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*Children head home from Landels Elementary School on Feb. 7. The Mountain View Whisman board of trustees designated Landels, along with every other school in the district, as a "sanctuary" where students will be protected from aggressive immigration enforcement policies.*

## Making local schools safe havens

BOARD APPROVES SANCTUARY RESOLUTION PROTECTING UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District has joined a growing contingent of districts throughout Santa Clara County that have become "sanctuaries" for all students regardless

of immigration status. The move comes amid growing concerns that President Donald Trump's administration in Washington could lead to a crackdown on immigration enforcement, creating a "climate of fear" for children and families.

The board unanimously agreed at the Thursday, Feb. 2, meeting on a resolution designating district schools as "sanctuaries" to the fullest extent allowable, and that any request by the U.S. Department

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## Developers keep giving to council candidates, even after Election Day

By Mark Noack

In their year-end campaign reports for last year's election, candidates for the Mountain View City Council showed a surprisingly robust round of fundraising after Election Day had passed.

Using campaign money as a yardstick, the new frontrunner is Councilman John McAlister. After winning re-election to a second term, McAlister reported last week that he had raised an additional \$12,594 for his campaign by Dec. 31, bringing his total contributions for 2016 to \$48,549.

In an interview with the *Voice* McAlister said he launched a post-election fundraising effort to recoup just over \$11,000 he had personally invested into his campaign.

"I was in debt, so I reached out to my major donors and told them I would appreciate it if you could help me pay off this loan,"



John McAlister

he said. "You shouldn't have to go into debt to run for City Council — their civil service is something that should be honored."

Many of McAlister's late donors have business before the city. Atherton residents Patricia Spieker Hopman and Tod Spieker, whose family controls thousands of apartments in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, donated \$2,000 toward McAlister's debt. The San Mateo firm Prometheus, which is currently seeking to build more than 1,000 apartment units in Mountain View, also donated \$2,000. His campaign reported receiving \$1,000 from the Sobrato Organization, which is seeking city approval for two mixed-use office and housing projects.

Seven employees of Saris Regis Group together donated \$2,000 to McAlister's campaign. Saris Regis is currently working to build 52 condominiums at the El Camino Real site of Harv's Car Wash.

Councilman Chris Clark

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## Civil rights complaint against high school district over rape case

GRAD SAYS OFFICIALS FAILED TO ADEQUATELY RESPOND TO ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT BY LAHS STUDENT

By Kevin Forestieri

A former Mountain View-Los Altos High School District student has filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, claiming that the district failed to adequately respond after she was allegedly raped by a fellow student off-campus.

The complaint, which was filed

in June by a female student who had attended the district's Middle College alternative school program, came to light last week in a lengthy expose by the San Francisco Chronicle. The victim, who is not being named, told the Chronicle that the alleged perpetrator, a Los Altos High School student, had raped her in a San Jose hotel room during a party in Sept. 2015. Both victim and rapist were juveniles at

the time of the alleged incident, according to the Chronicle.

The party was thrown by a student's father, who provided the teens with alcohol and illicit drugs, and transported the students to the hotel, according to details from the story.

The Office for Civil Rights is responsible for ensuring school districts follow federal civil rights laws, including Title IX, which

protects students from gender discrimination at school. The law specifically calls on districts to provide safeguards for student victims of sexual harassment and sexual assault, including providing accommodations to prevent victims from encountering their assailants while on campus.

The former student filed the complaint on the grounds that the district failed to take a

proactive approach in informing her family of its rights under Title IX, did not investigate the alleged rape and did not provide accommodations afforded to her under the civil rights law.

On Monday, Feb. 6, Superintendent Jeff Harding confirmed to the *Voice* that the district was notified by the Office for Civil Rights about

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**SCHOLA CANTORUM’S VALENTINE’S DAY SING-ALONG**

To quote Paul McCartney, “some people want to fill the world with silly love songs, and what’s wrong with that?” Schola Cantorum will hold its annual Valentine’s Day Sing-along on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave. Led by Schola Cantorum’s Dawn Reyen at the piano, all are welcome to gather ‘round and sing familiar songs about love, including “Till There Was You” from “The Music Man,” and “If Ever I Would Leave You” from “Camelot,” The Beatles’ “She Loves You” and the Elvis Presley’s “Can’t Help Falling in Love.” Lyrics will be projected on an overhead

screen. Tickets are \$15. Go to [ScholaCantorum.org](http://ScholaCantorum.org).

**PACIFIC ART LEAGUE’S ‘CLUB 21’ GALA**

Polish your pearls, dust off your flapper duds and practice your the Charleston: In celebration of its founding in 1921, the Pacific Art League is going back to the Roaring ‘20s for its benefit gala, which raises funds for the venerable art league’s education and engagement programs. The “Great Gatsby”-styled soiree will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Garden Court Hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Guests can sip wine, munch refreshments and enjoy jazzy entertainment while bidding on auction items and supporting a local arts tradition. Admission is \$150. Go to [pacificartleague.org/1921](http://pacificartleague.org/1921).

**‘A CALIFORNIA INDIAN FEAST EXHIBITION’**

An exhibit on traditional California Indian food sources, feasts, environmental practices and the importance of traditional foods in contemporary communities, “Seaweed, Salmon and Manzanita Cider,” is currently on display at the Los Altos History Museum (51 S. San Antonio Road) through April 16. The exhibit is based on the 2008 book of the same name, by Margaret Dubin and Sara-Larus Tolley. On Saturday, Feb. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon, the museum will host a free family event on native foods, at which children can grind acorns, make a craft and sample cuisine. Go to [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org). —*Karla Kane*



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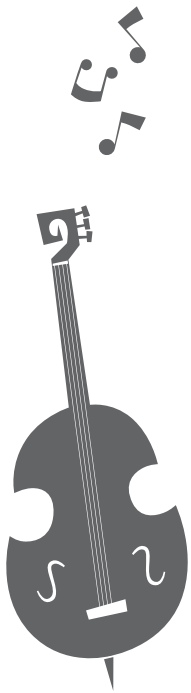
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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### CROWBAR FIGHT

Police arrested a 27-year-old woman Monday after she allegedly hit her ex-boyfriend with a crowbar following an argument over tax issues.

Officers received reports of a domestic disturbance on the 300 block of Pioneer Way just before 10 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6. The victim told police that his ex-girlfriend, later identified as Faridi Trujano, had struck him with a crowbar on his arm, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. The alleged attack occurred after the two got into an argument over a specified tax issue.

