous patio and colorful plants and trees including Plum and Apple trees. Convenient to Downtown, Google, local commute arteries, and Excellent Mountain View Schools: Huff Elementary, Crittenden Middle, and Mountain View High School.

List Price - \$799,000



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831 Chimalus Drive, Palo Alto Offered at \$2,988,000

New Modern Farmhouse in Barron Park

Built in 2016, this exciting new 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of over 2,600 sq. ft. (per project summary), including attached garage, combines a fantastic location, farmhouse character, and modern luxury on a lot of 6,333 sq. ft. (per project summary). Fine amenities include Caesarstone countertops, Carrara marble finishes, and a sunny, open layout, while French doors open to porches overlooking the new landscaping. Within strolling distance of Bol Park and Bike Path, this residence is also easy biking distance to Gunn High (API 917) (buyer to verify eligibility).



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Classic Downtown Palo Alto Beauty



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575 Everett Ave, Palo Alto

Have it all! Ideally located close to downtown Palo Alto, lively Johnson Park, Caltrain, and Stanford. This Folk Victorian was completely renovated and expanded in 2007, staying true to the character of the home. Indulge in the restaurants, shops and nightlife of downtown while enjoying the community feeling of Johnson Park and the desirable Downtown North neighborhood.

Offered at \$3,188,000

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- 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths
- Approximately 2141 sq. ft.
- Bonus room with bay window, perfect as an office or guest room
- Finished attic (300 +/- sq. ft. not included in home sq. ft.) ideal as a play area, work space or studio
- Ample parking with room for 3 cars in driveway along with a 1 car attached garage
- Award winning Palo Alto Schools—Addison Elementary, Jordan Middle School & Palo Alto High School (buyer to verify enrollment)



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3797 Louis Road, Palo Alto
Offered at \$1,998,000

Airy Interior and Outdoor Privacy

Clerestory windows, hardwood floors, and high beamed ceilings create a fine, breezy interior within this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 1,911 sq. ft. (per county) that stands on a lot of 7,828 sq. ft. (per city). Featuring bay windows and upgraded roofing, the home also includes a fireplace, large gathering areas with outdoor access, a sun-lit kitchen, and an immense master suite. Outdoors, enjoy private yards with fruit trees and spacious decks. Stroll to parks, community centers, Charleston Shopping Center, and outstanding Palo Alto schools.



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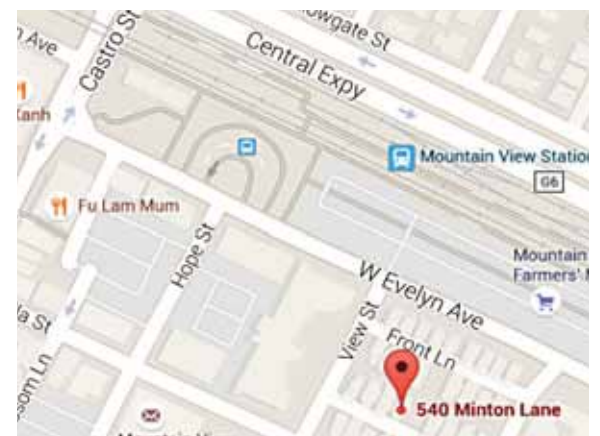
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473 Ferne Avenue, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,988,000

Bright, Peaceful Living in South Palo Alto

Luxurious updates and an incredible backyard make this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 1,765 sq. ft. (per county) highly desirable. Standing on a property of 8,030 sq. ft. (per county), this residence displays gathering areas with floor-length windows and outdoor access, encouraging indoor-outdoor living and entertaining. Amenities include stone-lined bathrooms, an attached two-car garage, fruit trees, and spacious rear patios. Stroll to Cubberley Community Center, Caltrain, and Charleston Shopping Center, and enjoy easy access to distinguished PAUSD schools.



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3396 Park Boulevard, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,988,000

Craftsman Luxury, Modern Leisure

Exuding Craftsman charm, this luxury 3 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom residence of 2,053 sq. ft. (per county) is lined with inviting, leafy outdoor spaces on a lot of 5,012 sq. ft. (per city). Layered crown molding and rich hardwood floors embellish the interior, which offers a fireplace, granite and marble finishes, and fine spaces like formal living and dining rooms and a delightful master suite. Boulware Park is steps away, and you can also stroll to vibrant California Avenue while easily accessing terrific Palo Alto schools.



