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Council will defend Measure V in court

RENT CONTROL MEASURE FACES LAWSUIT; CANDIDATES FOR BOARD SELECTED

By Mark Noack

Despite plenty of misgivings, the Mountain View City Council signaled that the city would rally to defend the voter-approved Measure V rent-control package from a lawsuit filed by the California Apartment Association.

In a unanimous 6-0 vote, the council directed the city attorney at its Jan. 24 meeting to work with outside legal help to oppose the landlord group's lawsuit, including an injunction request expected to be filed next week that would further delay implementing the law. The decision was made in closed-session, with Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga absent.

At the meeting, the City Council also interviewed 18 candidates for a rental-housing committee that would be in charge of implementing rent control in Mountain View. Ten candidates were selected for further interviews at a future date.



MICHELLE LE

Supporters of Measure V held a small rally outside of City Hall on Tuesday, encouraging the Mountain View City Council to defend the rent control measure against a lawsuit brought by the California Apartment Association.

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Water district begins work on McKelvey flood basin

DETENTION BASINS WOULD TAKE ON FLOOD WATER, PROTECTING HOMES IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Kevin Forestieri

It seemed fitting that the Jan. 20 groundbreaking ceremony for three major flood protection projects in the North County was rained out, forcing water district and city officials to make the long-awaited announcement — shovels and hardhats in hand — within the confines of the Los Altos City Council chambers.

Starting this month, the Santa Clara Valley Water District began work on three projects designed to keep thousands of Mountain View and Los Altos properties from flooding during a particularly bad stormy season. The projects include three large “detention basins” — or deep depressions designed to take on floodwater — as well as higher creek walls to keep water from spilling out.

Permanente Creek has a long history of flooding, with 10 major flooding incidents over the last century. The water district's flood plain shows that, without some improvements, Hale and Permanente creeks could flood large swaths of Mountain

View including the Cuesta Park and Shoreline West neighborhoods, the downtown area west of Castro Street, and northern neighborhoods of the city roughly bounded by Highway 101, Middlefield Road, Independence Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard.

Although averting the so-called 100-year flood has been a top priority for the water district for decades, progress has been slow to date. Water district board member Nai Hsueh told the crowd at the Jan. 20 groundbreaking ceremony that she recalls Mountain View public works staff asking about flood protection measures as far back as the 1980s. It's taken over 10 years just to plan and design the projects, including plenty of revisions after significant opposition from local residents.

“This is very exciting,” Hsueh said. “Permanente Creek has been a huge priority for the longest time.”

One of the detention basins will be located squarely in the center of Mountain View at

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Mountain View Whisman board wary of big parcel tax increase

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District has had a pretty good track record at the ballot box in recent years, blowing by the required 55 percent vote for its Measure G bond measure and garnering an overwhelming 80 percent of the vote in favor of its Measure C parcel tax in 2008.

But with Measure C set to expire this summer, school board members aren't banking on the same level of support. At a board

meeting last week, a majority of the trustees say it's time to play it safe and go for a smaller parcel tax renewal in order to avoid the risk of the measure failing in the special May mail-in election.

Over the last year and a half, the school district has gone through a protracted process on the road to renewal. Measure C, which expires July 1, generates about \$2.8 million each year, which is used to maintain smaller class sizes, compensate teachers and pay for after-school programs. Unlike Measure C,

which taxes property owners differently based on the size of the parcel, the new tax will be a flat amount for all parcels in the district.

The parcel tax renewal measure was supposed to go on the May mail-in ballot election last year, but two of the five board members at the time — Greg Coladonato and Steve Nelson — opposed the flat parcel tax structure, insisting instead that a per-square-foot parcel tax measure would be a more equitable option. The district's

legal counsel warned against it, pointing to recent court decisions against districts with levies that varied by parcel size.

Board member Ellen Wheeler, who was board president at the time, left any discussion on the parcel tax measure off the agenda until shortly after Nelson's tenure on the board ended in December.

By going for a ballot measure last year, the school district essentially had a backup plan. If the measure failed, the district had another chance to put the parcel tax back on the ballot for

a more modest amount before Measure C expires. But with the expiration only months away, the board really only has one shot to pass it without a lapse in funding.

“If you are unsuccessful with your renewal attempt, the district will face a reality where you're going to have at least a year without parcel tax revenue,” said Charles Heath, the district's parcel tax consultant.

If the school district wanted to shoot for a parcel tax that

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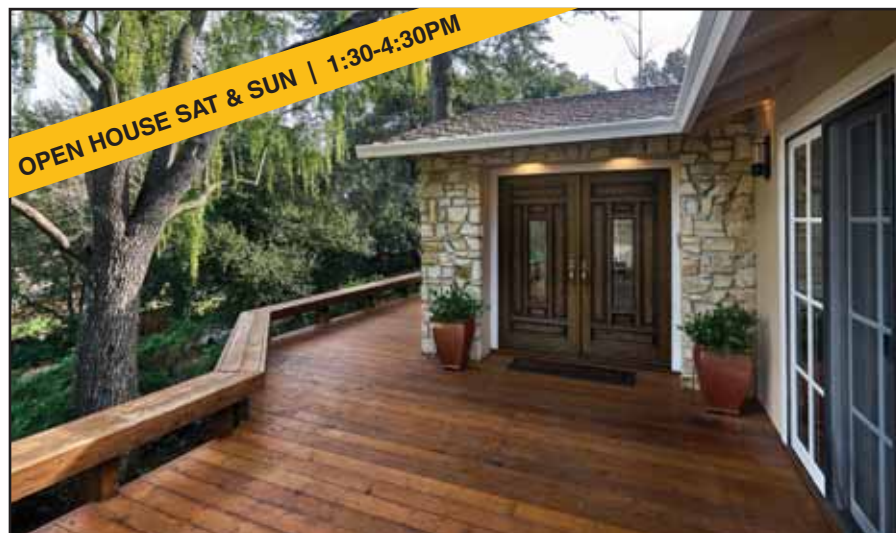
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COURTESY OF ENSEMBLE ARI

Ensemble ARI performs a peace-themed concert in Palo Alto on Saturday.

'LET THE KNOWING SPEAK' CONCERT

The eighth-annual African American Composer Initiative-presented concert to benefit Eastside College Preparatory School, titled "Let the Knowing Speak," will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, and Sunday, Jan. 29, at 3 p.m. at Eastside Prep, 1041 Myrtle St., East Palo Alto. The 2017 performances will feature work by a variety of composers, including Zenobia Powell Perry, Margaret Bonds, Florence Price, Jacqueline Hairston, Dolores White, Dizzie Gillespie and Bobby Timmons; the premieres of compositions by Valerie Capers, John Robinson and Joshua McGhee; Eastside Prep's modern dancers performing a piece inspired by Zenobia Powell Perry's opera "Tawawa House;" and more. A reception will follow the Sunday performance. Tickets are \$20 general/\$10 senior/\$5 students. Go to aacinitiative.org/lettheknowingspeak.