Officers saw a fresh scratch on the victim's arm, and later found a crowbar inside Trujano's car. Trujano remained on the scene, and was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

—Kevin Forestieri

#### CAMP EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY TO MOLESTATION CHARGES

A former employee of a Santa Clara County science camp pleaded guilty this week to sexually molesting two campers and possessing and distributing child pornography, prosecutors said this morning.

Edgar Covarrubias-Padilla, 29, started volunteering at Walden West outside Saratoga in 2011 and was hired in 2013, working in several roles in which he had contact with children, county education officials said.

The defendant had passed standard background checks and a federal fingerprint clearance.

Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies arrested Covarrubias-Padilla on May 7, 2015, after receiving a tip from federal investigators that he was downloading child porn.

The day after Covarrubias-Padilla's arrest, investigators learned that he had allegedly molested a 10-year-old Santa Clara County camper at night when he attended the camp the month before.

A Stanislaus County victim later told law enforcement that Covarrubias-Padilla had molested him at the camp for two years, when he was between the ages of 7 and 9.

County education officials said that, as the night monitor, Covarrubias-Padilla was the person students turned to if they were homesick or troubled at night.

Campers at Walden West called Covarrubias-Padilla "Papa Bear," according to prosecutors.

Investigators found that Covarrubias-Padilla was distributing child porn from an email account with the name "pbear" and possessed over 20,000 images and videos of child porn on his laptop, cellphone and online accounts, according to the Santa Clara

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#### ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

300 block Pioneer Way, 2/6

#### AUTO BURGLARY

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/3  
500 block Showers Dr., 2/4  
2400 block Charleston Rd., 2/4  
500 block Showers Dr., 2/4

#### BATTERY

900 block Alta Av., 2/2  
2300 block California St., 2/2  
1100 block Castro St., 2/3  
200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 2/3  
100 block Castro St., 2/3  
500 block Showers Dr., 2/6

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100 block W. Evelyn Av., 2/1  
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300 block Showers Dr., 2/3

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## DEEP WATERS

Flooding from heavy rain triggered the closure of the Stevens Creek Trail where it crosses under Highway 101 earlier this week. Mountain View city officials reported that even after the water receded on Wednesday, the trail was covered with silt and debris. The National Weather Service forecast called for more heavy rain and high winds in the Bay Area on Thursday into Friday, adding to the regions already saturated soil and swollen creeks.

## Couple arrested for alleged opium operation

MOUNTAIN VIEW POLICE SAY SEIZED DRUGS' ESTIMATED VALUE IS \$400,000

By Mark Noack

In what is being called one of the biggest drug busts of its kind in California, Mountain View police on Feb. 3 announced the seizure of 4,000 pounds of opium poppy pods. The raid resulted in the arrest of two Mountain View residents, identified as Jasvir Singh, 34 and his wife, Donna Santo, 45.



Jasvir Singh



Donna Santo

Police officials reported they had been investigating the couple since October, after receiving a tip that they were processing and selling opium poppy pods out their home on the 200 block of Monroe Avenue. Singh and Santo were allegedly importing the poppies from overseas and grinding them into a powder. Police accused the pair of selling bags of the powder out of their house for buyers to brew into a potent tea.

The poppy pods could also provide a main ingredient for producing heroin, but police officials say they did not see much indication of that in their investigation. In any form, opium

is extremely addictive, taking just a couple weeks for a user to get hooked, said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

"Right now we're being told through our investigation that this was being consumed in tea form," said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. "This was putting two and two together."

This was a case of "good old fashioned police work," Nelson said, where police gradually built a case over two months. That work culminated on Tuesday, Jan. 31, when officers served search warrants on the couple's Monroe Avenue house and a nearby storage locker.

Inside the house, police found about 50 pounds of poppy pods and \$30,000 in cash. At the storage locker, they found nearly 4,000 pounds of poppy pods, which police officials estimate to be worth \$400,000.

A third search warrant was served on Feb. 2 to inspect a car owned by Singh and Santo, but Nelson said nothing much of interest was discovered.

Police officials say they are still investigating how long the alleged drug operation was in business. Nelson said investigators have not found a significant recent rise in opium consumption in the city.

Singh and Santo were both arrested on charges on felony possession of a controlled substance. They were also charged with child endangerment for allegedly putting their two children in danger. The children were turned over to child protective services, Nelson said. Singh and Santo were being held without bail in Santa Clara County Jail.

Opium poppies, known as Papaver somniferum, are the main ingredient in a range of narcotics, both medicinal and illicit. The latex from the pods provides the main source for many opiates, including morphine, codeine and heroin.

The legal status of the poppy is complicated since the seeds of the flower are used in a wide variety of legal oils and foods. Other than the seeds, most parts of the opium poppy are considered illegal Schedule-2 narcotics, including the pods and straw. ■

## MV Planned Parenthood in trouble

HEALTH CLINIC'S LEASE TO EXPIRE IN MAY;  
 COUNTY TO HELP FIND NEW SITE

By Kevin Forestieri

The Planned Parenthood Mountain View Health Center soon could be losing its home at the corner of San Antonio Road and California Street. The health clinic's lease is set to expire in May, and might have to close its doors by year's end.

The lease is ending due to pending redevelopment in the larger San Antonio area, including the commercial building that houses Planned Parenthood and several other businesses. After May, the lease will become month-to-month until it's shut down and redeveloped, according to Linda Williams, president and CEO of the regional Planned Parenthood Mar Monte.

Williams said the regional Planned Parenthood organization has been working hard to find a new place for years, but it's been a tough and fruitless endeavor so far. Potential properties on Moffett Boulevard and El Camino Real fell through because city parking regulations for medical offices made both options infeasible.

"We've been looking for alternate property for some time, but that is very difficult to find in Mountain View," she said. "It can't just be any place; it has to have good foot traffic potential and good transit options."

Although best known for providing abortion services, Planned Parenthood provides a range of health care services including prenatal care, pregnancy tests, contraception, sexually transmitted disease testing, breast cancer screening and a slew of education programs. Abortion procedures make up about 3 percent of the total services provided by the national Planned Parenthood organization in 2014, according to the nonprofit's website.

The Mountain View center also serves as a neighborhood

medical clinic, offering primary care for men, women and families.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed to find ways the county can step in to help keep the doors open at the Mountain View facility. County Executive Jeffrey Smith said staff will try to work with the property owner on a deal to extend the lease until a new location is found for the clinic. If no extension is made, it's going to put even greater pressure on the county and Planned Parenthood to act quickly, Smith said.

More than a dozen speakers at the Supervisors' meeting gave emotional pleas for the county to do what it can to preserve an important health care institution in the North County that serves some of the most needy residents: teens, poor and immigrant families.

