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Landlords take Measure V to court

JUDGE ASKED TO HALT MEASURE V,
CITY CHERRY-PICKS WHAT TO DEFEND

By Mark Noack

Two days before being enacted, Mountain View's voter-approved rent-control law, Measure V, is being challenged and potentially halted by a lawsuit by landlord advocates.

On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 21, city officials say they learned the California Apartment Association had filed a civil complaint in Santa Clara County Superior Court seeking to overturn the rent control charter amendment as well as a set of emergency eviction protections approved by the City Council following the election.

The action came as no surprise — CAA officials had

repeatedly warned leading up to the election that the Measure V rent-control charter amendment would spur a legal challenge. Just last week, they informed the city in a formal letter that their lawyers were preparing a multi-pronged lawsuit.

The apartment association's civil complaint alleges that both Measure V and the council's ordinance are unconstitutional and amount to a taking of private property. Among their arguments, they say the measure's provisions are inadequate to guarantee landlords a fair rate of return, and that the regulations represent "an arbitrary and capricious windfall for tenants."

Meanwhile, the suit also argues that the city's eviction protections would essentially transfer the value of rental property from landlords to longstanding tenants. The measure's creation of a new Rental Housing Committee is also being challenged as discriminatory because it allows only two members to own or manage rental property or work as real estate agents or developers.

As part of the lawsuit, the apartment association is requesting a temporary restraining order to block Measure V and the eviction protections from taking effect, city officials say. That request will reportedly be reviewed by a

judge in a hearing scheduled for Thursday (Dec. 22) morning, after the *Voice's* press deadline.

In an email to the *Voice*, City Attorney Jannie Quinn said her team intends to defend the council's just-cause eviction ordinance from a restraining order. However, they do not plan to fight the landlord group's request to delay the rollout of Measure V. The decision to not defend Measure V at this juncture, Quinn wrote, was made in order to "provide time for the city to fully analyze the complaint and prepare for further hearings, and insure the immediate preservation of

**'We believe
100 percent in
the validity of
Measure V.'**

JULIET BRODIE, MOUNTAIN
VIEW TENANTS COALITION

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MICHELLE LE

Paul, 5, gets a closer look at the holiday train display on Adele Avenue on Dec. 20.

All aboard for holiday trains

There's still time to catch one of Mountain View's favorite holiday traditions — Ernie's trains. John Bianco is continuing his late father's tradition of putting on a holiday model train display, which starts on Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Day. Weather permitting, five

tracks will run trains every evening (except Mondays) at 2387 Adele Ave. from 6:30-9 p.m. On Christmas Eve, friends and neighbors will provide live music while the trains are running.

The engines and cars change daily and draw as many as 100

visitors a night. Guiding the way to the display are farolitos, another of the street's holiday tradition introduced by Ernie Bianco. The candle-lit paper bags line Adele Avenue and stretch around the corner onto Palmer Avenue, according to resident Marilyn Gildea.

YWCA fights to protect the vulnerable

NONPROFIT OFFERS SOCIAL SERVICES, EDUCATION TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Kevin Forestieri

For six years, the YWCA Silicon Valley has been a critical lifeline for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Santa Clara County, providing an escape route out of abusive and controlling relationships for vulnerable families that



could end up on the streets.

But the number of women seeking refuge with YWCA still vastly outnumbers the available

beds at its North County shelter location, making it all the more important for the organization to grow to meet the needs of the thousands of women in crisis who call in, according to Tanis Crosby, the CEO of the YWCA Silicon Valley.

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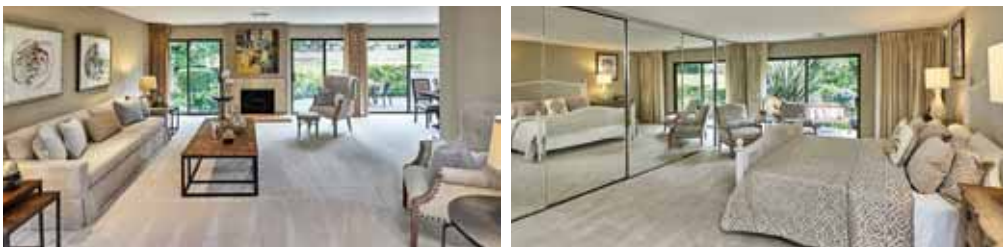
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Teresa Lee hosts a night of comedy at Red Rock Coffee on Dec. 23.

**'HOMECOMING:
A COMEDY SHOW'**

Laughter is the best medicine. Teresa Lee will host a night of stand-up comedy from comics who are returning to their local roots for the holidays on Friday, Dec. 23. Performers include Comedy Central's Kate Willett, Lydia Popovich, Dan Moyer, Jason Van Glass and Nathan Habib, plus live music from DJ Hauskaat. Admission to the show is free with the donation of canned food or a new toy on behalf of the Bay Area Rescue Mission. The show will be held at 8 p.m. at Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Go to tinyurl.com/ComicHolidays.

'OY! HUMBUG'

Looking for something a bit different on Christmas Eve? Curtains Cabaret, the new local theater company that presents a mix of striptease, dance, circus arts, drama and music, returns to Dragon Theatre (2120 Broadway St., Redwood City) to present a new holiday comedy: "Oy! Humbug" on Saturday, Dec. 24. The saucy show is billed as billed as a "variety show for the rest of us" that will "celebrate the winter holidays that Christmas forgot." Tickets are \$10-20 and the fun begins at 7:30 p.m. Go to oyhumbug.bpt.me.

**MENORAH-LIGHTING
CELEBRATION**

Chabad Palo Alto will kick off its Hanukkah celebration with a menorah lighting event at Palo Alto's City Hall (250 Hamilton Ave.) on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 4:45 p.m. The Festival of Lights celebration will include live music, dancing, a raffle, food and a "dreidel bike." Go to chabadpaloalto.com.

CARLOS PAVAN

Classical guitarist Carlos Pavan will perform a free recital on Wed., Dec. 28, at 7 p.m. at the Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma St. Originally from Argentina and currently based in New York, Pavan composes and plays a blend of music with classical, jazz and traditional Argentinian influences and has toured worldwide. His most recent album, consisting of original compositions for guitar and strings, is "Suite del Interior." Go to carlospavan.info.

#WHIPLASHWILLOW

The Palo Alto Art Center is inviting the community to submit their best photos of the new Patrick Dougherty sculpture, "Whiplash," to its Instagram contest. To enter, upload your photos with the hashtag #whiplashwillow. The competition is open through Feb. 1 and will be judged by curator Selene Foster. The winning photos will be featured in an upcoming exhibition. Go to cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

**FREE YOGA WITH
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Join "Surfer" Mike Kintz for a free community yoga and mindfulness meditation class on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Kintz (who, as his nickname suggests, is also a big fan of surfing) has been teaching meditation and yoga since 1997 and offers a free community class on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Go to yogawithmike.com.

—Karla Kane



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CRIME BRIEFS

ARREST OVER KNIFE THREATS

Police arrested a 26-year-old transient in downtown Mountain View last week after he allegedly stole another man's earbuds, and threatened him with a knife when confronted about the theft.

Police received reports that the suspect, later identified by police as Jon Hamilton Jr., was brandishing a knife a little after midnight on Thursday, Dec. 15, in the 200 block of Castro Street. When officers arrived, the victim told them about the alleged threat, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The man told police that two days prior, Hamilton had stolen his earbuds, and when he ran into Hamilton again that night, he confronted him about the theft. Hamilton allegedly became aggressive, pulled out a knife and threatened the man, Nelson said.

During the detainment, officers found the earbuds in one of Hamilton's pockets and returned them to the victim, Nelson said. Hamilton was arrested on charges of making criminal threats, possessing stolen property and brandishing a weapon. He was transported to Santa Clara County Jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MTC TEAMS WITH WAZE

The agency responsible for helping plan and finance the Bay Area's transportation systems is teaming up with a tech company that crowdsources real-time traffic information in order to ease congestion on the region's notoriously clogged roadways.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Waze this week announced the data-sharing partnership, which is intended in part to provide drivers with better real-time traffic and road-condition information.

"The more data we receive, the better our maps become and the better our maps become, the better our routes become," said Waze spokeswoman Meghan Kelleher. "If we work together we can outsmart traffic."

Waze will share the information that is collected by its users via cellphone apps about traffic and road conditions. In return, MTC will share similar information from its Freeway Service Patrol, a

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MICHELLE LE

Annamae Thomas, left, chats with another client at the North County Cold Weather Shelter in Sunnyvale, which is only open November through March. The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors is committing funds to bring homelessness resources to the Mountain View and Los Altos area.

County pitches in to solve city's homelessness

NEW PARTNERSHIP SEEKS TO REDUCE CAR-DWELLING MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors approved a contract last week that launches a new partnership with the city of Mountain View aimed at preventing homelessness and getting some of the city's vehicle-dwelling population off the streets. Once approved by city officials, the agreement would be the first concrete step towards reducing the number of cars and RVs that have turned makeshift

homes for people priced out of housing.

The contract, which supervisors approved at the Dec. 13 board meeting, leverages \$62,500 of the city's dollars — along with \$150,000 of county funds — to house 20 chronically homeless people who live or used to live in Mountain View. Each beneficiary will be given a permanent rental subsidy or an affordable housing unit, which is expected to cost an estimated \$15,000 per household per year.

The contract also includes a

provision that the city and the county will spend \$30,000 each on outreach services, to help the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA) connect homeless residents with the appropriate housing programs and services. The outreach worker will work with people living in their cars and RVs to determine whether permanent supportive housing is the right fit for them.