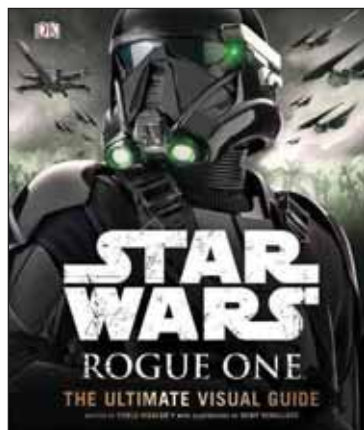
ENSEMBLE ARI

Ensemble ARI (Ari, in Korean, translates to "river," "wisdom" and "beauty"), a six-member group co-founded by local resident and cellist Sarah Hong, blends Korean history and culture with Western classical music and instruments. The ensemble will perform a peace-themed concert in honor of San Francisco's Korean War Memorial on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. The concert will include poetry reading and a variety

of musical pieces, including an original composition by Ari Ensemble director Jean Ahn. Go to jeanahn.com/ensemble-ari/.

'STAR WARS NIGHT' AT KEPLER'S

For many fans, "Star Wars" is more than just movies, it's a way of life. It's also a lot of merchandise, including books. Kepler's will host a presentation (and celebration) of the latest, "Rogue One: The Visual Guide," on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 3 p.m. (1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park). Author and "Star Wars" expert Pablo Hidalgo (he's also written "Star Wars: The Force Awakens: The Visual Dictionary," among others, and works with Lucasfilm Story Groups to ensure continuity across "Star Wars" projects) will converse with illustrator and fellow "Star Wars" expert Kemp Remillard. The "Nerdvana" podcast will also be present at the free event and costumes are encouraged. Go to brownpapertickets.com/event/news/2734941.



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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

MAN CRASHES IN WRONG APARTMENT

Police arrested a 22-year-old man on Saturday after he allegedly entered a Mountain View home and fell asleep on the couch. The residents living in the home on the 2000 block of California Street called police on Saturday, Jan. 21, at around 7:25 a.m. when they woke up and found a man, who they did not know, asleep on the couch, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Officers came to the home and said the man, identified as Noel Angel, appeared to be intoxicated, and had glassy, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech, Nelson said.

Angel told police that he entered the home through a rear sliding glass door thinking it was his friend's apartment before falling asleep on the couch, not realizing that he had entered the wrong apartment, Nelson said. Angel was arrested on charges of trespassing and being drunk in public.

BACKPACK THEFT LEADS TO ARREST

A 28-year-old Mountain View man was arrested on robbery charges last week after he allegedly grabbed and stole someone's backpack by force.

The victim, a Mountain View resident in his late 50s, told police that he was getting out of his car on the 800 block of Harpster

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■ **POLICE LOG**

AUTO BURGLARY

- 2600 block Terminal Blvd., 1/18
- 600 block Moorpark Way, 1/19
- 1400 block Plymouth St., 1/19
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/19
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/19
- 2500 block California St., 1/20
- 1000 block Grant Rd., 1/20
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/20
- 1000 block Crestview Dr., 1/23
- 1000 block Grant Rd., 1/23
- 1 block W. El Camino Real, 1/23
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 1/24

BATTERY

- Leong Dr. & Moffett Blvd., 1/20
- 200 block Castro St., 1/21
- 100 block Franklin St., 1/21
- 800 block Leong Dr., 1/22

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- 400 block N. Whisman Rd., 1/20
- 2000 block California St., 1/21
- 2600 block Bayshore Pkwy., 1/22
- 2600 block Bayshore Pkwy., 1/22

500 block South Dr., 1/22

GRAND THEFT

- 500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 1/18
- 600 block San Antonio Rd., 1/20

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 1200 block Dale Av., 1/18
- 1200 block Dale Av., 1/19
- 1200 block Dale Av., 1/20
- 200 block Diablo Av., 1/21
- 1200 block Dale Av., 1/22
- 1100 block Elena Privada, 1/22

STOLEN VEHICLE

- 200 block Bryant St., 1/20
- 1800 block W. El Camino Real, 1/22
- 1100 block Castro St., 1/24

UNLAWFUL ENTRY

- 2000 block California St., 1/21

VANDALISM

- 900 block Sierra Vista Av., 1/18
- 500 block San Antonio Rd., 1/19
- 1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 1/20

■ **COMMUNITY BRIEF**

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE REOPENS

The Social Security office in Mountain View will be reopening next month after its old home was closed down.

The old location for the government agency was previously at 700 E. El Camino Real, but that office was shuttered in February 2016 after its lease expired. As the agency announced the closure, officials gave assurances they intended to reopen within a year at a new office at 701 N. Shoreline Blvd. That new center is scheduled to open its doors starting on Feb. 1.

The Social Security Administration handles disability, Medicare and retirement benefits. Many services are available without going in person to an office by going online to socialsecurity.gov.

—Mark Noack

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KEEPING TRACK OF CITY'S HOMELESS

LifeMoves CEO Bruce Ives and Gerald Garrett, a homeless man living in Palo Alto, tally up the RVs parked along Crisanto Avenue on Wednesday to get a rough headcount of how many homeless people are living in the area. The survey is part of a biennial countywide "point in time" count of all of Santa Clara County's homeless residents, giving city and county officials a better idea of how many people are out on the street. Mountain View's homeless tally jumped from 139 to 276 between 2013 and 2015.

New program aims to introduce Spanish speakers to City Hall

By Mark Noack

In the coming weeks, Mountain View will be launching a new outreach program designed to introduce Spanish-speaking residents to their local government. The initiative, dubbed the Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy, is tailored to integrate a sidelined slice of the community to the inner-workings of City Hall, and in the process creating a new group of civic-minded leaders.

The leadership academy has been a work in progress for about a year, said Nancy Amalia Ducós, the Mountain View multilingual community outreach coordinator. Many households in Mountain View are unfamiliar with city services and local government because they don't speak English, she said. On a daily basis, her office fields calls from non-English-speaking residents asking for help on various issues, particularly related to housing aid, she said.

Ducós said she believes that an organized program for Latino residents to learn about their city in their own language would serve as the best way to strengthen engagement and participation. At best, she hopes that participants will become community leaders, teaching others about local government, and possibly volunteering for local committees and advisory groups.

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Computer museum unveils ode to code

By Mark Noack

A brush and palette need an artist; a pen and paper must have a writer. And a computer? Well, that mandates its own Michelangelo.