Linda Lenoir, who recently retired after serving as a nurse at Palo Alto Unified School District for 26 years, told the board that one of the biggest barriers to people receiving health care is access, and that she's referred many families and students to the Planned Parenthood clinic in Mountain View for preventive care and other important services.

Other health clinics in the area are packed, she said, and if Planned Parenthood closes, many residents would be left with no other option but the emergency room.

"We are going to be overloading a system that's already overloaded," Lenoir said.

Kit Miller, who teaches English to immigrant women in Mountain View about five blocks from the clinic, said the families she works with rely on Planned Parenthood for health care. Planned Parenthood is

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LINDA WILLIAMS, CEO OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD MAR MONTE

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## Mary Louise Orth

October 12, 1919 – January 21, 2017

Mary Louise Orth, long-time Mountain View resident, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2017. Mary was raised in Los Olivos and Santa Barbara, California by her parents, Frank and Kathryn Bauman Dunne (deceased). Mary loved to re-count stories of her childhood including teasing her brother Don Dunne (deceased). Some of her most favorite times were during her high school years at Santa Barbara High—she loved her friends, parties, dances and the Santa Barbara Fiesta. In her professional life, Mary was an executive secretary for the manager of Birdseye Foods, a subsidiary of General Foods, and Office Manager of the San Francisco Divisional Office covering eleven Western States. In 1941, Mary met Fred Orth (former husband, deceased) in San Francisco, and they were married in Reno, Nevada.

After short stays in Vallejo and Folsom, Mary moved to Mountain View in 1955. Her focus was her family, home, friends, and neighbors. Mary was a consummate mother and homemaker. She was the Brownie and Girl Scout Troup leader for the local neighborhood troop. Mary loved people, biographies, music, dancing, gardening (she grew amazing roses), dogs, dining out, San Francisco, and jokes. She became a sports fan and enjoyed watching football. Mary and her Daughter were best friends. Her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren were her joy and delight! Mary will be remembered as a dear, sweet lady with a beautiful smile and infectious laugh; and, as a dear friend, special neighbor, and neighborhood grandma. Mary loved life and taught us to laugh. She will be greatly missed, and will be in our hearts forever.

Mary is survived by her Daughter, Pam Blackman and her husband, Ed Cazalet of Los Altos. She is also survived by her two Grandchildren, Mark Blackman and his wife Linda, and Brooke McClimans and her husband Mike. She had three Great Grandchildren, Gracie, Hayes, and Ethan. She also had four nephews.

Private inurnment was held at Alta Mesa Memorial Park, Palo Alto. Her loving family will have a private gathering to celebrate her life at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution to the donor's favorite charity. Friends may share memories, thoughts and reflections by visiting the Alta Mesa Funeral Home website.

PAID OBITUARY



## Lopsided funding for school board races

By Kevin Forestieri

The most recent campaign finance reports show that most candidates for local school boards in the November election were done raising and spending money by mid-October, with the exception of one candidate.

Los Altos School District board candidate Tanya Rashcke outspent her opponent, Bryan Johnson, by about two-to-one, with a hefty increase in campaign funds rolling in during the final weeks of the campaign season. She received \$5,065 between Oct. 23 and the end of the year, bringing her to a 2016 total of \$14,182.

The last stretch of campaign contributions came from a mix of residents in Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, a majority of whom are Bullis

Charter School parents. Large donations include Mountain View resident and Bullis parent Christine DiBona (\$1,000) and former Bullis Booster Club board chair Sang Yoo (\$500).

Several big contributions added to a cumulative amount ending in \$99. These contributions include \$999 from Millie Gong, \$899 from Jill Jene, and \$599 from Grace Yang, all of whom are parents of Bullis students. Bullis parent Suzi Berry also contributed \$250 to the campaign, adding up to \$349 in contributions for the year.

Johnson reported that he received no contributions from Oct. 23 through the end of the year, and spent a little over \$900 in campaign ads. Earlier in the election, he received large contributions from current and former board

members and district organizations, and totaled \$5,945 for 2016. He won the election by a small margin (51.84 percent) in November, and was sworn in last year.

During the same period, there was virtually no action for the Mountain View Whisman School District. School board Peter Darrah and school board member Laura Blakely had no contributions or expenditures to report, and spending was kept to a minimum for the remaining candidates. Board member Jose Gutierrez contributed \$210 to his own campaign and spent \$300 on fliers, and board member Tamara Wilon gave \$200 to her campaign and spent \$270 on campaign fliers. Gutierrez, Blakely and Wilson were the winners and were also sworn in at a December board meeting. ■

## Measure GG got big boost from outside companies

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District's Measure GG got a lot of support from just about everywhere in the final days of the election season, according to campaign finance reports released at the end of January. Real estate companies, architects, legal firms, construction and engineering companies, electricians and even a fencing company — often from cities outside of Los Altos — all poured money into the campaign to get the measure passed, with a few contributions rolling in after election day.

The Measure GG campaign committee reported raising just over \$18,000 from Oct. 23 through the end of the year, adding up to a grand total of \$123,540 for 2016. Unlike earlier filing periods, which were dominated by active parents, school board members and \$5,000 contributions from individual school PTAs, the final influx of campaign cash came from a long list of companies. Among them is Gelfand Partners Architects (\$2,500), which helped design several school facilities in the district, as well

as Blach Construction (\$1,000), Fs3 Hodges (\$1,000), Duran and Venables (\$500) and CSDA Design Group (\$500) — all Bay Area-based construction, engineering and architect firms.

Other campaign contributions include \$1,000 from Mountain View legal firm Burke, Williams & Sorensen, \$500 from San Jose-based electrician Best Electrical Co., and \$1,000 from SRGNC CRES, LLC, a division of the real estate development company Sares Regis Group of Northern California. Steve Sordello, president of the San Jose-based fencing company Interstate Fence Co. also contributed \$500.

Major donations from individuals include \$2,500 from Joe Seither, an active parent in the Los Altos School District who served on the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance and a member of the Huttlinger Alliance for Education. School board member Steve Taglio contributed \$1,500, and Bullis Charter School board member Francis La Poll contributed \$500.

The campaign committee received \$2,500 from Bullis Charter School's foundation, the Bullis-Purissima Elementary School Foundation, on Nov. 9

— just one day after the election. The committee also received post-election contributions from William Sawyer, senior director of the real estate firm Cushman and Wakefield (\$200) and from Scott O'Brien, a Los Altos resident and real estate broker with the same agency.

Almost all of the campaign spending happened between Oct. 23 and the end of the year. A whopping \$88,566 in bills were paid for during the reporting period, adding up to \$115,852 in overall expenditures for the year.