Homelessness has increased drastically in Mountain View in recent years. Santa Clara County's most recent survey of homeless residents found that the number of homeless people in Mountain View spiked from 139 in 2013 to 276 in 2015, despite an overall decrease in homelessness across all 15 of

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A second chance at a higher education

STUDY.COM, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEAM UP TO OFFER TUITION-FREE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAM

By Kevin Forestieri

It may sound too good to be true, but a Mountain View-based education company is giving anyone who lives or works in Mountain View the chance to earn a college degree without having to pay a dime.

The Mountain View Working Scholars program, launched by the company Study.com, kicked off two months ago and is offering an educational opportunity for those working in Mountain View who haven't completed a college degree. By leveraging online courses that can earn people accredited college units, the program is allowing workers in the city to stay on the job and complete college courses on their own time, with the ultimate goal of earning a bachelor's degree.

But what's the catch? That's what many of the employees in the downtown area wonder when the company lays out the premise of the program, said Bo Cheli, the company's manager of community relations. Rather than sell the idea of Mountain View Working Scholars through press releases and other traditional channels, Cheli has taken to the streets and talked to workers at downtown Mountain View businesses and beyond, asking retail and service sector employees what they think about going back to school and earning that college degree.

"Often it is received in disbelief or in tears, and sometimes a

combination of the two," Cheli said at a Mountain View City Council meeting last week.

Study.com is an online education website that allows users to pay fees in order to take thousands of classes on a digital platform, from middle school to post-graduate. Unlike other online academies, however, about 85 of those courses can be completed for college credits. Anyone enrolled in the Working Scholars program will get access to these courses, and will be able to complete up to 90 units of college courses towards a bachelor's degree in business administration.

From there, the enrolled students begin taking online classes at Thomas Edison State University — which is headquartered in Trenton, New Jersey — to complete the final classes before finally a college degree. Study.com has partnered with the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation to launch a scholarship fund to pay for the courses at Thomas Edison, which is expected to cost between \$3,300 and \$4,300 per student, in order to offer employees living and working in Mountain View with an entirely tuition-free degree.

Adrian Ridner, the CEO and co-founder of Study.com, said he and the company have been looking for ways to give back to the community, and that offering

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City withholds details on rental committee applicants

MEDIA-LAW ATTORNEY CRIES FOUL OVER REFUSAL TO RELEASE APPLICATIONS MARKED AS PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

By Mark Noack

As Mountain View's extensive new rent-control law goes into effect, the City Council faces a big decision: Who should be put in charge of the powerful new regulatory arm that will oversee the program?

Under the language of Measure V, which voters approved last month, that oversight falls to a new Rental Housing Committee, a five-person panel that will

be chosen by the council in the coming weeks. By the Tuesday (Dec. 20) application deadline, 22 people had submitted paperwork to join the volunteer committee.

The list of candidates includes some familiar figures, such as former City Council member Tom Means; Safe Mountain View founder Patrick Moore; and Joan MacDonald, an organizer with the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, which put Measure V on the November ballot. But a

large portion of these applicants are likely to be unknown to most residents. And any curious citizen hoping to learn a little more about these would-be committee members won't get much help from the city of Mountain View.

City attorneys are barring the public release of most paperwork submitted by the applicants in what a media-law attorney is calling a violation of the California Public Records Act.

Following a public records

request by the *Voice*, the city clerk's office released only a list of names and the last two pages of candidates' five-page application. The pages being withheld contain the bulk of the applicants' personal details, including contact information, work history, qualifications and their reasons for wanting to join the committee.

The released back pages include only a personal statement detailing applicants' real

estate interests, a section many applicants left blank. Some information on these pages was redacted by city officials without explanation.

City attorneys say that most parts of the applications must be withheld because they contain "materials reflecting deliberative or decision-making processes by city officials." They cite a 1996 California court decision,

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Mountain View signs up as human rights city

NATIONAL POLITICS PUSH LEADERS TO OVERCOME PAST SKEPTICISM

By Mark Noack

Spurred by a wave of intolerance in the national political discourse, local leaders last week signed up Mountain View as a “human rights city,” pledging to protect life and liberty. By doing so, Mountain View joins cities such as San Francisco, Seattle and Eugene, Oregon in adopting the United Nations’

Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a framework for guiding future policies.

What this means for local government may be more symbol than substance, given that many of the same human rights are already enshrined in the U.S. constitution. But city leaders said it felt appropriate to reassert basic principles of dignity and tolerance given the circumstances

surrounding the presidential election.

“We are facing a time when the kinds of speech have now become commonplace that, for 20 years, were not said publicly,” said Mayor Pat Showalter. “At this time, we need to stand up and say that human rights are very important.”

The Mountain View City Council approved becoming a human rights city in a 5-2 vote, with John Inks and John McAlister opposed at the Dec. 13

meeting.

The human rights proposal generated a fair amount of controversy when it was first floated. Many council members were lukewarm to the idea when it was proposed last year. They pointed out it was a symbolic gesture to reaffirm the city’s principles, but they worried that signing the city onto international human rights rules could somehow leave Mountain View vulnerable to legal liability in the future.

Other took that concern a step

further, hinting that the action could gradually surrender local governance to a foreign set of rules. City staff described the human rights framework as mostly aspirational, but Councilman John Inks warned the doctrine’s language could result in real social-welfare costs for the city.

“This is a manifesto for socialism,” he said. “This is only a starting point; this is a springboard for a U.N. system of governance and economic policy.”

Supporters described it very differently. Professor Francisco Rivera, director of Santa

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people in Mountain View the option to earn their bachelor’s degree is a good opportunity. Of the people over age 25 living and working in the city, Ridner said an estimated 45 percent do not have a degree, and many of them have to keep working to keep up with the rising cost of living and can’t afford to go back to school.

The high tech companies that put Mountain View on the map and brought economic prosperity to the region unfortunately have left a lot of people behind, Ridner said. For every tech employee in the region, there’s an estimated five service employees, he said, making it all the more important to find ways to give them a chance to get a leg up.

“It’s just not sustainable, and we have to do our part to sustain the local economy,” Ridner said.

Since launching the program, Cheli and others have reached out to people working in retail, the food service industry, single working mothers and local military employees. Employees from Burger King, Pacific Eye Care and all four of Wells Fargo’s Mountain View branches are among the people working in the city who have joined the program.

“The conversations I have had with workers in Mountain View these last couple months in Mountain View have been nothing short of heart-warming and heart-breaking,” Cheli said at the council meeting. “I have heard countless stories of people who live in one of the most prosperous places in the world, but can’t afford the time or expense to get the degree that would allow them to participate in the city’s success.”

All told, about 30 people are actively working on college courses, and another 250 applicants have joined the Working Scholars program, many

of whom heard about the program directly through Cheli in a one-on-one conversation in downtown Mountain View. Max Dehart, 27, works behind the register at the Therapy boutique, and jumped at the opportunity to go back to school through the Working Scholars Program.

Like many of the program enrollees, Dehart said he went to college immediately after high school, but eventually dropped out in order to work full-time. While he intended to go back to school, he said he got stuck in a cycle of paying for an expensive apartment, and simply doesn’t have enough money to go back to school.

At first, Dehart was skeptical of the Working Scholars program. Not only was it promising so much, but the idea of taking three-fourths of the classes online for a degree — with no homework — seemed bizarre. After learning that the program is linked with an accredited college, he decided to give it a shot.

“This is an opportunity I’m not sure is ever going to come again, so I jumped on it,” he said.

It may seem a little odd to pick a partner college, Thomas Edison State University, that’s on the opposite side of the country, but Ridner said it was a conscious choice to pick a school that shared the mission of Mountain View Working Scholars. The school has a reputation, he said, for helping working adults who need flexibility in their lives to accommodate a full or part-time job, and for focusing on affordable degrees.

The school is also known for offering online college classes that can be attended and completed remotely before it became a mainstream practice. An article in the New York Times from 1994 showcased the school for giving students the chance to attend classes from anywhere, provided they had a “home computer, modem and telephone line.”

Tony Siress, CEO and president of the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, said that the chamber’s education foundation has since raised \$32,000 in scholarship funds so far. Under the structure of the Working Scholars program, students complete all of their credits with Study.com before applying for the scholarships, which is set aside to fund the last leg of the degree by paying for the classes at Thomas Edison.

Support for the program has been strong among the city’s business community, Siress said, in part because their own employees have applied to be Working Scholars.

“We’re able to point to employees in their organizations who have signed up,” he said. “If you think about Kaiser and El Camino and PAMF, all of them have a very diverse workforce, and knowing that their employees are looking to complete their education is really a win.”

Mayor Pat Showalter said she has been impressed with the company’s approach to the program, and invited Cheli to make a presentation at the City Council meeting last week. She said education is vital, and that it’s important to maintain diversity in the city by helping residents and employees in Mountain View who, for whatever reason, didn’t end up finishing college.

“Not having a degree, that always hurts people,” Showalter said. “When you look at the statistics ... that piece of parchment makes a big difference in many peoples’ lives.”

Study.com is planning to host an open house on Jan. 19 for current and prospective Mountain View Working Scholars, where students currently enrolled in the program will be sharing their thoughts on the program and how taking online classes fits into their busy schedules. ▣

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Rent control to take effect amid questions

RENT ROLLBACK SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THIS FRIDAY

By Mark Noack

With plenty of caveats, uncertainty and challenges, Mountain View city staff are moving full-steam ahead with plans to implement the Measure V rent-control program this week. Starting this Friday (Dec. 23), city officials plan to launch what might be the trickiest piece of all: a citywide rent rollback to rewind thousands of apartment rents back to October 2015 rates.