Computers are marvelous machines, but without software they are little more than pricey paperweights. The Computer History Museum's newest exhibit, "Make Software: Change the World!" is a homage to the masterpiece programs that have changed human

experience and the world.

In total, the museum curators decided to focus on some of the seminal programs that have become household names, including Photoshop, Wikipedia, mp3s and texting. But also featured are other noteworthy applications that might not be so obvious, such as medical MRI software, car-crash simulators and World of Warcraft, the most successful massively multiplayer online game.

Each program being showcased at the Computer History

Museum will have its own exhibit explaining its development and impact. For example, the Photoshop display includes the gradual evolution of photo-editing software from the late 1980s to today. Paired with that history is various images showing how the software has been used by professionals.

Meanwhile, the mp3 section is a homage to audio technology, displaying history from the phonograph to iPod.

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Long drought ends for Santa Clara county

WATER DISTRICT TO STRIKE MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

By Kevin Forestieri

Months of wet weather have washed away much of the drought that plagued California over the last four years. With local reservoirs in Santa Clara County now filled to the brim and a healthy snowpack in the Sierra Nevada, water district board members agreed Tuesday night to walk back mandatory water restrictions, while still calling for a 20 percent reduction in water use.

Unlike most of the Santa Clara Valley Water District board meetings over the last three years, district staff came forward with some good news about the local water supply. The northern Sierra Nevada mountains received an overwhelming 217 percent of normal precipitation since the start of 2017, and Santa Clara County has received 7.2 inches of rain — nearly an inch more than normal — as of Jan. 17.

All of the county's reservoirs are either full or nearly full, and two of the state's major reservoirs, Shasta and Oroville, are both at 124 percent of normal capacity, according to Deputy Operating Officer Garth Hall. Even in the event that the rest of 2017 is dry or even a "critically dry" year, groundwater storage will remain normal through the end of the year, Hall said.

The big question at the Jan. 24 meeting was whether to roll back the call for conservation made by the water district in June, which sought a 20 percent reduction in water use compared to 2013, and recommends that cities and water retailers impose mandatory water cuts on residents. If the water restrictions are completely lifted, board members argued, the years-long effort to encourage residents to conserve may be lost.

"We spent substantial resources convincing people to conserve," said board member Tony Estremera. "That's why we're so reticent to make it voluntary and make it sound like everything is okay."

Imposing water restrictions and pretending drought

conditions still persist in Santa Clara County is going to be a hard sell to a community that knows better, said Anthony Eulo, the environmental services program director for the city of Morgan Hill, and one of several speakers calling on the board to suspend the mandatory water-use reduction.

"Our local reservoirs are as full as they can be, our state reservoirs are as full as they can be. There is essential water in the bank," Eulo said. "More importantly, we need to remember the community knows this."

Board members agreed to a compromise, voting unanimously for staff to come back with a resolution that continues to call for a 20 percent water use reduction target, but without the mandatory requirements on cities and water retailers. The resolution would include any restrictions imposed by the State Water Resources Control Board, which is expected to come out with permanent, long-term conservation measures next month in lieu of emergency short-term water reductions.

State requirements are likely to include a prohibition on runoff, water budgets for retailers, a greater emphasis on water shortage contingency plans and more requirements for agricultural water providers, according to Jerry De La Piedra, the district's manager of longer-term planning and conservation. All of these would be included in a framework designed to make water conservation a way of life in California, he said.

The district, similarly, will likely continue to provide landscaping rebate programs to encourage residents to ditch water-hungry lawns, and forge ahead with grants for new technology like smart meters, giving residents greater control over their own water use.

Board chair Dick Santos said the kind of conservation Santa Clara County residents have shown over 2016 — a 28 percent reduction in water use compared to 2013 — needs to become

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MEASURE V

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The council meeting came amid uncertainty about whether Mountain View's elected officials would overcome political differences to champion Measure V, a charter amendment to curb rent increases and allow a roll-back to October 2015 rates. Among elected leaders, the rent-control law had only one firm supporter, Councilman Lenny Siegel. The rest of the council said they disapproved of the law, finding it too inflexible and potentially costly.

In the days leading up to the election, the majority of the council had tried to offer voters a milder rent control program that could be tweaked or dropped by city leaders in future years. But on Election Day, voters rejected the alternative proposal, Measure W, opting instead for Measure V's program that would operate largely outside of the City Council's control.

Coming as no surprise, the CAA last month filed a sweeping lawsuit against the rent-control program, arguing that it violates the constitutional rights of property owners. After a closed-session council meeting in December, Mountain View's

legal team took no action to oppose a request by the landlord group for a temporary restraining order against Measure V. As a result, a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge granted the restraining order, which barred the rent-control program from taking effect in late December.

However, the city attorney did take action to protect a slate of eviction protections passed by the City Council following the election. Those actions aim to protect tenants from being displaced before the rent-control law takes effect.

Those mixed signals from the city left many wondering whether the City Council had the political will to defend Measure V. In the days following the election, at least one council member took an active role to oppose the measure. Then-Councilman Mike Kasperzak, who left office earlier this month, forwarded emails suggesting potential legal arguments to CAA officials to get the court to sign off on the restraining order. The emails were revealed in a Public Records Act request made by local attorney Gary Wesley that were shared with the *Voice*.

Asked about this by the *Voice*, Kasperzak said he always

opposed Measure V, and he believed delaying the measure was the right course of action. He said city staff would have struggled to immediately enact the rent-control law and its provision to rollback apartment rents to Oct. 2015 rates. Those problems would be compounded if the law were later halted through an injunction, he said.

"It would create chaos if (rent control) kept going back and forth," he said. "I'm a proponent of the restraining order, so that (we wait) until the judge can rule on this."

In the days leading up to Tuesday's council meeting, the Mountain View Tenants Coalition pressured city leaders to defend Measure V in court. At an event outside City Hall on Tuesday, Tenants Coalition organizers emphasized the importance of the city joining the legal battle. For years now, the city has been losing families due to the rising costs of housing and the city needed to take action to prevent this from continuing, said Marilu Delgado, a Tenants Coalition supporter.

"We may be small, but we're like the flea on the lion — when we bite, he feels it," she said.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Curtis Conroy, the owner of a seven-unit apartment building in Mountain View, who expressed fear that his "life savings" was on the line in the rent-control battle. He urged the council not to dabble in the housing market.

"We put in a lot of money, and in my case, a lot of sweat into our apartments, and they didn't just get handed to us," he said. "It's not as if rents only go up — sometimes they go up; sometimes they go down."

The council decision to defend Measure V was made in closed session, meaning almost nothing was disclosed besides the vote tally.