A vast majority of the money went to TBWB Strategies, the district's campaign consultant for Measure GG, which paid for both consulting services as well as mailers, postage and online video ads supporting the parcel tax.

Measure GG passed in the Nov. 8 election last year with 70.9 percent of the vote, meeting the needed two-thirds majority vote by a comfortable margin. The board recently acknowledged the campaign committee for its hard work canvassing and phone banking to get the measure passed. ■

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## CRIME BRIEFS

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County District Attorney's Office. Covarrubias-Padilla will be sentenced to 18 years in prison on

May 25 at the Hall of Justice in San Jose, according to prosecutors.

"A person who molested two children and distributed child pornography, exploiting more children, will be sentenced to

almost two decades in prison. Our community is safer because of that," prosecutor David Shabaglian said in a statement.

—Bay City News Service

## Judge rules in ex-cop's lawsuit

By Mark Noack

A lawsuit by a fired police officer against the Mountain View Police Department faltered last week after a Santa Clara County Superior Court judge indicated there wasn't enough evidence for a jury trial. The judge rendered a final ruling in the case on Tuesday, Feb. 8, but it was not made available in time for the *Voice's* press deadline.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, Judge Maureen Folan granted a request by Mountain View's city attorneys for a summary judgment, signaling she could throw out the four main causes of action put forward by the officer's legal team.

The plaintiff, 36-year-old Nicolas Emmerling, filed the lawsuit in 2015 after he was terminated for what his supervisors said was a lack of initiative.

Emmerling and his lawyers contend that he was set up to fail by the department because he remained active in

the California Army National Guard. They argued that the city violated federal protections for active military service members by terminating Emmerling. He also claimed that the department was running a "de facto" ticket-quota system.

But proving those allegations in court turned out to be difficult. In her tentative ruling sent out last week, Folan chided the plaintiffs for failing to show that the city didn't have legitimate reasons for terminating Emmerling.

His legal team pointed to praise and letters of recommendation from fellow officers, but Folan said this evidence did not prove Emmerling was actually a good police officer. She concluded that Emmerling's attorneys failed to meet the bar of "substantial evidence" showing that the city discriminated against him.

An updated story will be posted on the *Voice's* website, mv-voice.com. ■

## CIVIL RIGHTS

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the complaint last year, but an investigation into civil rights violations has yet to be conducted and no district employees or students have been interviewed.

Harding defended the district's decision not to open up its own investigation, noting that the alleged rape happened off-campus and that the district's legal counsel found no "nexus" between the two students who attended different schools.

"We have no legal jurisdiction over a weekend party in San Jose," Harding said. "We didn't have the legal authority to take disciplinary action (against the perpetrator)."

School and district officials remained quiet about a series of wild, drug- and alcohol-fueled parties thrown by the same parent because, as Harding described it, information reached them after the fact through rumors and hearsay, making it questionable how useful it would be to caution the greater school community. In at least two instances since then, Harding said, the district warned parents of upcoming parties ahead of time.

Harding maintained that the district was also sensitive to the needs of the victim throughout the remainder of her time at district schools. The only request they received from the family was right before graduation, when members requested that the alleged perpetrator be

prohibited from attending the graduation ceremony.

"There was close communication between the district and the family, and we checked in with them numerous times," he said. "Throughout the entire year up until graduation, no requests came in for any accommodations."

In an email sent to parents, Harding said that the Chronicle story draws "negative attention" to the school district and the challenges it faces with dangerous off-campus behavior, and that the story wrongly determined that the district's response was "troubling."

"As a district, we do everything possible to ensure the safety of all our students at school events. And, although we can't control what occurs at non-school events, we do everything we can to discourage and, where necessary, address these incidents," Harding said in the letter.

The Office for Civil Rights recently concluded its investigation into whether the neighboring Palo Alto Unified School District violated students' rights under Title IX for failing to appropriately respond to cases of sexual harassment at both Palo Alto and Gunn high schools. A draft resolution agreement between the district and the Office for Civil Rights calls for the district to go back and conduct an investigation into reports of sexual violence that occurred off-campus during the 2012-13 school year. ■

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### REQUEST TO PREQUALIFY, FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FOR PROPOSALS FOR PRELIMINARY AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES (LEASE-LEASEBACK) FOR MONTA LOMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT

The Mountain View Whisman School District ("District") is requesting submission of:

- A prequalification questionnaire ("Prequalification Questionnaire(s)"),
- A statement of qualifications ("SOQ(s)"), and
- A proposal ("Proposal(s)") (together, "Response(s)")

from qualified firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons, or professional organizations ("Contractor(s)") to perform preliminary services and construction services for projects pursuant to a lease-leaseback structure (Education Code § 17406) for the following project ("Project" or "Contract"): Monta Loma Elementary School Modernization and Expansion Project, which consists of: Expansion and modernization of an existing multi-use room. Addition of 2 new portable classrooms. Repair of dry rot at covered walkways and overhangs. Remodels of multiple buildings, Modernization of classrooms, Improved technology, fire alarms, windows, casework and finishes. Site work and utility upgrades.

The District intends to award a contract for the Project to the Contractor that provides the best value to the District pursuant to the process indicated in the Request to Prequalify, for Statement of Qualifications, and for Proposals ("RFQ/P") and that is:

- Insured;
- Holds a Class B Contractors License, which is current, valid, and in good standing with the California Contractor's State License Board; and
- Maintains a full-service office within seventy-five (75) miles of the District.

**Mandatory Pre-Response Meeting.** A pre-Response meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017, at Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043 in the District Office Board Room. The District anticipates this meeting will last two (2) hours, but will continue the meeting until the District determines that it has answered all substantive questions. All participants are required to sign in. **Failure to attend or tardiness will render the Contractor ineligible to submit a Response.**

**Responses.** Interested Contractors must submit a Response with one (1) original and five (5) copies of requested materials as well as a digital copy on a thumb drive, to: Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Attn: Robert Clark, Chief Business Officer. **Prequalification Questionnaires, SOQs and Proposals must be received on or before Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, no later than 2:00 p.m.**

**Questions.** Questions regarding this RFQ/P must be in writing and directed only to Courtney Jackson at [courtney@greystonewest.com](mailto:courtney@greystonewest.com). Contractors are directed to not contact any other person regarding this RFQ/P.

**Bonds and Prevailing Wage.** The successful Contractor shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project. The successful Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Contractors and all subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 of the California Labor Code.