Potentially, millions of dollars are at stake as tenants are expected to see their rents rewind with no plans for an upward adjustment until around summer of 2017. Due to a state law, this rollback will affect only older apartments occupied prior to 1995. That subset still accounts for a sizable portion of the city's housing stock, more than 14,000 apartments.

City officials say they won't be going door-to-door ensuring that this rollback is being implemented. Instead, they are working under what might be called an optimistic plan for tenants and

landlords to handle the switch largely on their own.

In recent informational seminars, city officials strongly suggested tenants and landlords start a dialogue on the rent-control package. Members of Project Sentinel, the city's housing mediation contractor, urged tenants to take the initiative by communicating with their landlords as soon as possible.

Tenants could propose prorating their rents for the remainder of December, or provide their landlords with any evidence of prior monthly rent from October 2015, suggested Project Sentinel spokesman Martin Eichner. He said landlords should be responsible for notifying their tenants on how they will handle this rollback.

"This is supposed to be an automatic rollback, but since many landlords might not know about it, we're recommending tenants approach their landlords with a letter to request this rollback," said Sandra DeLateur, Project Sentinel spokeswoman. "This is just a recommendation so the communication lines are open."

But any hope for smooth sailing for the rent-control launch is already hitting some bumps. More than one person in attendance at a city seminar for tenants last week complained their landlords had recently notified them of a rent increase starting Jan. 1. And tempers boiled over at a similar meeting intended for landlords as many attendees complained the new rules are misguided and draconian.

Meanwhile, Mountain View's plans to launch Measure V could be derailed by a lawsuit filed this week by the California Apartment Association, a landlord advocacy group. As part of that lawsuit, city attorneys expect the apartment association to request some type of injunction that would postpone Measure V from taking effect. If granted by a judge, it is not clear what this would mean for tenants and landlords.

For the time being, Project Sentinel officials suggest that tenants pay whatever rent is set by their landlord, even if they disagree

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City plans to implement **Measure V** hit a bump after landlord advocates filed a lawsuit.

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the just-cause ordinance."

Quinn did not say who made that decision.

The threat of a legal challenge rattled city officials in recent days. After receiving a letter warning of the suit, the Mountain View City Council hastily assembled late last week for a closed-door meeting to discuss unspecified pending litigation. In interviews with the *Voice*, city officials left little room for doubt that the meeting was about the threat of a lawsuit against Measure V.

Across the board, city officials said their response would depend on the details of the lawsuit. Trying to comment at this time would be speculation, said Mayor Pat Showalter.

"We're going to see how this unfolds — I'll be very interested to see what happens," she said. "We'll do the best we can."

What this means for apartment renters and landlords in Mountain View is anyone's guess. The charter amendment set to take effect on Dec. 23 includes a sweeping rollback of rents to October 2015 rates on thousands of apartments. If granted, a restraining order would temporarily halt these provisions until a full court hearing can be scheduled.

The uncertainty of a potential lawsuit has been hanging over city officials in recent days as they worked to begin implementing Measure V. In an informational session on Thursday night, officials with Project Sentinel, the city's housing-mediation contractor, repeatedly warned tenants that their advice could be rendered invalid if a lawsuit ended up delaying various provisions from taking effect.

Measure V scored a victory on election night with more than 53.4 percent of the vote, but the initiative had far less support among elected leaders. Six out

of the seven Mountain View council members opposed the measure, most of them backing a milder alternative they added to the November ballot.

Following the election, however, most council members voted to immediately enact a section of Measure V calling for just-cause protections in order to prevent wide-scale evictions before the charter amendment took effect.

Mountain View is not obligated to defend Measure V if a lawsuit were filed, Quinn said. In that scenario, city leaders would decide in a closed-session vote whether to defend the law. That vote would have to be reported out to the public, she said.

For months, proponents of Measure V have maintained that rent-control laws and eviction protections have been upheld in California courts as legally sound. The Mountain View Tenants Coalition, which put Measure V on the ballot, could intervene to help defend the law, said spokeswoman Juliet Brodie.

"We believe 100 percent in the validity of Measure V," she said. "We're all going to have to wait and see what they do, and we'll respond accordingly."

Measure V was written with a so-called "severability" clause designed to prevent the charter amendment from being thrown out entirely if a specific provision is found to be flawed in court. CAA attorneys could still mount a wholesale attack against the measure, Brodie said.

"The city has an obligation to defend the measure unless our attorneys consider it unconstitutional," said Councilman Lenny Siegel, the charter amendment's lone supporter on the City Council. "The record across California for decades has been that similar laws covering millions of people are constitutional."

The California Apartment Association did not return calls for comment. ▣

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the county's cities and towns. A subsequent survey by the city in June found that 126 vehicles along Mountain View streets are inhabited, including numerous RVs parked on Latham Street and Crisanto Avenue.

'Any type of effort to reduce homelessness requires an array of programs.'

KY LE, COUNTY OFFICE OF SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

These makeshift RV camps have been a source of conflict in the city for more than a year, with neighbors complaining that the number of vehicle dwellers has gotten out of hand, creating garbage, noise and safety problems. At a meeting in October, City Council members agreed to set aside funds for both the outreach services and the permanent supportive housing efforts by the county.

Add it all up, and both agencies are pitching in a grand total of \$272,500 in funding through June 2017 for fixing the homeless problem in Mountain View. The hope is that double that

amount — \$545,000 — could be leveraged in both the 2017-18 and the 2018-19 fiscal years, amount to nearly \$1.4 million in new funding, according to Ky Le, director of the county's Office of Supportive Housing.

The extra funds could go a long way towards paying for rapid rehousing as well as homelessness prevention — typically one-time financial assistance to keep people in their homes — all aimed at reducing homelessness within Mountain View. The proposed extension of the agreement through June 2019 is expected to be considered by the City Council in March.

"The long term goal is to create a robust partnership with the city of Mountain View to reduce and prevent homelessness in the city," Le said. "And any type of effort to reduce homelessness requires an array of programs."

At the October meeting, Mountain View City Council members also agreed to a package of short-term homeless support services, including mobile shower services, restrooms and laundry machines, as well as free waste-tank caps for RV owners to ensure that the tanks aren't leaking onto city streets. Since the meeting, the city has installed a Port-a-Potti at the edge of Rengstorff Park, and are hoping to wrap up a contract with CSA for mobile hygiene services and additional washers and dryers

sometime in January, according to Kimberly Thomas, assistant to the city manager.

The new contract with the city is one of several efforts by Santa Clara County officials to bring homeless support services to the North County area, which lacks year-round shelter space. Last month, the county opened the new Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter, a 125-bed shelter that is open from late November through March. The shelter has been at capacity as of Monday, Dec. 19, at least, Le said.

The Office of Supportive Housing also plans to assign a project manager to develop more long-term solutions to the homeless problem, including safe parking and emergency shelter programs in the Mountain View and Los Altos area.

At the October council meeting, City Manager Dan Rich said the city won't seek any blanket parking restrictions on people living in their vehicles until a broad set of alternatives is in place for the homeless residents. Once the city has in place a safe parking program, rotating shelters, rapid rehousing and other initiatives, he said, the city can circle back to enforcement solutions to clear out the city's streets.

"The philosophy to date has been until there are alternatives and options for folks, we're not going down that path," Rich said. ▣

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Wilson v. Superior Court, that ruled against disclosing candidate applications for a vacant Orange County supervisor seat because releasing these documents reportedly could have prejudiced political decision-making.

“What you’re asking is for us to ignore established case law and give out these applications,” said City Attorney Jannie Quinn. “These are public records, but they’re protected from disclosure by the deliberative-process privilege.”

But one media-law attorney says that argument is hogwash. While city officials referenced a court case, they haven’t shown how withholding these applications outweighs public disclosure, said Nikki Moore, a public records attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association. If information had to be withheld, city officials could have released the documents with redactions, she said.

“They’re supposed to look at the entire records and make a determination of what is not disclosable and justify that,” Moore said. “I don’t see any effort to do that here.”

The language of Measure V is

also being picked apart by the attorneys on both sides. The measure lays out specific criteria for what information needs to be submitted by Rental Housing Committee applicants, including the statement of personal real estate holdings. At the end of this section — which is also the end of the entire five-page application form — the measure states: “This documentation shall be made available to the public.”

That sentence should leave no doubt that the entire application is supposed to be fair game for public release, Moore asserted. Even if some information was exempt from the public records act, this language indicates it should be disclosed, she said.

But city attorneys interpret that section differently: They say it calls only for the release of statements of applicants’ real estate holdings, not the entire application. Therefore, they argue, they’re obligated to release only the back pages of applications.

“I think it’s the most reasonable interpretation of that language,” Quinn said.

Quinn indicated that the city could decide to release the full applications after the City Council chooses the committee’s members. Her team will look into that, she said.

The new committee will wield enormous decision-making authority, second only to the City Council. Among its duties, committee members can determine how rigorously to enforce Measure V’s provisions and set citywide rent limits based on the local Consumer Price Index. Additionally, the committee can hire its own staffing and levy fees on landlords to offset the costs.

That significant power clearly troubled City Council members in the weeks leading up to the election. They expressed concern over what would happen if a committee member went “rogue,” overzealously pursuing landlords and creating a legal quagmire on the city’s dime.