Later in the meeting, City Attorney Jannie Quinn gave the council a rough schedule for how the litigation would likely go forward. The CAA attorneys are expected to file a preliminary injunction seeking to halt the rent-control measure by Feb. 3. A hearing on that request could be scheduled by the court for March, and the judge's ruling would likely come by April, she said.

Council to release applications

While the litigation leaves Measure V in a holding pattern, the council took initial steps on Tuesday to create a new committee that would oversee the rent control program. The City Council spent the bulk of the night interviewing 18 candidates

interested in serving on the new five-member rental housing committee.

The applicants included some residents who are relatively unknown to the wider public. Ahead of the interviews, city leaders discussed whether more information from the candidates' applications should be released to the public.

The issue came up due to a public-records request from the *Voice* requesting these applications. The city attorney's office directed staff to release only a portion of the candidates' five-page application. This partial release was criticized by an attorney with the California Newspaper Publishers Association as a violation of the state's public records law, but Quinn said some documents were being kept confidential in order to avoid prejudicing the City Council's decision-making.

Quinn said Mountain View had following this policy for at least as long as she had been working for the city. The council unanimously voted to refer the issue to the city's procedures committee to decide if this policy should be revised. The council also directed staff to release all of the applications of all the remaining candidates still in the running for a committee seat.

"I think the information in these applications is in the public interest to get out, and I support releasing it," Siegel said. "That said, I read them all, and there ain't any surprises."

A long line of candidates

In a format agreed to ahead of time by the council, candidates for the rental-housing committee sat down for interviews, two at a time. To save on time, council members culled a five-question list down to just a couple.

That left most interviews focused on two main points: candidates' qualifications and what they saw as the big challenges in enacting the rent control. In turn, candidates touted their skills at being good listeners, fair-minded arbiters and studios at sifting through data.

"One of the keys here is perception," said candidate Joan MacDonald. "We need to be fair and to be perceived as fair. To do that, we have to be as open and transparent as possible."

MacDonald and other candidates who had actively campaigned to pass Measure V were all asked one pointed follow-up question. Could they set aside their passion to be in a neutral role settling countless disputes between landlords and tenants?

"It's not about passion; it's the law," answered candidate Angel

Sataurino, who had frequently spoken in support of Measure V. "The law is the law, and I want to make sure it's being followed."

If there were any hardened opponents of rent control among the candidate field, they did their best to blend in. Across the board, nearly all candidates echoed similar sentiments of wanting to see the committee succeed.

Unique among the crowd, candidate Gene Lee didn't hesitate to express his doubts about the rent control plan. The measure would essentially take property from landlords to benefit the community at large, he said. The pursuit of fairness was ultimately a mirage, he said.

"Landlords are justifiably angry because this denies them fair-market value," he said. "There's no such thing as fairness here ... the only way to justify this is to meet a higher purpose for the benefit of the community."

Through about three hours of interviews, council member kept a score of the candidates they liked the most. At the tail end, the council tallied their picked for six committee positions, including five seated members and one more to serve as an alternate. The top six candidates were attorney Julian Pardo de Zela, former council member Tom Means, Tenants Coalition organizer Evan Ortiz, Steven Hochstadt, Emily Ramos and Matthew Grunewald.

Councilman John McAlister recommended expanding the list to include more names. The council is prohibited from appointing members to the rental housing committee until the restraining order is lifted, so most council members agreed they had time to do a second round of interviews to further cull the list of candidates.

They agreed to expand the list to 10 candidates by adding Vera Szepesi, James Leonard, Joan MacDonald and Gene Lee.

"This is a job that's going to require a lot of hours. Our apologies if you get it," said Mayor Ken Rosenberg. ■

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DROUGHT

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normal practice in the coming years, regardless of drought conditions, because the state can't rely on a deluge every winter.

"We're in an arid region for the rest of our lives, and history will repeat itself again," he said. "We have to put money in the bank for the rainy days that don't come." ■

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MUSEUM

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Museum curators worked to create their own interactive exhibits, games and documentaries for the featured programs. In addition, the exhibition aims to inspire a new generation of coders with a new lab equipped with simplified programming stations to show the brass tacks of how software is crafted.

The Make Software exhibit will be open to the public on Jan. 28 at the Computer History Museum, located at 1401 N. Shoreline Boulevard in Mountain View. For hours and information, go to computerhistory.org. ▣



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The Computer History Museum's newest exhibit, "Make Software: Change the World!" opens this week.

SPANISH PROGRAM

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"We want to create a bridge by providing more tools for people to be involved in their community," Ducós said. "Knowledge is power, so the more you know, the more sense of power you have."

The eight-week course will encompass a whistle-stop tour through the city's various departments, starting with meeting the City Council and

city administration, and eventually moving through the police, fire and public works departments. City leaders gave their approval for the program last year, allocating \$4,000 to get it started.

As a way to help more residents be part of the program, city officials are providing a light meal for participants as well as day-care for young children. The program is free of charge.

Ducós said the success of the

program should be measured by how much collaboration it creates between the initial participants and local government officials.

The initial run of the Spanish Language Civil Leadership Academy is set to begin on March 15 and is limited to 30 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline to apply is February 24.

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FLOOD PROJECT

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McKelvey Park, which would turn the existing baseball fields into an 18-foot-deep basin designed to take on “peak run-off” water from Permanente Creek if it starts to overflow. The baseball fields will be replaced at the bottom of the basin, and a new 0.7-acre mini-park will be constructed on the northern end of the site. In the event that McKelvey fills up with water, the park is expected to take between one to four days to

drain, and two to four weeks to clean up before it’s reopened to the public.

The water district also began construction last month on two 15-foot deep basins across 12 acres of Rancho San Antonio County Park, with the larger of the two located between the park entrance and the Gate of Heaven Cemetery. These much larger basins are expected to take on flood water more frequently than McKelvey Park, which is only designed to stop flooding in the event of a 100-year flood — or a flood that has a 1 percent chance

of occurring in any given year.

The third project includes upgrades to Permanente Creek itself. The water district will be adding 2 to 3-foot flood walls along the creek from Charleston Road to Highway 101, as well as channel modifications to widen and deepen the creek from Mountain View Avenue to Valencia Avenue.

Construction on all three flood protection projects is expected to complete by March 2019.

The Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project has a storied history in both Mountain View and Los Altos. The original plans called for the construction of detention basins at four locations, including one at the Cuesta Park Annex and one at Blach Intermediate School. The Los Altos School District’s board delivered a surprise to the water district when it voted against the project in 2011. A year later, the water district also dropped the detention basin at the Cuesta Annex following years of public opposition and some \$6 million in cost overruns.