**RFQ/P Addenda.** If the District issues addenda to this RFQ/P, Contractors are solely responsible for and must acknowledge receipt of addenda in the Contractor's Response. Failure to acknowledge and respond to any addenda issued by the District may, in the District's sole discretion, render the Contractor's Response to be deemed non-responsive and may be rejected.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Mountain View Whisman School District.

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## Cities unite for Midpeninsula bike route

By Mark Noack

In its most recent survey, the League of American Bicyclists gave accolades to almost every Midpeninsula city, singling them out as being among the most bike-friendly in the nation. But that picture doesn't look so good when you zoom out and examine the area as a whole.

Many cyclists trying to ride up or down the Peninsula can find it quite difficult to chart a safe route that doesn't involve fighting autos for a share of the road.

For example, Middlefield Road has a roadside bike lane through Redwood City and Menlo Park, but that ends abruptly near the Palo Alto border. Meanwhile, Palo Alto has bike boulevards and paths along Bryant Street and just south of Alma Road, but those routes require turns and way-finding signs as they approach Mountain View. Like scattered islands, each city's bike route network is often inconsistent with the town next door.

"It's really quite tricky to get north to south on a consistent

route," said Emma Shlaes, San Mateo County policy manager for the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. "There are some good existing bike routes, but they inevitably end and you have to get on something else."

The good news is that Midpeninsula cities are now pledging to work together to brainstorm a better bike route. Over recent days, city councils in Mountain View, Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Redwood City agreed to partner up to study a new dedicated bike route to connect their towns.

The idea first came up late last year during an annual joint forum for South Bay and Peninsula city managers held at Stanford University. A subgroup of city executives on the Midpeninsula held a breakout talk that included a presentation from students from the university's public policy school. The students proposed what might be called a bike express lane along three potential routes: Middlefield Road, El Camino Real and along the Caltrain corridor.

In recent days, elected leaders

at each of the four cities signed up for the project, which is being called the Managers Mobility Partnership Effort.

While the idea has already generated excitement, it remains unclear whether any of these routes can actually accommodate new bike lanes. The Caltrain right-of-way could be a tight squeeze for a bikeway, especially as the line is upgraded in coming years with electrified tracks and high-speed rail. El Camino could be just as challenging, for political reasons, as recently demonstrated by the huge public outcry against adding dedicated bus lanes to the corridor.

At this point, the three suggested routes are just a starting point, none of which has been vetted yet, said Mountain View City Manager Dan Rich.

"This was the first step — we wanted to get this in front of our electorate before we go off and come up with work plans," he said. "This is not going to be a simple task, and even if we're all in agreement on what the route would be, doing it will still be challenging."

The cooperation among local cities on a regional bike route is new, but it harkens back to an idea that has been simmering for some time. Shlaes of the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition says the concept seems to draw inspiration from the Grand Boulevard Initiative, an effort launched in 2006 to bring bicyclist and pedestrian improvements to El Camino, stretching from Daly City to San Jose. Progress on that initiative has been slow, in part because the project attempts to cover 19 cities spread across two counties.

For that reason, Rich said, the new mobility partnership is intentionally starting small, with just four cities plus officials from Stanford. Last week, public speakers and council members quizzed him on why other traffic-plagued Silicon Valley cities, such as Sunnyvale, weren't included in the working group. For that matter, the city of Atherton, located right in the middle of any bikeway route, was also not included.

"Any time you're trying to do something like this, the

more people you have in the group, the more challenging it is," Rich explained. "It's already going to be challenging enough with just these four cities involved."

As part of the partnership, each Midpeninsula city will hold public outreach meetings in the coming months to help choose the best route. After a favorite route is picked, the cities will need to figure out how to split the cost for a professional study. Santa Clara County's recently passed Measure B transportation bond could provide a good pot of funding for building the bike route, at least for its southern section.

The bike route vision received an initial round of praise from Google officials, who have been active in expanding bike routes throughout Mountain View. Jeral Poskey, the company's transportation manager, urged city leaders not to lose their nerve as tough choices spring up for building the bike route.

"Please stick the course for this safe bikeway connection to our neighboring cities," he said. "But do remember that the hardest part is yet to come." ▀

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### CLINIC

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crucial for undocumented families, she said, who may have no other option because of their immigration status.

The Mountain View clinic first opened its doors in 1973, and serves more than 8,000 patients, with 14,000 visits each year. Most of the women are Santa Clara County residents, and many of them rely on affordable health services provided by the clinic. Only 24 percent of the patients are eligible for Medi-Cal, even though 70 percent of the clinic's patients earn less than 138 percent of the federal poverty limit, according to the county report.

"Given the large patient volume at this clinic, and the high demand for primary care and reproductive services, it is unlikely there is enough excess capacity in other area health centers to absorb those affected by the clinic's closure," according to the county report.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian said the Planned Parenthood clinic plays an integral role in providing health care to the North County. On top of the reproductive and women's health services, a total of 2,131

residents on the county's Valley Health Plan rely on the Mountain View facility for primary care. There is no county health clinic within the North County or West Valley regions of the county to pick up the slack, Simitian said.

"We've been pushing hard these last four years to expand health care options for North County residents with some success," Simitian said. "But this would be a real blow, not just to North County residents, but folks who work in Mountain View and the surrounding communities"

Mountain View resident and Mistral School parent Diana Wegbreit told the board that Planned Parenthood is a trusted clinic for the community at the shared Castro and Mistral elementary campus, where roughly 75 percent of the families qualify for free and reduced-price lunches. It's also close by and easy to get to by bus, which is important for families that may not have access to a car.

Christine Case-Lo, a Mountain View resident who helped organize the show of support at the Board of Supervisors meeting, launched an online petition to support Planned Parenthood in Mountain View.

As of Wednesday, it had 871 signatures.

### Planned Parenthood on the defensive

The potential of losing the Planned Parenthood facility in Mountain View couldn't have come at a worse time, Simitian said. There's a national effort underway to defund Planned Parenthood. Over the course of the election last year, President Donald Trump said he wanted to take away Planned Parenthood's funding and signaled that the landmark decision making abortion legal, *Roe v. Wade*, ought to be overturned. During his first few days in office, Trump re-instituted a policy blocking federal funding for international organizations that provide abortion services.

Following the election, Williams wrote in a letter that Planned Parenthood is under siege by all three branches of government, and that the nonprofit will face efforts to defund, discredit and destroy it over the next four years. While Planned Parenthood Mar Monte will face "relentless attacks" during the Trump administration, she said it will find a way to persevere.

"We have never deserted the people who trust us to serve

them, and we won't desert them now. No matter how great the threat, our commitment to them has never wavered," Williams said in the letter.