Council members will not be able to remove committee members after they are appointed to a four-year term.

Given that background, it’s likely that council members will be extremely cautious in whom they pick for the job.

Who wants to be in charge of rent control?

In mid-January, the Mountain View City Council is expected to interview and choose five members and one alternate for the Rental Housing Committee.

The council may not choose more than two committee members who either own or manage rental property, or work as real estate agents or developers.

Here’s the full list of names of those applying for the committee:

Frances Johnson
Peter Trembois
Robin Booth
Patrick Moore
Emily Ramos
Michael O’Brien
Maria Diaz
Matthew Grunewald
Joan MacDonald
Vera Szepesi
Evan Ortiz
Fred Kiani
Angel Santuario
Julian Pardo de Zela
Philip Marechal
Steven Goldstein
Barbara Kuang
Steven Hochstadt
Edward Tico
James Leonard
Gene Lee
Tom Means

It was not possible for the *Voice* to ascertain which of the applicants own or manage rental property, or work as real estate agents or developers, based on the partial information that the city released. ■

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over the amount. If tenants try to take a stand by refusing to pay, their landlords could move to immediately evict them by sending a three-day termination notice. Any court hearing that would result from that scenario would likely put a tenant at a disadvantage, they said.

For now, city officials say their plans for Measure V will continue to move forward unless they hear that a court is ordering them to stop.

“We have no idea what the judge is going to say (this week),” said city Housing Director Wayne Chen. “The general summary for us is we’ll continue the work that needs to be done, but we have to wait and see what happens.”

Tenants’ concerns over recouping money or rent increases can eventually be reviewed by the new Rental Housing Committee, which still needs to be formed. The committee is expected to begin its work by February.

More information on the city’s implementation of rent control can be found at www.mountainview.gov/rentstabilization or by calling a new hotline, (650) 282-2514. ■

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YWCA Silicon Valley is one of seven local nonprofit organizations that benefit from the Mountain View Voice's annual Holiday Fund. Donations are divided equally among the nonprofits and are administered by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation at no cost, so 100 percent of contributions go to the recipient agencies.

The organization serves about 300 women and their families each year through its shelter network, which has an undisclosed location in the North County area. The trouble, Crosby said, is that it's the only domestic violence shelter between San Jose and the San Francisco International Airport. YWCA received 2,500 requests for shelter service that had to be turned away over the 2015-16 fiscal year, leaving women to decide between violence or homelessness.

"The shelters provide an absolutely vital service, and that service is not enough," Crosby said.

While the shelter itself maintains a low profile to protect the women it serves, the YWCA headquarters in downtown San Jose has a giant, proud orange banner proclaiming the nonprofit is "on a mission" to empower women and eliminate racism — a major component in domestic violence. National survey data cited by YWCA found that just over one in five Latina women experience physical assaults, and nearly 8 percent have been victims of rape.

A lot goes on inside the YWCA headquarters. Over the past year, the nonprofit provided counseling to 1,300 people, and fielded a total of 4,000 calls to its crisis

hotline center, which is available toll-free, around the clock. Similar to a 911 operator, each crisis hotline operator is a trained and certified employee or volunteer who can help victims of rape, domestic violence or sexual assault, and can provide on-the-spot crisis counseling, Crosby said.

At the same time, the organization provides subsidized child care services, adding up to about \$256,024 in discounted services over the last year, and is currently working on preschool licensing to provide early learning programs to low- and middle-income families.

The broad cross-section of services is important, Crosby said, because women and children seeking refuge from domestic violence need more than just a place to stay — they often need counseling, child care and language support services in order to stabilize their lives. All told, a total of 10,613 people relied on YWCA Silicon Valley over past year for domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault support services.

Crosby described how one client, Maria, was experiencing "significant forms of violence, control and abuse in the home" while she was pregnant and about to give birth to her child, making it all the more important for her to escape the situation. YWCA was her lifeline, Crosby said, and with the help of the nonprofit, Maria was able to get back on her feet, raise her child in a supportive environment and pursue her career goals.

"YWCA is not just a safe place to stay for the moment," Crosby said.

Although many of these services are centralized in San Jose,

YWCA Silicon Valley opened the doors to the Sunnyvale Family Justice Center in 2014, creating a "one-stop shop" for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault seeking legal help in the North County. The center, which is open every Friday, gives women and families access to legal advice, confidential court advocacy services, and immigration and social services, as well as help from law enforcement to investigate and prosecute their abusers. Crosby called the family justice center an important place for victims dealing with trauma and struggling to find the time and resources to get legal help, all while holding down jobs and finding child care. The center served nearly 500 people in the first three months of the 2015-16 fiscal year alone, she said.

Another major component of YWCA's work is outreach and education, teaching children about sexual violence and battling racism as a means of reducing domestic violence, rape and sexual assault. The nonprofit reaches more than 15,000 children and youth each year with education programs related to violence prevention and social justice, and their work decorates the halls of YWCA's headquarters.

Crosby said YWCA's mission is to eliminate racism and work towards social progress. It's a tall order, but Crosby said she believes it's ambitious goals like these that have kept the organization evolving and improving since it started back in 1905.

"We want a world free from violence, racism and inequality," Crosby said. "That is what we're fighting for." ■

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Clara University's International Human Rights Clinic, assured city officials they wouldn't face any extra legal or economic responsibility by adopting the U.N. human rights framework.

"This would send a much-needed message to our community at a much-needed time," he said. "It would force a discussion about the positive and negative

impacts of the policies and priorities that you choose."

The action could prompt Mountain View to more closely investigate the human impact of certain projects, said Councilman Ken Rosenberg. For example, if the council was considering redeveloping an apartment complex, staff could provide more details about any tenants being displaced.

City Manager Dan Rich warned that staff didn't have enough manpower to automatically

include this analysis as part of every report to the council. He recommended council members designate which projects deserve extra attention in the coming months as part of their annual goal-setting meeting.

Councilman John McAlister opposed the proposal, saying he believed Mountain View leaders already strongly weigh the human rights value of any project. Approving a new framework seemed unnecessary, he said. ■

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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fleet of 71 tow trucks that patrol the region's roadways during the morning and evening commutes looking for stranded vehicles that are blocking traffic.

"(Traffic) incidents will be cleared faster and more

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Other Waze partners include Caltrans, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the City of Sacramento, Kelleher said.

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—Bay City News Service

Stanford to launch 'critical' youth mental health services

By Elena Kadwany

Stanford Children's Health and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital will be addressing in 2017 what they describe as "immediate critical needs" in youth mental health by launching a range of new programs and services that will support local teenagers at high risk for suicide.

The healthcare organizations' new efforts, from bringing a team of Stanford doctors to a local adolescent inpatient hospital unit and creating an intensive after-school program for suicidal teenagers, seek to provide as comprehensive a safety net as possible for youth and families who have often struggled to access the support they needed during moments of crisis.

The first "low-hanging fruit" Stanford Children's Health felt it could quickly grab was to develop a team of doctors to staff the closest hospital that offers inpatient hospitalization for teenagers, at Mills-Peninsula Health Services in San Mateo, said Stanford child and adolescent psychiatrist Antonio Hardan, who has been involved in the planning for this and other related initiatives.

The team — made up of a child-adolescent psychiatrist, psychologist and psychiatry fellow — will eventually cover up to eight beds at the 17-bed unit to provide hospitalized teenagers access to Stanford doctors. The team approach

Hardan said, means the doctors will support a larger group of patients, rather than one or two, with some staff responsible for seeing them during the week and others over the weekend. They hope this will improve patients' experiences in the hospital and prevent re-hospitalization.

"Inpatient stay is usually short, but our goal by having all this manpower is to optimize the stay and prevent future re-hospitalization or worsening of the underlying psychiatric condition," Hardan said.

Daniel Becker, medical director of behavioral health at Mills-Peninsula, said the partnership will address "potential discontinuity" in care for patients who might see Stanford doctors but be hospitalized at Mills.

A more "seamless" and "normalized" process, Becker said, could also help decrease stigma for young people coping with mental illness.

"We don't want them to think negatively about themselves or their situation," he said. "The continuity helps that."

They also hope it will help stave off staff turnover, which is high in inpatient units around the country, Hardan said.

"We don't want to do something for the short term. ... By developing the team, it will allow us to keep people fresh and keep them motivated to do good work," he said.

The added teaching component of including a psychiatry fellow on the team will, Hardan

hopes, increase the pool of people who have real experience in — and thus are more willing to work in — an inpatient setting.

The new Mills-Peninsula team will also be a learning experience for Stanford, laying the groundwork for the creation of similar teams at other local hospitals, Hardan said.

The possibility of Stanford opening its own adolescent inpatient unit is still "on the table," Hardan said.

Earlier this year, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Mountain View's El Camino Hospital and Kaiser Permanente jointly responded to a Request for Proposal (RFP) from Santa Clara County to open a child and adolescent unit within county borders, but Hardan said another hospital's proposal was chosen. County officials are still in negotiations with the selected vendor and have yet to disclose whom they chose.

The county also received responses from Fremont Hospital, statewide nonprofit EMQ Families First and a joint response from San Jose nonprofit Bay Area Children's Association (BACA) and PrairieCare Medical Group, a Minnesota-based psychiatric healthcare system.

In the second half of 2017, Stanford plans to launch a new intensive outpatient program, or IOP, for 13 to 17 year olds who are suicidal or para-suicidal, meaning they are harming themselves in non-lethal ways, like cutting or burning. The six-month after-school program will provide at-risk teenagers with therapy (individual, group and family) and medication management, among other services, for three hours a day, three to four days a week.