At the outset, water district staff claimed that all the detention basins were needed to prevent flooding on thousands of parcels and hundreds of homes in Mountain View, but revised

hydrological studies later found that the unpopular basins at Blach and Cuesta Annex weren’t needed in the first place. The scaled-back plans led to more scrutiny by Mountain View residents and elected officials, who said they were skeptical that the entire package of projects could be based on inflated flood predictions.

The North County representative on the water district board of directors, Gary Kremen, took a highly critical stance on the flood protection projects while on the campaign trail in 2014, calling the Cuesta Park Annex flood basin a “debacle” and accusing the water district of spending close to \$20 million before even breaking ground due to the delays and redesigns.

The total project budget is \$68.7 million, \$49 million of which is funded through from the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program parcel tax. Designing the projects cost \$12.5 million, and the most expensive component — the McKelvey Park basin — will cost \$30 million. The projects are designed to prevent property damage of \$48 million or more, but the estimate is based on 1999 values and no updated figures are available.

Kremen took a different tone at the Jan. 20 groundbreaking ceremony, thanking water district staff for handling all the challenges that arose during the planning and design phases, and addressing the concerns from the public. There’s a tendency not to worry about flooding while the state faces long periods of drought, he said, but the water district stuck with the plan in order to protect residents from losing their homes.

“There are lots of people susceptible to floods who don’t even have (flood) insurance,” Kremen said.

The first phase of construction at McKelvey Park, which began this month, includes the realignment of Park Drive as well as relocation of utilities. The more significant work of excavating the park will begin during the summer.

Camacho and the rest of the speakers at the groundbreaking ceremony posed inside the council chambers for photos with hard hats and shovels, despite being inside a carpeted room, 4 miles from the project site.


“If we were on site we could dig up some dirt, but for now we’ll have to pretend,” Camacho said. ▀

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PARCEL TAX

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maintains the existing \$2.8 million funding, it would need to levy a \$191 tax on properties within the district. Because of the loss of a tiered parcel tax structure, that means the average homeowner would have to pay \$64 more in order to make up the balance. Polling data presented at the Jan. 19 board meeting shows that 71 percent of district voters would vote in favor of a \$191 measure after hearing arguments for and against the tax, but only 65 percent would support a \$225 tax. The district needs a two-thirds majority to pass a parcel tax.

Heath said that level of support is not set in stone. A strong “get out and vote” campaign could go a long way towards meeting the two-thirds margin, and the polling for the Measure C parcel tax was well below the whopping 80 percent of the “yes” vote the measure actually received. At the same time, he said, the results of the presidential election and the inauguration of President Donald Trump — which happened after the polling took place — could galvanize voters into supporting local public schools.

“Given the events of the election over the last year, people are seeing real value in locally

controlled dollars,” Heath said. “We don’t have to rely on Sacramento, we don’t have to rely on Washington. To some degree, we can control our own fate.”

‘I’m in favor of taking a more conservative approach.’

BOARD MEMBERS ELLEN WHEELER

Wheeler remained uneasy about going for the big ask, and said the margin was too close for comfort with no window of opportunity to try again. Any amount of “local roiling” about district-wide problems could tip the balance and lose the district millions in education funding for an entire year.

“I’m in favor of taking a more conservative approach,” she said.

The two newest board members, Tamara Wilson and Laura Blakely, both agreed that now isn’t the time for risky tax measures. Blakely called the \$225 parcel tax “too much of a gamble,” and said the district shouldn’t bank on a huge volunteer presence like the one Measure C received back in 2008. The

Measure G bond measure four years later didn’t have nearly as many volunteers, she said, and it’s hard to predict how much support will materialize for the campaign over the next few months.

Board President Jose Gutierrez broke away from the majority view, calling the future uncertainty a key opportunity to raise public support for local schools. The proposed state budget earlier this month shows that California’s economy is not growing as fast as projected and could be slipping into a recession in future years, and the new administration in Washington only adds to that uncertainty, Gutierrez said.

“If you have a strong campaign, you can rally the troops because of that uncertainty,” Gutierrez said.

Coladonato attended the meeting remotely from Washington, D.C. where he was to attend the presidential inauguration, and left the meeting before the parcel tax agenda item was discussed. He later declined to state his stance on the parcel tax.

The board is expected to vote on a resolution to put the parcel tax on the ballot at a special Jan. 28 board meeting, a few days ahead of the Feb. 3 filing deadline. ▀

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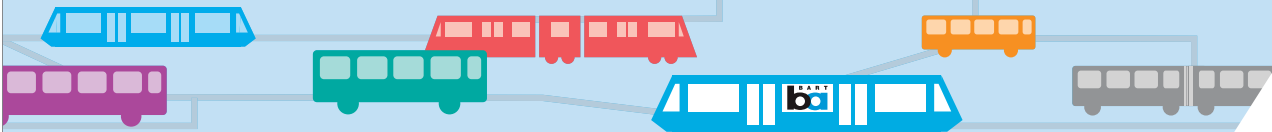
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2. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be prequalified by the District specifically for this project. In addition, all subcontractors with the following license classifications that intend to bid as a first-tier subcontractor to a general contractor (prime contractor) that is bidding directly to the District are required to have been prequalified by the District: A, B, C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and/or C-46. All prequalification questionnaires will be received until **2:00 p.m., Friday, February 3, 2017**, at the District Office, located at 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, California, 94043. A copy of the prequalification questionnaire can be obtained by calling Greystone West Company at (707) 933-0624.
3. Sealed Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 28, 2017**, at the District Office, located at 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, California, 94043, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.
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By: Mary Ann Duggan, Director of Capital Projects

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Drive at around 10:30 on Jan. 18 when the suspect, later identified by police as Nicolai Semrau, grabbed and held onto the victim's backpack and refused to let go, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Officers were able to find Semrau at the intersection of Castro Street and Sonia Way using a detailed description of the suspect provided by the victim. Semrau was arrested on robbery charges and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY ARREST

A couple living in a stolen vehicle with a 7-month-old baby were arrested in Mountain View last week, in connection with several residential

burglaries, according to police. Police said officers were on patrol in the early morning hours of Jan. 17 when they spotted two people sitting in a car in the 700 block of Continental Circle.

The suspects, Michael Wiggins, 46, and Rohanita Prasad, 36, allegedly stole the vehicle from the garage of a Mountain View home in October and were living in it with Prasad's infant son, according to police.

Police said officers also discovered stolen items, mail and packages from other Mountain View homes in the vehicle.

Wiggins and Prasad were arrested on suspicion of residential burglary, vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, possession of narcotics, possession of burglary tools and child endangerment.

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FOOD FEATURE

THE SCIENCE OF GREAT FOOD

MUFFIE FULTON'S BOLD FOOD CLASSES OFFER AN IMMERSION IN MODERNIST CUISINE

By Anna Medina

Imagine a cross between a science lab and a kitchen, and you might come close to visualizing what Muffie Fulton, owner of Bold Food, refers to as the “gitchen” — her garage-turned-kitchen that’s fully stocked with cooking gadgets.