Many of the public comments that rolled in at the Tuesday meeting also alluded to campaign promises by Trump to dismantle the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which expanded Medi-Cal coverage to an estimated 3 million California residents. Ina Roy-Faderman, a medical doctor in the Bay Area, said in a letter that thousands of families simply wouldn't have access to health care without the Planned Parenthood clinic in Mountain View, and that number only stands to increase if the ACA is gutted.

"We live in a very expensive area, and for women who are in high school or college, or working full time or more to try to pay rent, support children and care for elders, travel to a more distant Planned Parenthood location is prohibitively expensive and time-consuming."

If the Mountain View clinic closes, Planned Parenthood would lose its presence in the north county, forcing patients seeking its services to travel to either Redwood City or San Jose. Williams said she is confident that Santa Clara

County will find a way to preserve Planned Parenthood's services in Mountain View.

"We are committed to Mountain View," she said. "Our services are there and available to them, and we have no plans to let Congress or any other body shut us down."

Smith told the county Board of Supervisors that there's been no action by the Trump administration to defund Planned Parenthood yet, but that the county's legal team will be ready to step in and fight to keep that money.

"A large team in the county counsel's office has done all the research about how we can intervene legally if that action is taken," he said. "If there was an attack on health care and health of the county residents, we would definitely have to proceed rapidly to protect them."

An event supporting Planned Parenthood will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Redwood City Planned Parenthood, located at 2907 El Camino Real. Case-Lo said the event is intended to show solidarity with the nationwide organization at the same time pro-life groups are scheduled to protest at that Planned Parenthood location. ▀

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## New bus route aims to get mega-commuters off the road

MV EMPLOYEES LIVING IN THE SOUTH COUNTY HAVE A FASTER WAY TO GET TO WORK

By Kevin Forestieri

For tech employees living in Morgan Hill and Gilroy, getting through Santa Clara County's congested highway system to the major employers on the Peninsula can be a daunting task. During peak hours, traveling up Highway 101 and Highway 85 into Mountain View can take as long as two hours.

In an effort to get these mega-commuters off the road, the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) launched a new express bus route last month designed to transport employees directly from these South County cities to the busy jobs-heavy center of Mountain View during the worst of the commute. The new bus line, Express Route 185, is part of a larger effort to lessen congestion on Highway 85, which grinds to a halt in Mountain View during the evening commute.

The new route launched last month after VTA circulated a survey to major employers in the North Bayshore area, including Google, Microsoft, and Symantec, asking where employees live and when they tend to drive to work and back. The resulting

Express Route 185 picks up employees in both Gilroy and Morgan Hill, and then makes a non-stop slog along the HOV lanes on Highway 101 and 85 all the way to Middlefield Road in Mountain View. The entire 50-mile trek costs the standard express bus fare of \$4 for adults, and is intended to be competitive with the time it takes to make the same lengthy commute by car.

The bus route is in "pilot" mode with a limited schedule compared to similar express bus routes that travel to Palo Alto and Sunnyvale, with only three stops at each station for the morning and evening commutes. Changes to the schedule and locations for stops will be made in order to maximize ridership, according to a VTA staff report.

It's hard to gauge how popular the bus route will be, and there's been no recorded data on early ridership numbers to date, said VTA spokeswoman Linh Hoang. There was no projection on ridership numbers prior to the implementation, but older, more established express bus lines servicing South County residents have ridership numbers of about 200 people in each direction.

The new bus route is also the start of a longer process by VTA to encourage more transit usage on Highway 85. Last year, the transportation agency shifted gears when it abandoned a plan to turn the highway's median into new toll lanes, or "express lanes," and is now pursuing a plan to turn the median into a transit lane. Near term goals include \$500 million in various upgrades, including the new lane construction, new express buses and ongoing operating costs of about \$50 million. Most of these upgrades will be paid for by the new Measure B sales tax, which voters approved last year.

Looking toward the future, VTA will be developing a plan for Light Rail Transit on Highway 85, which would integrate with the county-wide light rail system. But it's unclear how the agency would pay for such a massive undertaking. Reports from May 2016 estimated that the cost of adding a Light Rail Transit system on Highway 85 would cost somewhere in the ballpark of \$3.7 to \$3.8 billion. For context, the entire \$6 billion in Measure B sales tax revenue only allocates \$350 million to Highway 85 upgrades. ▽

## Electric cars pose new challenges to firefighters

By Kevin Forestieri

Hybrid and all-electric vehicles are increasingly commonplace in Santa Clara County, with a Tesla car, a Nissan Leaf or a Toyota Prius around every corner. And with the pervasiveness, emergency responders now have to size up a new possibility: what if one of them catches fire?

Mountain View fire crews had to tackle the problem directly, when an electric car battery overheated to temperatures of about 500 degrees and emitted a dangerous plume of smoke on Jan. 20. The car, parked in the first block of E. Evelyn Avenue, had been converted for an internal combustion engine to all-electric, said Mountain View Fire Department spokesman Lynn Brown. The overheating likely resulted from thermal runaway, which can happen in a lithium ion battery for a

range of reasons, including defects or improper use.

Brown said this is the first time he could remember local firefighters responding to an emergency related to an electric vehicle battery. Firefighters blasted the battery with carbon dioxide extinguishers, which Brown said served a dual purpose of both cooling down the battery as well as reducing oxygen that might fuel a fire in the battery. After emptying "several" extinguishers, fire crews were able to get the battery down to a still-piping hot 250 degrees.

After the battery stopped giving off smoke, Brown said the car was cordoned off in a safe location and the owner stayed overnight with the vehicle in case the battery began overheating again. Mountain View police officers frequently returned to the

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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### COURT DATES SET FOR MEASURE V

As expected, the California Apartment Association last week filed papers seeking a preliminary injunction against Measure V. If approved by a judge, the action would essentially continue a temporary restraining order that has blocked the rent-control measure from being enacted since December.

In their new arguments, attorneys for the landlord group restated their position that the rent-control measure would be a violation state and federal law. Urging the judge to block the measure, they cited "irreparable harm" that could be inflicted if rent control were implemented in Mountain View only to be rescinded later by a court judgment.

"There simply is no way to recover any rent losses suffered as a result of not being able to increase rents while this case is litigated," wrote attorney Karen McCay in her injunction request to the court. "(The) CAA has shown it is likely to prevail on its challenges to the validity of both Measure V and the urgency ordinance."

Superior Court Judge William Elfving is scheduled to hear arguments for the preliminary injunction on March 14.