They will also have 24/7 access to a team of doctors familiar with their case — and

who, more importantly, the teens are familiar with.

"In case ... Caroline calls at 2 a.m., she doesn't have to tell her whole story all over again," Hardan said, using a hypothetical example. "She will reach out to a team member who is familiar with her case and can problem-solve with her right there."

Hardan said he hopes to house the intensive outpatient program at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, but alternative locations include Stanford's Castro Commons Clinic in Mountain View or a Stanford specialty services clinic in Sunnyvale.

Having another local intensive outpatient program will be a boon for local teens and families. Nearby is El Camino Hospital's popular yet small outpatient program, the After School Program Interventions and Resiliency Education (ASPIRE). Stanford's will also be small, however, starting with eight teens, Hardan said.

However, "if there is a need to have more patients being part of that program, I think we are open to that," he said.

Other new mental-health initiatives coming from Stanford in 2017 include an expanded crisis team that will be readily available to youth who go to the emergency room for help but might not need to be hospitalized. Instead of telling a patient like this — who might not have his or her own therapist or be familiar with their options for care — to call a number and then face a months-long waiting list, the hospital will connect teens directly with this crisis team. The team will provide three to four sessions with a patient and their family and then help connect them with longer-term mental-health care, if needed.

Local high schools will also

be able to call this crisis team directly to refer students, Hardan said. The team will be made up of a psychiatrist and two psychologists and, in the future, a case manager.

Stanford also plans to launch a new school-based program in Palo Alto Unified's elementary schools next year.

"In collaboration with school administrators and teachers, we will help evaluate and treat moderate- to high-risk students in need of immediate care, and also work with teachers and families to identify issues that may lead to future challenges," Stanford Medicine freelance writer Julie Greicius wrote in the fall edition of Packard Children's News, which details the hospital's plans for the new year.

Other plans include recruiting more faculty with specialized expertise on everything from addiction and anxiety to autism and eating disorders, creating a single crisis hotline that any local family or health care provider can call for referrals and resources and investing in research to "better understand the underlying biology of mental health," among others, the article states.

Stanford Medicine's Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing is also spearheading an effort to open new youth mental health centers, including at least one in Santa Clara County, that will provide comprehensive physical and mental health services in a comfortable setting at little or no cost to teens.

The "biggest challenge ahead" in mental health, Mills-Peninsula's Becker said, falls within this category of upstream prevention services. Making mental-health care available more broadly and immediately, including in primary-care settings, will hopefully get teenagers the help they need earlier, rather than at the point where hospitalization is necessary, he said. ■

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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

City's refusal to release applications wrongheaded

The city's voters spoke last month, in essence telling the City Council that it wasn't doing enough to protect renters from unreasonable rent hikes and unjust evictions. When they did so with their approval of the Measure V charter amendment, they mandated that a panel be created whose members would oversee the new rent stabilization program, and gave the authority to appoint the panel's five members to the council.

Now that 22 people have turned in their applications for seats on the Rental Housing Committee, there's no shortage of curiosity about the backgrounds and interests of those who are seeking four-year terms on the committee — a panel that will wield significant power in the minefield of rental policy. But members of the public and press who want to learn about those seeking appointment are being stymied by the city for reasons that aren't clear. What is clear is that city officials who have decided to withhold three of five pages of candidates' applications from the public are tainting what should be an open public process and, as a result, undermining confidence in that process.

The application's first three pages list the candidate's name, address, contact information, occupation and employer. They include responses to questions about the applicant's qualifications, criminal history, and his or her planned approach to carrying out the duties of the committee.

City Attorney Jannie Quinn cites a 1996 California court decision, *Wilson v. Superior Court*, to justify the city's refusal to release those three pages, asserting that the ruling allows the city to keep the pages confidential because they contain "materials reflecting deliberative or decision-making processes by city officials."

But this explanation ignores the fact that the only city officials required to engage in the "deliberative or decision-making pro-

cesses" that will lead to the choice of committee members are City Council members — who are legally mandated to deliberate and make decisions in public, with a few clearly defined exceptions. Appointing people to a public body is not one of those exceptions. Where is the logic of declaring "confidential" the applications of members of the public applying to a public committee, to be appointed by publicly elected officials during a public process?

We believe the city's refusal to release these applications in full is a violation of the California Public Records Act, a view supported by media law attorney Nikki Moore. "The entire application should be provided to (the public) with the minimal necessary redactions," said Moore, an attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Moreover, she noted, "the applicants were on notice that this would be an open and public process, and that the documents would be available to the public."

In an era when the public's trust in government is so low, one might expect that public officials, both elected and not, would do everything possible to be transparent when not legally compelled to withhold information. This baffling maneuver by the city foolishly opens the door to public speculation that there are behind-the-scenes shenanigans in play as the City Council prepares to make critical choices on the makeup of what will be one of the most powerful public bodies in the city.

If the city continues on this course, the City Council, at its first meeting of the year, should direct the staff to release the full applications of the candidates — with information redacted if needed, but with justification provided. The council should also commit to putting the four-year appointments on hold for a period needed to give the public a chance to review the information before the council acts. ■

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

TRUMP COMPARISON HAD STRONG MERIT

The Mountain View High School educator Mr. (Frank) Navarro, who created the controversy concerning the appropriateness of his lesson comparing Donald Trump to Adolph Hitler, is worthy of comment.

Mr. Navarro is an authority on the history of the Holocaust and bases his lessons on facts rather than opinion. I agree that his comparison has strong merit and should not have resulted in his temporary teaching dismissal.

Obviously that position irritated ardent Trump supporters, but "the truth always hurts". This prompted some parents to object to the lesson and also to the truth.

In fact Hitler achieved his control over the government and people using the tactics

of scapegoating, aimed at the minorities in Germany: Jews, Catholics, homosexuals, Gypsies, the disabled. He appealed to the people's basic instinct of hatred and blaming someone else for their own misfortune.

It worked, he got elected and so did Trump.

*Myra Orta
Los Altos*

NO TAX SUPPORT WITHOUT SAFETY MEASURES

I received a fancy mailer from the Mountain View Whisman School District promoting its plan for a "mail only" parcel tax election in May. Such a mailer is lawful under Education Code

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Mayor's message: Peace on Earth and good will

by Pat Showalter

As 2016 comes to a close and we surround ourselves with friends and family, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Mountain View a happy holiday season. Serving as your mayor this past year has been one of the greatest honors of my life — and I'm especially proud that the City Council voted to become a "Human Rights City." I hope this will help reduce fears that have arisen since the election about how immigrants will be treated locally.

No matter what your religious views, this is the season of peace on Earth and good will towards others, which is a message of particular relevance this year. Many Mountain View residents have expressed concern over the divisiveness in this past election cycle. I know I certainly am concerned. Our city has always been a welcoming haven for its diverse population, and if you are a recent immigrant, you may be worried about the months to come. So, let me explain some of Mountain View's longstanding policies about immigration to ease some of those fears.

Guest Opinion

First, at City Hall we are committed to serving each of our residents with high-quality government services. That means police, fire, public works, community services, library and all other departments treat each person equally, ethically and with respect. We understand that English may not be everyone's first language, so we publish materials in the four most common languages spoken in our city and provide translation services as needed. As a municipal government, we do not have an interest in anyone's immigration status unless they are involved in a crime that threatens the safety of others. Remember, all of our families were immigrants to America at one time. Right now, approximately 61 percent of our city's population was born outside of the U.S.

Second, our police have a standing policy to *not* participate directly in any U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement activity. For more than 20 years, our police department has *not* participated in federal government immigration "sweeps." This policy has stood the test of time, and is essential to our safety because it allows everyone to feel comfortable reporting crimes and

cooperating with police in their investigations. Most of the Mountain View police involvement with federal agencies relates to combating organized crime, such as the illegal distribution of drugs and human trafficking.

Finally, on Dec. 13, your City Council followed the recommendation of the Human Relations Commission to approve a resolution adopting the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights that was passed 65 years ago. This resolution is an important symbol of how seriously our community values human rights. By adopting this resolution, we commit that the principles set forth in the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights should guide the spirit of Mountain View's policies and practices. In the next few months, we will be considering exactly how to implement this resolution. As always, input from interested residents will be welcome.

Again, I want to thank you all so much for letting me represent our amazing city this past year, and I am looking forward to what being a Human Rights City will mean for all of us going forward. Happy holidays!

Pat Showalter was elected to the City Council in 2014, and served as the city's mayor this year.

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section 7054 only if it is confined to presenting "fair and impartial information" pertaining to the planned tax measure.

Personally, I would not support giving another dime to this district if it has no serious plan for protecting students (and staff) from dangerous drivers and potential intruders, including terrorists. More than a year ago, I suggested electronic signs near the schools that warn drivers of their speed and a modern camera system as a hedge against intruders.

Cameras are like car alarms. Bad guys usually look for easier targets. Let's have a Merry Christmas and then a truly Happy New Year — not a grave tragedy attributable to neglect.

Gary Wesley
Continental Circle

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



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A combo platter with St. Louis ribs, brisket and mac and cheese.

BARBECUE, BEER AND BISCUITS

DAN GORDON'S IS THE DELICIOUS FOLLOW-UP TO GORDON BIRSCH

By Dale F. Bentson



MICHELLE LE

Cheddar biscuits are served with Hobb's bacon and whipped maple butter at Dan Gordon's in Palo Alto.