These aren’t just any cooking gadgets, though. And the dishes Fulton teaches her students at Bold Food, a Los Altos-based cooking-class company, aren’t just any dishes. They run the gamut from sous vide carrot with beet noodles to apple-ginger paper to parmesan cauliflower foam — all creations that are part of what’s referred to as molecular gastronomy or modernist cuisine.

Bold Food offers an array of classes and curated travel experiences that focus on the science and cooking of modernist cuisine for “the adventurous home cook.” Fulton’s workshops, which cost \$165 each, seek to break down what can otherwise be an intimidating and confounding genre of cooking, making it more accessible for the home cook.

On a recent Saturday afternoon at Bold Food, an intimate group of students congregated in the “gitchen.” Some expressed an interest in trying new approaches to cooking while others had previous exposure to modernist cuisine. The class started with Fulton passing out a packet with the recipes they would be cooking that day, including information about hydrocolloids (molecules that change the viscosity of a liquid), sous vide cooking (a method of cooking that involves vacuum sealing food

and cooking it in a temperature-controlled water bath) and resources to get started at home. Before long, Fulton was demonstrating and students were helping to peel, chop, puree, juice and vacuum seal.

With a background in neuroscience, biochemistry and biophysics, and a lifelong interest in cooking, it’s fitting that Fulton would eventually find herself at the intersection of science and food.

“I had always cooked along the way — my family is big into food,” Fulton said. “At breakfast we would talk about what we were going to have for lunch, and at lunch we would talk about what we were going to have for dinner.”

While studying neuroscience, biochemistry and biophysics at Brown University, followed by neuroscience at Stanford University and a long career at Deloitte Consulting, Genentech and 23andMe, Fulton continued to foster her interest in cooking. She read about food and food history and was constantly seeking “serious cooking classes,” ones where she could learn the science of how things worked.

“Most of the time, I was kind of unsatisfied with the cooking classes I would take,” Fulton said. “When I discovered modernist cooking — this was the confluence of my interests. You really have to understand how it’s working in order to be successful.”

Fulton said that she first started noticing modernist cuisine in restaurants abroad about eight years ago. She read the book “A Day at elBulli,” by Ferron Adrià, a Spanish



MICHELLE LE

Muffie Fulton teaches classes in molecular gastronomy in the converted garage of her home in Los Altos, under the name Bold Food.

Catalan chef considered to be the father of modernist cooking and the idea of taking a structured approach to flavors and experiments. But something was missing for Fulton — the how.

“There was this mango and black olive recipe — translucent olive disk and mango gel — I wanted to try and make it and see what it was like. I looked at the recipe and I thought, ‘I can’t do any of these,’” she recalled.

It was then that Fulton sought professional courses and workshops while also continuing to read and teach

herself techniques. She was surprised at the lack of modernist cuisine course offerings in the Bay Area, given the high value the area places on science.

She decided to transform her garage into the “gitchen,” a space for her to lead her own classes. She invited colleagues and friends in from Genentech, where she was working at the time. It wasn’t long before she decided to teach full-time.

Fulton sees modernist cuisine as a creative outlet, “the type of cooking you do when you have more time.” It’s not just about making another

chicken breast, but rather using different flavors and tools to change the presentation and texture, she said.

The food she makes is experiential. Take a “deconstructed French onion soup” she made for dinner guests. Using syringes, each guest injected a gruyere and roasted onion mixture into hot beef broth laced with methylcellulose, a chemical compound. This caused a chemical reaction, making the gruyere and french onion mixture turn into a solid “noodle.”

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Muffie Fulton's New York steak was slow-cooked sous vide for two hours, seared with a cooking torch and sprinkled with Maldon sea salt.

BOLD FOOD

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Fulton said that her classes are geared to those who are interested in learning about how things work. In designing the curriculum for her classes, she first sought to convey the basic techniques of modernist cooking. Since then, her courses have evolved into a combination of the meal and the technique. A class on burgers is an example of this approach.

"In that case, it was really, 'How do you make the best burger, fries and ice cream. It was more about the meal than the actual techniques,'" she said.

Even so, this particular course also included plenty of science: what goes into making cheese, the theories behind why fries get crisp and how to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen.

This spring, Fulton will be adding a vegan class to her offerings, after realizing that everything she cooks is almost all vegan and that, by using modernist techniques, one can easily replace animal products in cooking. Fulton said that sous vide cooking, for example, lends itself well to cooking vegetables. The result? "(The) texture and flavor is improved with sous vide," she said.

This year Fulton plans to add a travel component to Bold Food's course offerings. Previously, Fulton organized food-focused

excursions within the United States as a service for people asking for her guidance and advice. She said she realized should could simply plan and offer the trips herself. This April, participants will travel with her to Austin, Texas. The trip will include a BBQ tour, a demonstration by an artisanal knife-maker, a food truck tour, meals at Olamaie and Barley Swine and a day devoted to tacos.

Next on her itinerary is Lima, Peru, in late July, with visits to the top two restaurants on "Latin America's 50 Best Restaurants" list as well as a crash course in learning how to make Peruvian ceviche and a cooking demonstration with a chef. Future trips are planned this year to Singapore, Malaysia and Chicago. The cost of the trips range from \$2,000 to \$7,000 depending on the destination, which includes food, transportation and travel.

Where modernist cooking was once reserved for big, flashy moments in restaurants, Fulton said that, more and more, it's making its way into the home kitchen. For those interested in dabbling in modernist techniques, Fulton recommends investing in a scale for precise measurements and a sous vide, which takes cooking to "the next level."

Information about Bold Food can be found online at boldfoodco.com.

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MICHELLE LE

Muffie Fulton uses a cooking torch to sear a New York steak that was slow-cooked in her sous vide machine.

MOVIE OPENINGS



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Matthew McConaughey, left, and Edgar Ramirez team up in "Gold."

Them thar hills

MCCONAUGHEY GOES FOR THE 'GOLD'

★★★1/2 (Century 16)

"Gold," a twisty drama inspired by a true 1990s gold-mining scandal in Indonesia, follows underdog mining executive Kenny Wells, who desperately wants respect — including self-respect that goes deeper than false bravado. And for a while, he gets it in spades.

But this is a get-rich-quick story, another fable of boom that's inevitably on its way to bust. In 1981 Reno, Nevada, times are good for the Washoe Mining Corporation, with Kenny (Matthew McConaughey) looking up to his father (Craig T. Nelson) who inherited the company from Kenny's hard-scrabble grandfather and built it into a thriving business in plush high-rise offices. Fast forward to 1988, and Kenny's dad has passed on, leaving the son the family legacy and a great deal of pressure, exacerbated by the business having fallen on tough times on his watch.