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2060 Wooded Glen Drive

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- Great house for entertaining with vaulted, wood planked ceilings in the living room and separate formal dining room
- Large kitchen with center island open to informal dining and family rooms
- Roomy master suite
- Upstairs 5th bedroom and bath of 492 sq. ft. perfect for an au pair, in-law unit or game room
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737 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,988,000

Stylish Remodel in South Palo Alto

This thoroughly remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home of 1,485 sq. ft. (per county) couples large, sunny spaces with an extremely convenient property of 6,500 sq. ft. (per county). Modern updates include new heating and cooling, chic bathrooms, an impressive skylit kitchen, and many, many more amenities. Welcoming outdoor spaces offer fruit trees and lounge areas. This fabulous location allows you to stroll to Charleston Shopping Center, sought-after Palo Alto schools, and Mitchell Park, Library, and Community Center.



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4084 Wilkie Way, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,488,000

Superb Setting in Ventura

A balance of charm and urban convenience, this intriguing 2 bedroom, 2 bath home offers comfortable, accessible living. The property provides hardwood floors, a sky-lit living area, and a private, spacious backyard. Stroll to Robles Park and popular shops, restaurants, and everyday amenities. Vibrant California Avenue and the Village at San Antonio Center are within a quick drive, and you will also easily access desirable schools like Barron Park Elementary, Terman Middle (API 968), and Gunn High (API 917) (buyer to verify eligibility).



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420 Cambridge Avenue, #2, Palo Alto Offered at \$1,988,000

Eco-Friendly Luxury by California Avenue

This Sunset magazine Idea House of 1,492 sq. ft. (per county) offers 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, and an array of eco-conscious features. Tucked within a secure complex, the peaceful home provides smart amenities like home automation to allow chic, easy living. Enjoy a light-filled interior, private outdoor areas, and two-car garage parking with charger wiring. Stroll to Caltrain and popular California Avenue, and easily access splendid schools like Escondido Elementary (API 927), Jordan Middle (API 934), and Palo Alto High (API 905) (buyer to verify eligibility).



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2346 Santa Ana Street 4 BR 4.5 BA Brand new North PA home offers the best of Silocon Valley living!
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STANFORD Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,375,000**
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PORTOLA VALLEY Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$2,348,000**
110 North Balsamina Way 4 BR 3 BA Private setting. Main House w/3br, 2ba. In-Law unit w/1br +office. Near path to shopping.
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STANFORD Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$2,150,000**
761 Mayfield Ave 3 BR 3.5 BA Well-designed 2-level. Ea bedroom w/bath. Sep LR,DR,FR, study. Attach gar.views Pool.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,998,000**
460 Eunice Ave 3 BR 2 BA Stunning remodel includes spacious gourmet kitchen with Kinawa white granite counters.
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SUNNYVALE Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,175,000**
5 BR 2 BA Remodeled home has beautiful features throughout and 5 bedrooms for incredible flexibility
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SANTA CLARA Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$989,000**
3546 Golden State Drive 3 BR 2 BA Remodeled spacious ~1435 sf. home w/hrdwd floors, LR w/frplc, FR, AC, fresh paint in/out
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PALO ALTO Sat/Sun 1:30 - 5 **\$944,000**
765 San Antonio Rd #51 2 BR 2 BA Move-in ready condo has been extensively updated! New kitchen, baths, wood flooring.
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SUNNYVALE Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$898,000**
1175 Blackberry Terr 2 BR 2 BA Beautiful 1 story townhome. Upgraded end unit with 2 large patio areas. Top schools.
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SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$849,000**
4849 Cherythorne Lane 2 BR 1.5 BA Stunning kitchen. 1 car garage. AC. Cupertino Schools 2.6 miles to new Apple campus.
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EAST PALO ALTO Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$698,000**
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SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$695,000**
257 Rayos Del Sol Drive 4 BR 4 BA Fantastic opportunity to own or for an investment! 10 yr old two story SFH, many upgrades
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