Dan Gordon's started off with a knockout punch — oversized cheddar biscuits (\$7.95) with candied Hobbs bacon and whipped maple syrup butter.

These weren't Pillsbury biscuits, nor the kind passed around the Sunday morning breakfast table. These were He-Man sized, served on a plank, flaky, yet moist enough that they didn't fall apart. The whipped maple butter melting atop the warm biscuits almost made the candied bacon bits superfluous. Almost.

Dan Gordon's is really about barbecue, beer and whiskey, not biscuits. They have a programmable 750-pound wood smoker fueled by new oak from the Santa Cruz

Mountains. New oak imparts less smokiness to the meat, according to general manager André Hall. The meat is dry-rubbed before smoking and it is the balance of rub and smoke that gives the meats their distinctive flavor.

This is Gordon's second turn at the Emerson Street site. He and Dean Biersch opened their eponymous brewery restaurant in 1988 in the same location. Their brewpub concept was wildly popular and grew to a dozen units, including a brewery in San Jose. Ten years later, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control declared that brewers operating restaurants were illegal. Brewers were being considered as

both wholesaler and retailer, a no-no in virtually every state.

Gordon and Biersch sold to an entity that ultimately became Craft-Works which currently operates 195 multi-brand restaurants across the country. As brewpub popularity swelled, state legislatures eventually rescinded archaic laws and made it legal for Dan Gordon to be both a brewer and a restaurant owner again.

Biersch moved to Sonoma County and currently operates brewpubs in several locations. Master brewer Gordon partnered with Steve Sinchek of Old Pro and Local Union 271 and reacquired the Emerson Street

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Weekend



MICHELLE LE

Bartender Christian Morales fixes a Phoenix cocktail at Dan Gordon's in downtown Palo Alto on Dec. 20.

DAN GORDON'S

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location. After pouring \$1.5 million into remodel, Dan Gordon's opened in March.

The space is urban rustic with high ceilings, skylights, lots of wood with high top communal tables as well as traditional seating. The bar is longer, the kitchen open where chef Kwin Vu keeps that smoker loaded with pork shoulder, St. Louis ribs, brisket, sausages and turkey breast.

Besides the biscuits, another good starter was the burnt-ends brisket poutine (\$11.95).

Poutine is a dish that originated in Quebec, and is, arguably, Canada's one dish meal. Here, a bowl of garlic fries, cubes of brisket, poblano cheese gravy, and pickled vegetables, including scorch-the-tongue jalapeño segments that had me summoning the server for another beer.

The St. Louis ribs (four bones for \$15.95 or six bones for \$21.95) were meaty, fall-off-the-bone, tender. While I liked the ribs with just the rub, there were additional squeeze bottle sauces on the table for enhancement. The classic sauce was on the honey-sweet

side, the mustard sauce was tangy and acidic, the habanero sauce added heat.

The 1/2 pound. brisket (\$16.95) was fork-tender and well marbled, accented with hints of smoke, herbs and spices. The texture was marvelous in the mouth.

Entrees included one side, pickled vegetables and a roll. Both the three-cheese mac and cheese and the smoked barbecued beans were noteworthy.

Sandwiches were equal to the task. The pulled pork (\$11.95) with kale slaw, pickled vegetables, and French fries, was aromatic and inviting on the



MICHELLE LE

The dining room at Dan Gordon's has an urban rustic aesthetic, with communal tables as well as traditional seating.



MICHELLE LE

The pulled-pork sandwich with kale slaw is accompanied by pickled vegetables and salad.

plate. The soft bun accentuated the dreamy pork and the double-cooked garlic fries were wonderfully crisp.

The fried chicken sandwich (\$12.95) was juicy and crisp, topped with kale slaw, and slathered, but not overwhelmed, with barbecue sauce. Most ingredients were locally sourced and organic.

The desserts were so-so. The apple cobbler (\$8.95) was the best. Served in a mini iron pot, the cobbler was topped with whipped cream. The hot apples had a note of cinnamon in the thick syrup.

Less successful were the peanut butter-pecan squares (\$8). Two pie wedge-sized pieces, not squares, had a soggy crust beneath a lifeless peanut butter filling. Only the pecans atop were worth eating.

There was beer, of course, a dozen on tap, several made in-house, the rest at the San Jose brewery, all small batch, handcrafted, plus experimental one-of-a-kind brews that change frequently. The range of beers was broad, from light pilsners and lagers to deep-colored wheat beers and dark ales. Whiskeys too, cocktails and martinis made with Maker's, Old Grand-Dad and Dickel. A dozen miscellaneous California wines completed the beverage offering.

Service was good though the kitchen can be slow when busy. Overall, excellent food and libations in an open, noisy, festive environment — and dare I mention again, fantastic biscuits. ▣

■ DINING NOTES

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURES

Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt are traveling to a distant colony planet in "Passengers."

Taken for a ride

J-LAW AND CHRIS PRATT
ARE STARSHIP 'PASSENGERS'

★★ (Century 16 & 20)

"Passengers" tells a tale of science-fiction romance that might be characterized as "Gravity"-lite meets "Titanic"-lite. The Starship Avalon, transporting a crew of 258 and 5,000 passengers to the world of Homestead II, hits a snag that results in one poor sap waking early from his suspended-animation slumber — 90 years, 3 weeks, and 1 day early to be precise.

Jim Preston (Chris Pratt) faces a life lived out totally alone, except for the cold-comfort company

of an android bartender named Arthur (Michael Sheen). The right thing to do, or so he thinks, is to suffer out an aimless existence alone, but he cannot shake the temptation to wake one of his fellow passengers, particularly a cute sleeping beauty he spots and begins to research. She's a writer named Aurora Lane (Jennifer Lawrence), and eventually Preston cannot help but do something terrible: consign her, by waking her early, to share in his bleak fate. In classic rom-com fashion,

this secret stays hidden for timed detonation as a clueless Aurora gradually accepts her nightmarish situation and learns to love the one she's with. The two bond over meals, a holograph dance game, observation-deck wonders, and a space-suited jaunt into the stars. As it must, the truth eventually comes out, threatening to drive apart the only two conscious souls on the Starship Avalon.

What begins as an intriguing premise based on high-stakes "what ifs" shrinks in imagination as the pair begins to face crises akin to a "Star Trek: The Next Generation" episode, with malfunctions cropping up that threaten to end the ship's odyssey long before its scheduled arrival at Homestead II.

The impressively sleek production under director Morten Tyldum ("The Imitation Game") yields some pretty darn impressive special effects sequences, but screenwriter Jon Spaihts (co-writer of "Prometheus" and "Doctor Strange") loses focus on the story's moral dimension and loses his nerve when it comes to more provocative possibilities around the film's ending. The movie-star charm of Lawrence and Pratt goes a long way, but by the film's end, you may feel you've gone much further than you'd care to with the "Passengers" in question.

Rated PG-13 for sexuality, nudity and action/peril. One hour, 56 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Denzel Washington, right, plays a father trying to raise his family in the 1950s in "Fences."

The siege of Troy

CLASSIC PLAY 'FENCES'
BECOMES GREAT FILM

★★★★ (Century 20, Aquarius)

Denzel Washington's film adaptation of playwright August Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Fences" is an American classic writ large. And "large" is the operative word, not only in the traditional sense of "opening up" a play's action (which Washington does by using both interiors and exteriors, including scenes of garbage men at work and neighborhood children at play) but in the depiction of main character, Troy Maxon, originated by the imposing James Earl Jones in the initial 1987 Broadway run. Troy's wife Rose (Viola Davis) refers to him, at one point, as "so big," and he certainly is.

As a husband and father, he's a nightmare of never-wrong authoritarianism. He's a study in pride and bluster, delusion and deception. He's an iconic American character to stand beside Stanley Kowalski and Willy Loman, casting shadows every bit as long in desperate striving and crushing defeat. And just about as juicy a role as Washington has seen on screen, which is saying something. Washington rises to the occasion, even as he more than respectably commands the director's chair.

As for Rose's duties, she's bound to the sacrificial homemaker role of her time in cooking, doing the laundry, and managing the household income — the last a source of tension as she referees between Troy and his elder son Lyons, played by Russell Hornsby.

Troy's old friend Bono (Stephen Henderson) warily keeps a jaded eye on Troy's extramarital

flirtations, which Bono expects to blossom into betrayal, while Rose understandably chooses, consciously re-committing each day, to see the best in her husband. The story's walking wild card comes in the form of Troy's war-traumatized younger brother Gabriel (Mykelti Williamson), the play's trumpet-wielding, accidentally prophetic holy fool ("Better get ready for the judgement!").

In this uniformly excellent cast, Washington and Davis give the towering performances (Davis' tear-shedding, knee-buckling aria of broken dreams all but guarantees her long-deserved Oscar), but Williamson, Henderson, and Hornsby expertly modulate their stage performances for the screen. It's also fair to say that the film's defiant theatricality is a double-edged sword: it's hard to imagine a more faithful adaptation of Wilson's play, but many will reject like a bad organ the film's wall-to-wall talk and theatrical flourishes.

This story of one man's precipitous descent, letting everyone who matters slip through his fingers on the way down, also has a timely titular metaphor. Troy sees some kind of self-defensive solution in laboring to build a literal fence around his property over the course of the story, but as Bono notes, "Some people build fences to keep people out, and other people build fences to keep people in."

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, language and some suggestive references. Two hours, 19 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

■ NOW SHOWING

Dear readers: We have heard you. We are again publishing a list of the movies that are playing in local theaters over the weekend. However, we are not restoring the specific movie times, given that theaters often change the times after our press deadline, resulting in errors. To find out when movies are playing, we ask instead that readers call the theaters, check the theaters' websites or look on movie sites such as Fandango.com.