Wells musters faith in himself and his dream vision of a big gold strike.

He finds just the man he needs to enable that vision — geologist-with-a-knack Michael Acosta (Édgar Ramírez) — and hitches the Washoe Corp. to his star. Acosta pinpoints a massive vein just waiting to be mined in the Indonesian jungle. With Kenny scraping bottom, funding the expedition will take all the bluster he can muster. But the expedition comes together, and Washoe strikes it rich: The gamble has paid off — and Kenny Wells' problems have just begun.

Directed by Stephen Gaghan ("Syriana"), "Gold" cannot help but be compared to Martin Scorsese's "The Wolf of Wall Street," a film that more successfully sought Oscar "gold" by

looking at the precipitous rise and fall of a businessman and related stock values. It's not an especially favorable comparison: "Gold" feels less incisive and certainly less energetic than Scorsese's film, for despite Gaghan's track record as screenwriter (he won the Oscar for scripting Stephen Soderbergh's "Traffic"), he's working from a "meh" screenplay credited to Patrick Massett and John Zinman ("Lara Croft: Tomb Raider").

The film's best asset, coincidentally or not, also hails from "The Wolf of Wall Street" — McConaughey. The star goes paunchy and balding to physicalize Wells' need, and his one-man show gives the picture its energy. Ramírez offers strong support as the warier Acosta, who's both concerned by and impressed with Wells' whirlwind approach to business. "Gold" also features fine turns from Bryce Dallas Howard as Kenny's haplessly loyal wife, Corey Stoll as a ruthless investor, and Toby Kebbell as an FBI investigator.

"Gold" works best as a character study of Wells, a man who's neither good (he's a prideful figure with a moral blind spot) nor bad (he's gracious in victory, giving a promotion where he could justifiably fire someone). In themes of "selling a story" to investors and the blinding power of money, "Gold" has little new to offer, but in its particulars — the character of Acosta (based on real-life figure Michael de Guzman), for instance, and the sad hustle of McConaughey's Wells — finds deposits rich enough to make the trip worthwhile.

Rated R for language throughout and some sexuality/nudity. Two hours, 1 minute.

— Peter Canavese

NOW SHOWING

20th Century Women (R) ★★★★★

Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

A Dog's Purpose (Not Rated)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Arrival - Bonus Content (PG-13) ★★★★★

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Eagle Huntress (G) ★★

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Fences (PG-13) ★★★★★

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Founder (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Gold (R) ★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Hacksaw Ridge (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Hidden Figures (PG) ★★1/2

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La La Land (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Lady Vanishes (1938) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:45 & 9:25 p.m., Fri. - Sun.

Lion (PG-13) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Manchester by the Sea (R) ★★★★★1/2

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Moana (G) ★★★★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Moana Sing-along (G)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Monster Trucks (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Moonlight (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Passengers (PG-13) ★★

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Patriot's Day (R) ★★ Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter (R)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Resurrection of Gavin Stone (PG)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Rogue One: A Star Wars Story (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Sing (PG) ★★1/2

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Split (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Un Padre No Tan Padre (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Wicked Lady (1945) (Not Rated) Stanford

Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun., 3:50 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

xXx:The Return of Xander Cage (PG-13)

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Yu-Gi-Oh! The Dark Side Of Dimensions (PG)

Century 20: Saturday

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The drama "Uncanny Valley" portrays a synthetic being during the slow process of becoming a human analogue. It explores the divide between creator and creation, the inherent unpredictability of consciousness and how we are redefining what it means to be human in the 21st century. Jan. 20-Feb. 12; Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

THEATER

Manual Cinema In a CGI era, the Manual Cinema artists' collective uses paper cutouts, transparencies and overhead projectors to tell a haunting tale of elderly twins separated by death — or perhaps not. The New York Times wrote "Ada/Ava" is "an unclassifiable story of spectral beauty." Feb. 1-4, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 4, 4:30 p.m., matinee. \$50. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Palo Alto Players: 'A Day in Hollywood / A Night in the Ukraine' Nominated for nine Tony Awards, these two comedic one-act musicals provide a "double feature" that starts in the lobby of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the 1930s where the ushers sing a musical tribute to the screen stars and productions of that era. The second act is set in Russia and features a musical with all the usual Marx Brothers suspects. Preview, Jan. 20; opening night, Jan. 21; Jan. 21-Feb. 5.; Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

Stiles & Drewe's 'The Three Little Pigs' From Stiles and Drewe, the award-winning musical team behind "Honk!" and Broadway's "Mary Poppins," comes a musical tale featuring topics about home and family. Jan. 26-Feb. 12, Wednesday-Sunday, times vary. \$10, children's tickets; \$12, adults. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

'Yellow Face' Fresh off its production of the Obie Award-winning "Circle Mirror Transformation," Los Altos Stage Company (LASC) lines up another Obie recipient (2008 for playwriting) with David Henry Hwang's "Yellow Face." Based on events in Hwang's life, "Yellow Face" takes the audience on a journey with DHH, a playwright who is struggling with the complex and ever-changing role that "face" plays in modern American society. Jan. 26-Feb. 19, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18, students; \$36, general. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

CONCERTS

Pan-Asian Music Festival — Chinese New Year Concert The Stanford Pan-Asian Music Festival presents "Music from Shanghai" in celebration of the Chinese New Year for 2017,

the Year of the Rooster. This performance will feature Symphony Silicon Valley conducted by Jindong Cai with a 120-person chorus from the local Chinese community and a group of soloists from Shanghai Conservatory of Music and Peking Opera Company. Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$40. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Pinchas Zukerman Chamber Music San Francisco presents multiple Grammy-winning Pinchas Zukerman, a violinist, violist, conductor, pedagogue and chamber musician. This will be Zukerman's eighth season as Principal Guest Conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in London and his second season as Artist-in-Association with the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra in Australia. Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. chambermusic.org/#zukerman

Shenson Recital Series This Campbell Recital Hall Program will feature an all-Haydn program, including the cantata "Arianna a Naxos." Jan. 29, 2:30 p.m. \$20, general; \$15, senior; free, youth under 13. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

MUSIC

Black Violin Classically trained Floridians Wil B. (Wilner Baptiste, viola) and Kev Marcus (Kevin Sylvester, violin), who met in high school orchestra, have played President Obama's Inaugural and the Apollo Theater; with Kanye West and the Eagles; and at three Super Bowls. Live, Black Violin keeps the party rolling with DJ turntable whiz SPS and a drummer. Black Violin's latest recording, "Stereotypes," shatters them. Jan. 27 and 28, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Live, 327 Lasuen St., Bing Concert Hall, Stanford.