The landlord group will be squaring off against a growing team of lawyers. Last month, the City Council unanimously voted to direct city attorneys and outside counsel to defend the measure. In addition, five separate requests to intervene have been filed by groups seeking to have Stanford Law professor Juliet Brodie, who co-authored the measure, on the case. Three are affiliated with the Mountain View Tenants Coalition, which put forward the

rent control measure, and two are other individuals. Local attorney Gary Wesley had also sought to intervene in the case, but he withdrew his request earlier this week.

The court is tentatively scheduled to review the requests on March 9.

#### COMMUNITY FORUM TO TOUCH ON LOCAL IMPACT FROM TRUMP'S RISE

Following the November election, Mountain View officials want to circle back to the community's core principles. On Saturday, the city will host its first civility roundtable of 2017, "Affirming Mountain View's Values and Building Community in Times of Uncertainty."

The event organized by the city's Human Relations Commission came largely in response to the election of President Donald Trump and local outrage against his policies. The majority mulled taking a firm political stance on the issues, but they opted for an inclusive tone to ensure more people would participate, even through Mountain View voters backed Hillary Clinton by a landslide.

Organizers indicate the discussion will touch on a wide range of topics, such as how the national election could impact local health care, civil liberties and education. The event will be hosted by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian.

The Civility Roundtable is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Second Stage at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts at 500 Castro Street. Admission is free.

—Mark Noack

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## SANCTUARY

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of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for information on students and families be directly sent to the superintendent for legal review. The resolution also reaffirms information privacy laws that protect personal information from disclosure to ICE, and calls on school staff to support any students and families concerned about aggressive immigration enforcement policies.

In order to emphasize the sense of unity and inclusion, students, parents, community members, principals and board members gathered at the board meeting to read the resolution.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson wrote a letter in December urging superintendents, charter school administrators and principals to declare their schools as “safe havens” for families, and to safeguard undocumented students from the prospect of deportation. Districts have flexibility on which documents and records related to immigration status are kept, and no records can be released to law enforcement without a parent’s written permission, a

court order or a subpoena.

“Our schools are not and will not become an arm of the U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement,” Torlakson said in the letter. “Instead, they will remain safe places for learning and teaching for all students, regardless of immigration status.”

The letter only alluded to the results of the presidential election and the Trump administration, but since then Torlakson has more directly stated that Trump’s policies run contrary to the message of diversity and inclusion in California’s public schools. In a subsequent statement on Jan. 30, Torlakson criticized the executive order blocking citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States over the next 90 days.

“As a teacher, coach, father, citizen, and leader of California’s public school system, I strongly disagree with President Trump’s recent immigration order and want to make sure that our students and families who are refugees and Muslims feel safe and protected in our schools.”

Since the election, schools across the nation have seen an increase in bullying,

intimidation and harassment based on immigration status, religion and ethnic identity, said Vern Taylor, a teacher and vice president of the Mountain View Educators Association. The same thing is happening in Mountain View schools, Taylor told the board last month, creating a need to take action.

“Regardless of your political affiliation, our students need to know that school is a safe place, and they deserve to know that,” he said. “Likewise, our parents, who are our community partners, need to know they are welcome on our campuses as well.”

Several neighboring school districts have already adopted similar resolutions, including Palo Alto Unified, Sunnyvale School District, Foothill-De Anza Community College District and the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Board president Jose Gutierrez told the *Voice* that the resolution from the county board of education signaled that it’s time for Mountain View to follow suit.

“Kids are getting upset,” he said. “They’re nervous, and so are our parents. We want kids to feel safe when they attend any Mountain View Whisman school. They should feel

secure.”

Board member Laura Blakely proposed that the district add more provisions to the resolution, based on suggestions from the American Civil Liberties Union, that explicitly state that immigration enforcement activities around schools create hardships, not only for families directly affected. It creates a “pervasive climate of fear, conflict and stress” for everyone, regardless of background and status. She also suggested that language be added to make sure that no confidential information about students — everything from national origin and immigration status to sexual orientation — is shared with federal agencies beyond what is legally required.

Although all five board members ultimately voted for the amended resolution, board member Greg Coladonato pressed Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph and fellow board members to explain what the resolution would actually change on the district’s campuses, and whether there would be any divergence from existing policies.

Rudolph said the resolution is less about changing conduct on campuses and more about

sending a message to families that the district will protect them regardless of immigration status. He said the resolution also explicitly states where the board stands on inclusion and immigration enforcement in the event that federal laws change in the future, which will be an important tool to have with an unpredictable administration in Washington.

“We’re sort of in uncharted territory,” Rudolph said. “We’re trying to guess on what’s never happened before. Anything is possible after what’s happened over the last couple days.”

Even though ICE has yet to conduct any major crackdown under the Trump administration, the hard-line rhetoric about immigration, deportation and building a wall along Mexico’s border has already had an effect on students in Mountain View. Young children are not immune to the news, said board member Tamara Wilson, and it’s “heart-wrenching” to think that they’re trying to wrap their heads around what it means.

“My 6-year-old has come from school and asked if certain friends of his, based on the color of their skin or their ethnicity, are going to be remaining as classmates,” Wilson said. ▀



## Hope Needs \$300,000

Hope’s Corner is our local soup kitchen that serves a free breakfast and lunch and provides shower facilities to those in need every Saturday at the corner of Hope and Mercy in

To feed the number of people it does and to allow for some growth, their current kitchen needs to be expanded and brought to code. Since the current kitchen does not have adequate storage and no ovens, every Friday and Saturday, food is prepared, heated, boxed and transferred from Los Altos United Methodist Church to Hope every Saturday morning. This not only requires additional work but doesn’t allow Hope to serve the right amount of food required. They might be too short or have too much.

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downtown Mountain View. To many of you, like me, this may be a surprise that we have and need a facility like this in Mountain View. During one of our service projects at Mountain View Rotary, we volunteered there one Saturday to serve breakfast, which was the first time I became aware of Hope’s Corner. The number of people that came for breakfast took me aback. Since it’s founding in 2011, the average number of people coming for breakfast every Saturday has ballooned from 28 to more than 250 in 2016, and more than 150 come for the showers. What I also found being provided was a safe and comfortable place for people to gather socially to talk and share their lives which, I believe, many value as much as the food itself.

Poverty is already a major issue in Silicon Valley and is continuing an upward trend. The California Poverty Measure states that 18.7% of Santa Clara is living in poverty, where child poverty is at 10%. Closer to home, Mountain View’s child poverty rates have risen from 5% in 2010 to more than 8% in 2014 (American Community Survey). Inequality in Mountain View/Los Altos can be seen in stark measures from the number of Teslas and Porches to the number of multiple families living in 1-2 bedroom apartments and families living in RVs. Hope’s Corner is not an organization that is trying to solve any of these problems, but it has become a necessary place for a growing number of people in our community and surrounding communities.