Arrival (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 16: Fri.-Sun.

Assassin's Creed (PG-13)
Century 16: Fri.-Sun. **Century 20:** Fri.-Sun.

Collateral Beauty (PG-13) Zero stars
Century 16: Fri.-Sun.

Dangal (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri.-Sun.

Doctor Strange (PG-13) ★★★
Century 16: Fri.-Sun.

The Eagle Huntress (G) ★★
Aquarius: Fri.-Sun.

Fences (PG-13) ★★★★★
Aquarius: Sat. & Sun. **Century 20:** Fri.-Sun.

It's a Wonderful Life (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: 9 p.m., Saturday

La La Land (PG-13) Century 16: Fri.-Sun.

Manchester by the Sea (R) ★★★★★1/2
Guild Theatre: Fri.-Sun. **Guild Theatre:** Fri.-Sun.

Moana (G) ★★★★★1/2
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★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

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MOVIE OPENINGS

First lady sings the blues

NATALIE PORTMAN PLAYS 'JACKIE' IN HISTORICAL DRAMA

★★★ (Palo Alto Square)

At one point in the new historical drama "Jackie," which defines Jacqueline Kennedy around the pivotal moment of her husband's assassination, Natalie Portman's Jackie snaps, "I'm his wife — whatever I am now." To some extent, the line frames the central question of the movie: What is Jackie to herself, to the American people of her time and to history?

These are heady questions for ostensibly basic, biopic-style Oscar bait like "Jackie." The not-bad script by Noah Oppenheim ("The Maze Runner") underpins a meditation on image and perception that's often witty. In the

hands of Chilean director Pablo Larrain (making his English-language debut), "Jackie" longs to be more than Portman's 100-minute Oscar clip, and it sometimes rises to those ambitions. Certainly, the avant garde music by Mica Levi underscores the film's aspiration to art.

One might also say that "Jackie" tries too hard. The dramatization of Jackie's four-day ordeal between J.F.K.'s assassination and his funeral unfolds within a framing story: a coolly controlled Jackie managing Theodore H. White (Billy Crudup) through the post-mortem interview she's

granted him for "Life" magazine. Oppenheim, like his heroine, concerns himself with myth making (the notion of the Kennedy White House being "Camelot"), but also finds his wheels spinning the same emotional space for long, turgid stretches.

At minimum, "Jackie" is what it was hoping it wouldn't be: the serviceable movie you make about this subject. But it does offer a little bit more, peeking through with an interesting insight every quarter-hour or so. As a piece of media that's partly about the media and its role in



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Natalie Portman is newly widowed Jackie Kennedy in "Jackie."

creating truth, "Jackie" deserves credit for daring to invite its own criticism, to suggest that it's subject may be unknowable.

Rated R for brief strong violence and some language. One hour, 40 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

ROGUE ONE ★★★ 1/2

At last, the "Star Wars" cinematic universe has expanded, with the successful experiment "Rogue One." The first of the so-called "Star Wars" anthology films, "Rogue One" takes place mostly in the year or so before the events of George Lucas' initial 1977 "Star Wars" film ("Star Wars: Episode IV — A New Hope"), and it is a time of treachery. In more ways than one, "Rogue One" brings us full circle, to where "Star Wars" began. In its murkier moral tone, "Rogue One" perhaps best resembles the next wave of WWII action-suspense pictures of the 1970s (including

"Force 10 from Navarone," with none other than Harrison "Han Solo" Ford). And so this new "Star Wars" picture, directed by Gareth Edwards ("Monsters," "Godzilla"), concerns a scrappy band of heroes and anti-heroes, Rebels on their own behind-enemy-lines missions to resist the Empire. Word is that the Empire — under the leadership of Darth Vader (again voiced by James Earl Jones), Governor Tarkin (a CGI recreation of Peter Cushing), and Orson Krennic (Ben Mendelsohn) — has begun construction on "a planet killer," the now-infamous Death Star. This is a "Star Wars" film that looks to the future while taking us once again to the "long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away" past. Rated PG-13 for extended sequences of sci-fi violence and action. Two hours, 13 minutes. — P.C. (Reviewed Dec. 12, 2016)

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CONCERTS

Main Stage Concert: Mozart in the City Local musician Robert Schwartz performs a D minor piano concerto and bass Brad Walker teams up with principal double bassist Michel Taddei for a concert aria. The "Prague" Symphony opens the concert. Jan. 1, 3-5 p.m. Free, first-come/first-served. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. thesfco.org

MUSIC

Bachata with Pantea "Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea" feature Bachata lessons. Bachata is a form of music and dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. The character of the dance is achieved through hip and body movements. No partner is necessary, and all levels are welcome. Wednesdays, ongoing, 8 p.m., class; 9 p.m., social dancing. \$7, student; \$10, general; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Community Christmas Eve Service All are invited to this Christmas Eve Candlelight celebration featuring renditions of classic Christmas carols for kids and grown-ups alike. Dec. 24, 4 p.m., the Community Children's Choir performs; 5:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Free. University AME Zion Church, 3549 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

NYE 2017 at Morocco's Morocco's will serve dinner on New Year's Eve starting at 4 p.m. The evening will feature belly dancing, 7:30-9 p.m. and live jazz, 10 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Reservations are highly recommended. Dec. 31, 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Menus start at \$40. Morocco's, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com/

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the 2nd floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., sign-ups; starts at 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

Sabados Latinoamericanos Alberto's NightClub presents "Sabados Latinoamericanos" with a variety of Latin genres including Reggaeton, Hip Hop, Cumbia, Merengue, Salsa and Rock Pop in Spanish. This event features DJ Omar and the band Ruido Azul. Saturdays, ongoing, 8 p.m. \$7, student; \$10, general; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

TALKS & LECTURES

Art lecture and demonstration Artist John Burton's exhibit "A Testimony of Beauty" is currently on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall through March 2017. This nationally acclaimed artist will paint and talk about his artistic journey and the inspiration behind his paintings. Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

Landlord Workshop: Measure V Updates On Nov. 15, an Urgency Ordinance was adopted, effective immediately, which requires landlords to have just cause in order to terminate a tenancy as required by the CSFRA. This workshop will provide a general overview of the provisions and procedures of this Charter Amendment followed by a questions and answers section. Dec. 23, 10-noon. Free. Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mountainview.gov

Talk with Tony Live Tony will hold informal conversations in the Chamber Boardroom on the 1st Thursday every month. Attendants will be able to have a conversation with Tony or ask him questions, and he'll do his best to answer. Space is limited, so attendants are encouraged to register. 1st Thursday of the month, ongoing, 8-9 a.m. Free. Chamber of Commerce Mountain View, 580 Castro St., Mountain View.

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FAMILY

Baby Storytime This storytime is for infants ages birth to 2 years old. Tuesdays, ongoing, 10:30-11 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Family Storytime This storytime is for families and guardians with children of all ages. Saturdays, ongoing, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Preschool Storytime This storytime is for children ages three to five years. Fridays, ongoing, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Raggedy Ann and Andy at the Museum The Los Altos History Museum welcomes Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy to the Smith Gallery. The exhibit tells the history of Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy, showcasing over 60 dolls. Thursdays-Sundays, ongoing, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/

Toddler Storytime This storytime for toddlers is for ages 18 months to three years. Fridays, ongoing, 10-10:30 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Art Exhibit This fine art exhibit by award-winning artist John Burton, will feature oil paintings of iconic California landscapes and seascapes in the new tradition of the early California Impressionists, who are revered for capturing so much of the Golden State's untainted beauty, long before the imprint of dense population. Mondays-Fridays, ongoing, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

Celebrations, A Student and Faculty Art Exhibition This art exhibition will showcase the work of CSMA students and faculty, ages five to adult. Artists were asked to imagine, given one day to celebrate something meaningful to them, what and how they would celebrate. There will be a reception with the artists on Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m. Dec. 9-Jan. 18, 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Free. Mohr Gallery, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

EcoCenter Open Hours Environmental Volunteers' EcoCenter is a nature center open to the public in the Palo Alto Baylands that offers public nature programs, hands-on activities, touchscreen science exhibits, a green building tour, art exhibits and more. Fridays, ongoing, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. evolvs.org/ecocenter

The Evolution of Film exhibit This exhibit features a wide variety of motion picture artifacts dating from the late 1800s to 1980s. Film newsreels and movie reels can be played in the gallery. These clips show the ever-changing landscape of film. Toy models will be available to be played with including the zoopraxiscope, zoetrope and praxinoscope. Notable inventions such as the rare Visionola, a Kerosene movie projector, and a Scopitone will be on display. Fridays-Sundays, ongoing, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org

Gallery House, 'First Sight' "First Sight" is an exhibit of recent paintings by local artists Joyce Barron Leopardo and Robin Stearns; it celebrates the new year. Stearns creates dark and contemplative cityscapes and portraits in oil, while Leopardo uses both watercolor and mixed media to create abstract and figurative pieces. Jan. 3-25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 15, reception, 1-3



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9th Annual South Bay Gospel Concert Expect to join in song with this award-winning interfaith, multi-racial, multi-cultural group of individuals united in their love of gospel music. In this program, Director Terrance Kelly offers his gospel arrangements of traditional holiday favorites. The special guest is Rev. Reginald Finley. Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m. \$28-\$36. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. oigc.org

p.m. Free. Gallery House, 320 S. California Ave., Palo Alto. galleryhouse2.com

Visual Arts Exhibit Works of local artists, selected by the City of Mountain View's Visual Arts Committee, are on display in MVCPA's lobby on a rotating basis. Dec. 2-30, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov

Word: Power and Protection in North Africa This exhibition explores four key ways artists and their communities have engaged with Arabic script in North Africa and its neighboring regions during the 20th and early 21st centuries. Aug. 26-Jan. 7 2017, ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

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Argentine Tango Alberto's NightClub presents Argentine Tango, modeled after a traditional milonga in the atmosphere of a Buenos Aires tango bar with bar snacks and a first-class wooden dance floor. Sundays, ongoing, 7 p.m. \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

NYC-Style Salsa On2 with Victoria Alberto's salsa studios hosts New York-style Salsa On2 with Victoria. All levels are welcome, and no partner is necessary. This event is for ages 21 and up. Mondays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m., doors open; 8 p.m., ladies' styling; 9 p.m., partnering; 10 p.m., social dancing. \$10, general; \$7, student; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Salsa Fridays "Hot Salsa Fridays with Pantea" feature salsa lessons for all levels. This event features DJ Say No More and is for ages 21 and up. No partner is necessary. Fridays, ongoing, 8:30 p.m., beginner; 9:30 p.m., intermediate; 10:15 p.m., social dancing. \$7, student; \$10, general; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Salsa with Pantea Alberto's salsa studio hosts salsa classes and dancing. All levels are welcome, and no partner is necessary. The event is for ages 21 and up and also features DJ Say No

More. Tuesdays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m., beginner; 8:30 p.m., intermediate; 10 p.m., social dancing. \$10, general; \$7, student; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

Saturdays Belly Dancing Night at Morocco's Restaurant On Saturday nights, Morocco's Restaurant, which is vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free friendly, features belly dancing. Saturdays, ongoing, 8 p.m., belly dancing starts. Cost of food. Morocco's, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com/

COMEDY

Homecoming: A Comedy Show This night of comedy benefits the Bay Area Rescue Mission, a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the homeless and impoverished in the Bay Area. Comedians return to the South Bay for the holidays for one performance. Dec. 23, 8-10:30 p.m. Admission is free with a new toy or canned food donation. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View.

FOOD & DRINK

Elegant table side magic at Morocco's Restaurant A magician will appear at guests' tables for an elegant mini performance. The artists will customize their interaction with guests based on what they want to achieve. Guests are encouraged to make a reservation with the restaurant. Fridays, ongoing, 6 p.m. Free. Morocco's, 873 Castro St., Mountain View. moroccosrestaurant.com/

LESSONS & CLASSES

Adult School Winter/Spring Classes Registration Registration for Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School Winter and Spring classes begins on Friday, November 18. Winter session runs Jan. 4-March 18. Spring session runs March 21-June 3. Visit mvlcae.net or call 650-940-1333 for more information. Fridays, Nov. 18-Jan. 6, 8 a.m. Class registration fees vary. Mountain View Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlcae.net/

Eitanim Middle School IAC Eitanim is a leadership and entrepreneurship project-based program for middle school students that allows

them to connect, explore and experience Israel while preparing for college and developing professional skills. Jan. 4, 18, Feb. 1, 15, March 1, 15, 29, April 12, 26 and May 3. \$140. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

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Body Image and Eating Disorder Support Group This group is for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. Jan. 3, 7 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road., Conference Room C, Mountain View. edrcsv.org

Mitzvah Corps: Art and Puzzles for Children at Lucile Packard Childrens Hospital This is a time for adults to create usable kid-friendly art and puzzles for children who are sick. The need is for artists who can create coloring pages for the kids to color. Those who aren't artists can contribute by building a word scramble or crossword. Dec. 28, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Book Discussion Those interested are invited to discuss Graeme Simsion's "The Rosie Project." Light refreshments will be provided, and participants can pick up copies of the book at the Los Altos Library Adult Reference Desk while supplies last. Dec. 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scl.evanced.info/signup

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Public Notices

995 Fictitious Name Statement

MELENDEZ CLEANING SERVICE
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 623666

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 Melendez Cleaning Service, located at
 809-B Cuesta Drive #2107, Mountain
 View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
 This business is owned by: An
 Individual.

The name and residence address of the
 registrant(s) is(are):

CHRIS MELENDEZ
 685 Mariposa Ave. Apt. 4
 Mountain View, CA 94041

Registrant began transacting business
 under the fictitious business name(s)
 listed above on N/A.

This statement was filed with the
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
 County on November 21, 2016.
 (MVV Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2016)

SHINING SERVICES
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 623545

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 Shining Services, located at 927 Barbara
 Ave., Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa
 Clara County.
 This business is owned by: An
 Individual.

The name and residence address of the
 registrant(s) is(are):

JULIANA NICULITCHEFF
 927 Barbara Ave.
 Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant began transacting business
 under the fictitious business name(s)
 listed above on 11/01/2016.

This statement was filed with the
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
 County on November 16, 2016.
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I NOTARIZE 4U
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 624050

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 I Notarize 4U, located at 750 Fairmont
 Avenue #2, Mountain View, CA 94041,

Santa Clara County.
 This business is owned by: An
 Individual.
 The name and residence address of the
 registrant(s) is(are):
 PATRICIA ANN TAKATA
 750 Fairmont Avenue #2
 Mountain View, CA 94041
 Registrant began transacting business
 under the fictitious business name(s)
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 This statement was filed with the
 County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara
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CRYOGEAR USA
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
 File No.: 624343

The following person (persons) is (are)
 doing business as:
 Cryogear USA, located at 922 San
 Leandro Ave. Ste. B, Mountain View, CA
 94043, Santa Clara County.
 This business is owned by: A
 Corporation.

The name and residence address of the
 registrant(s) is(are):
 HI-TECH LAMPS, INC.
 922 San Leandro Ave. Ste. B
 Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business
 under the fictitious business name(s)
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This statement was filed with the
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 County on December 14, 2016.
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER
 ESTATE OF:
 ELIZABETH JOHNSON aka M. ELIZABETH
 JOHNSON, MARGARET ELIZABETH
 JOHNSON

Case No.: 16PR180013
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
 contingent creditors, and persons who
 may otherwise be interested in the
 will or estate, or both, of ELIZABETH
 JOHNSON aka M. ELIZABETH JOHNSON,
 MARGARET ELIZABETH JOHNSON.
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by:
 RANDOLPH A. JOHNSON in the Superior
 Court of California, County of SANTA
 CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that:
 RANDOLPH A. JOHNSON be appointed
 as personal representative to administer
 the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to
 administer the estate under the
 Independent Administration of
 Estates Act. (This authority will allow
 the personal representative to take
 many actions without obtaining court

approval. Before taking certain very
 important actions, however, the per-
 sonal representative will be required to
 give notice to interested persons unless
 they have waived notice or consented
 to the proposed action.) The independ-
 ent administration authority will be
 granted unless an interested person files
 an objection to the petition and shows
 good cause why the court should not
 grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be
 held on February 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
 in Dept.: 10 of the Superior Court of
 California, County of Santa Clara, located
 at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
 If you object to the granting of the peti-
 tion, you should appear at the hearing
 and state your objections or file written
 objections with the court before the
 hearing. Your appearance may be in
 person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent
 creditor of the decedent, you must file
 your claim with the court and mail a
 copy to the personal representative
 appointed by the court within the later
 of either (1) four months from the date
 of first issuance of letters to a general
 personal representative, as defined in
 section 58 (b) of the California Probate
 Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of
 mailing or personal delivery to you
 of a notice under section 9052 of the
 California Probate Code. Other California
 statutes and legal authority may affect
 your rights as a creditor. You may want
 to consult with an attorney knowledge-
 able in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the
 court. If you are a person interested in
 the estate, you may file with the court
 a Request for Special Notice (form
 DE-154) of the filing of an inventory
 and appraisal of estate assets or of
 any petition or account as provided in
 Probate Code section 1250. A Request
 for Special Notice form is available from
 the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
 Leslie Yarnes Sugai
 Suite 100
 Los Gatos, CA 95030
 (408)354-0200
 (MVV Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2016)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
 SANTA CLARA COUNTY

MICHAEL MATTHEWS
 ANNE VAN CULIN, Co-Trustees

In Re the Estate of
 FLORENCE DEVERILL
 REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
 FLORENCE DEVERILL,

Deceased, October 21, 2016

No.: 16PR180052

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF FLORENCE
 DEVERILL

Notice is hereby given to the credi-
 tors and contingent creditors of the
 above-named decedent, that all persons
 having claims against the decedent are
 required to file them with the Superior
 Court, at 191 North First Street, San
 Jose, California 95113, and mail or
 deliver a copy to MICHAEL MATTHEWS
 and ANNE VAN CULIN, as Co-Trustees
 of the FLORENCE DEVERILL REVOCABLE
 LIVING TRUST, dated August 20, 2014
 wherein the decedent was the Settlor,
 at 800 West El Camino Real, Suite 180,
 Mountain View, California 94040, within
 the later of four months after December
 23, 2016 (the date of the first publica-
 tion of notice to creditors) or, if notice
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 is mailed or personally delivered to
 you, or you must petition to file a late
 claim as provided in Section 19103 of
 the Probate Code. A claim form may be
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 For your protection, you are encouraged
 to file your claim by certified mail, with
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Dated: December 6, 2016

/s/
 Marian Malovos Konevich,
 Malovos & Konevich,
 Attorney for the Co-Trustees
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