Instant Harmony with Daniel Steinberg and the World Harmony Chorus As part of the "Warm Wishes for Mountain View" celebration, this event will include a performance by the World Harmony Chorus and an Instant Harmony singing workshop with its director, Daniel Steinberg. Steinberg works with vocalists of all ages and at all levels of ability and experience, teaching and singing choral repertoire from a wide variety of ethnic sources and folk traditions. Jan. 29, 2-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585

Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library/calendar

Toney Rocks: Soul Stirring Acoustic Concert Red Rock Coffee presents singer-songwriter Toney Rocks for an intimate acoustic concert. His music sits between folk, blues and rock with engaging songwriting. Onstage, he will dive into an exciting set of singing supported by acoustic guitars, ukulele and piano. Jan. 27, 8 p.m. \$5, advance; \$8, day of. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. toneyrocks.com

TALKS & LECTURES

An Evening with Lisen Stromberg Author Lisen Stromberg discusses her new book, "Work Pause Thrive," and offers insight into how women integrate their work and life priorities. She will be joined by a panel that includes Diane Flynn, Tina Lee, Patricia Nakache and Josh Levs. The discussion will be followed by a wine reception with Girl & Dragon Wine, donated by Vintage Wine Estates. Feb. 2, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15, general; \$12, members and J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Stromberg

Author Event: 'It Didn't Start With You' Mark Wolynn, director of The Family Constellation Institute in San Francisco, will discuss the most current research showing how traumatic experiences can be inherited from our parents and grandparents as well as how to break the cycle. His new book is "It Didn't Start With You: How Inherited Family Trauma Shapes Who We Are and How to Break the Cycle." Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m. \$10. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/events_2017_February

'Brain, Body & Consciousness' with Google's Gopi Kallayil Gopi Kallayil, Chief Evangelist for Brand Marketing at Google and author of "The Internet to the Inner-Net: Five Ways to Reset Your Connection and Live a Conscious Life," lays out practices and perspectives that can help people become more creative and adaptable and live with more purpose, fulfillment and joy. Feb. 2, 6:30-8 p.m. \$12-22. Asilomar Theatre - Google, 1900 Charleston Road, Mountain View. commonwealthclub.org/events/

Real Estate for Seniors at Los Altos Library This information session is about the local real estate market and what's happening

in Los Altos, Silicon Valley and California. Topics discussed include the effect of this market on individuals and how to make net worth go further; smart tax direction when buying or selling; and homeowner education on today's options. Jan. 31, 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Tacos & Tech: San Diego's Top Companies Come to Silicon Valley The first-ever San Diego Day in Silicon Valley will feature fish tacos, San Diego brews, live music, networking and introductions to San Diego's biggest hiring tech companies. It will include discussion panels with Southern California's top technologists, Fortune 500s and growing startups. Feb. 1, 4-8 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.

Wallace Stegner Lecture Series 2017: Jimmy Chin National Geographic photographer and extreme athlete Jimmy Chin will be speaking as part of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)'s 2017 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series, themed "Drawing Inspiration from Nature." In his lecture, Jimmy will describe how the natural world inspires his photography and love of adventure, while telling stories about the making of his 2015 award-winning documentary "Meru." Jan. 31, 8-10 p.m. \$40. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. openspacetrust.org/wsls-jimmy-chin/

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Exhibit: 'Inspired by Zen Spirits' Gallery 9 in Los Altos presents, "Inspired by Zen Spirits," featuring recent artwork by Mami Weber which is based on the roots of her Japanese culture. Mami uses the traditional Japanese color combination of red and black and minimalist design to express strong messages. "Inspired by Zen Spirits" represents a new approach in the artist's work. The artist's reception will be held on Feb. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 31-Feb. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; noon-4 p.m., Sunday. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

Friday Night at the Art Center The event celebrates the opening of the new exhibition, "Spectral Hues: artists + color," and will feature artmaking activities, food, drinks and a chance to meet some of the exhibiting artists. Jan. 27,

7-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

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'Mr. Gaga: The True Story of Love and Dance' In this advance screening of the documentary "Mr. Gaga," Director Tomer Heymann tells the story of choreographer Ohad Naharin, who studied with some of the greatest dance figures of our time and created the daring new "movement language," Gaga. Eight years in the making, "Mr. Gaga" traces Naharin's artistic roots with rare footage from his childhood, rehearsals, extensive unseen archival material and dance sequences filmed exclusively for the documentary. Jan. 31, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/mrgaga

FILM

Italian Film Screenings The OFICC presents screenings of two Italian films. The first screening will be "Mine Vaganti" ("Loose Cannons"), which follows Tommaso, the youngest son of the Cantones, a large, traditional southern Italian family operating a pasta-making business since the 1960s. After the first screening, there will be an Italian appetizer prepared by Panino Giusto. The second screening will be "Il Nome del Figlio" ("An Italian Name"), in which Paolo and his wife are expecting a baby and deciding upon his name. Jan. 29, 5 p.m. \$12, general; \$10, members. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/vigantifilm

FOOD & DRINK

Cow Wow Ages 5 and up are welcome to help milk Vida the Cow. Participants will learn fun cow facts while helping to feed and care for the dairy queen. In the milking parlor, participants will work with a trained professional and practice proper hand milking techniques. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Jan. 28, 3:30-5 p.m. \$25 per person. Hidden Villa, 26870, Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/calendar-of-events

IFES Crab Cioppino IFES Society of Mountain View is hosting its first Crab Cioppino event of the season. The community is invited to join for what's called "the best cioppino in town," Portuguese style. Attendants are encouraged to bring their own crab-eating utensils, butter, sauces and wine. Jan. 28, 4-9 p.m. \$25-\$55. IFES Portuguese Hall, 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Disinheriting The IRS From Your Retirement Accounts John Lau, a CPA and certified financial planner with more than 30 years of experience advising retirees, will lead a workshop during which he will go over various issues regarding retirement accounts, including how to avoid or reduce double taxation on retirement assets and how to plan tax-efficient IRA transfers to heirs. Jan. 31, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. lfsfinance.com/events/

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Yoga for Health, Health for Humanity Chandra Nayak will lead a presentation on Surya Namaskar yoga during which participants will learn how the benefits of doing yoga early in the morning on a regular basis can benefit their health. Jan. 28, 1 p.m. Free, RSVP. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/library/calendar

HOME & GARDEN

California Native Plant Society: Member's Night Slide Show In this annual tradition, CNPS members share photos of notable plants and places they have visited in 2016. On display will be an abundance of photos from around the state, highlighting California's flora and scenery. The program is led by Santa Clara Valley CNPS chapter members. Jan. 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. sclcl.org/losaltos

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File No.: 624876
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File No.: FBN625481
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