Since their needs are to feed a large group of people, a larger, industrial kitchen is needed. Though they are benefiting from donations and funds from other organizations, they still need \$300k to build their kitchen. Plans and specifics of their needs can be found on their website. Because some of their donations are tied to a timeline, they need to start building their new kitchen by this June. If you know of some high net worth individuals or groups that would want to donate to Hope’s kitchen please contact the board president, Leslie Carmichael, [carm-lee@pacbell.net](mailto:carm-lee@pacbell.net).

**Sanjay Dave**

Resident and Hope’s Corner Board Member



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**BENJAMIN BUBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FRANK L. HUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND EDITH LANDELS  
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MULTI-USE ROOMS AND MODERNIZATION PROJECTS**

The Mountain View Whisman School District ("District") is requesting submission of:

- A prequalification questionnaire ("Prequalification Questionnaire(s)"),
- A statement of qualifications ("SOQ(s)"), and
- A proposal ("**Proposal(s)**") (together, "Response(s)")

from qualified firms, partnerships, corporations, associations, persons, or professional organizations ("Contractor(s)") to perform preliminary services and construction services for projects pursuant to a lease-leaseback structure (Education Code § 17406) for the following project ("**Project**" or "**Contract**"): Benjamin Bubb Elementary School, Frank L. Huff Elementary School and Edith Landels Elementary School Multi-Use Rooms and Modernization Projects, which consists of: A new wood frame multi-use room approximately 6,000 sq ft. Modernization of classrooms including a minor expansion of 1 kindergarten classroom. Improved technology, fire alarms, windows and finishes. Conversion of existing multi-use room into library and 2 special education classrooms totaling approximately 6,000 sq ft. Minor site work improvements, sewer, storm drains, and fire lane.

The District intends to award a contract for the Project to the Contractor that provides the best value to the District pursuant to the process indicated in the Request to Prequalify, for Statement of Qualifications, and for Proposals ("RFQ/P") and that is:

- Insured;
- Holds a Class B Contractors License, which is current, valid, and in good standing with the California Contractor's State License Board; and
- Maintains a full-service office within seventy-five (75) miles of the District.

**Mandatory Pre-Response Meeting.** A pre-Response meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017, at Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043 in the District Office Board Room. The District anticipates this meeting will last two (2) hours, but will continue the meeting until the District determines that it has answered all substantive questions. All participants are required to sign in. Failure to attend or tardiness will render the Contractor ineligible to submit a Response.

**Responses.** Interested Contractors must submit a Response with one (1) original and five (5) copies of requested materials as well as a digital copy on a thumb drive, to: **Mountain View Whisman School District, 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043, Attn: Robert Clark, Chief Business Officer. Prequalification Questionnaires, SOQs and Proposals must be received on or before Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, no later than 2:00 p.m.**

**Questions.** Questions regarding this RFQ/P must be in writing and directed only to Courtney Jackson at courtney@greystonewest.com. Contractors are directed to not contact any other person regarding this RFQ/P.

**Bonds and Prevailing Wage.** The successful Contractor shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project. The successful Contractor and its subcontractors shall pay all workers on the Project not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are available from the District or on the Internet at: <<http://www.dir.ca.gov>>. Contractors and all subcontractors shall comply with the registration and qualification requirements pursuant to sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 of the California Labor Code.

**RFQ/P Addenda.** If the District issues addenda to this RFQ/P, Contractors are solely responsible for and must acknowledge receipt of addenda in the Contractor's Response. Failure to acknowledge and respond to any addenda issued by the District may, in the District's sole discretion, render the Contractor's Response to be deemed non-responsive and may be rejected.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Mountain View Whisman School District.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 By: Mary Ann Duggan, Director of Capital Projects  
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## MCALISTER

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reported no new fundraising for his 2016 re-election campaign, but he did post donations for past races. In December, Clark closed out the campaign committee for his unsuccessful 2008 council run. In campaign filings, Clark reported that his old committee still had about \$8,000 in unpaid debts. He closed out that loan with the help of a new \$2,500 check from Tod Spieker. Clark paid the off remainder out of his own pocket.

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga reported \$31,058 in total contributions. According to her filings, she reserved about \$17,000 in her committee account, which could be used in a future political campaign. Following the election, Abe-Koga received \$1,550 in new donations, including checks from the Sheet Metal Workers International (\$500), the Service Employees International (\$500) and the Teamsters (\$250).

Councilwoman Lisa Matichak received \$2,951 in post-election donations, most of which she used to pay off \$5,000 she loaned to her own campaign. Her donors included the Service Employees International (\$250), The Sheet Metal Workers International (\$600), the California Apartment Association (\$500) and the Mountain View Housing Council (\$401).

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Thida Cornes posted \$1,100 in new donations coming from the Teamsters (\$250), the Services Employees International (\$250) and the Sheet Metal Workers International (\$600).

Planning Commissioner Lucas Ramirez and Mountain View Whisman School District trustee Greg Coladonato listed no new donations for this period. Ken "Kacey" Carpenter reported he was paying off most of a \$500 loan he had made to his own campaign. ■

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## BAD BATTERIES

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site that night to ensure that the vehicle was in a stable condition.

During the incident, fire crews were told not to use water to cool down the battery, based on information from the department's materials safety data sheet, and were told to exercise caution to avoid getting shocked, Brown said.

"The lesson here is really to be careful with batteries," Brown said. "They are a little different than your standard internal combustion engine."

There's been steady interest over the last seven years by first- and second-responders for training to deal with electric vehicles in case of a fire, according to Andrew Klock, senior project manager at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The association offers training programs, mostly online, on how to deal with various car batteries if they catch fire or overheat, and has since trained over 200,000 emergency personnel throughout the country.

Although the carbon dioxide extinguishers worked on the car battery in Mountain View, Klock said the association advises using water to put out vehicle fires, regardless of whether it's an internal combustion, hybrid or all-electric car.

"Water is the standard agent for vehicle fires, we don't recommend anything else," he said.

In one training exercise, the NFPA set seven high-voltage batteries on fire, including lithium ion and nickel-metal-hydrate batteries, in mock cars and had fire fighters put them out with water. In all

instances, it was totally acceptable and safe. The only caveat to that, Klock said, is that it can take thousands of gallons of water over a long period of time to bring the battery down to a safe temperature, meaning fire crews will need a sustained water supply from either a hydrant or two trucks full of water.

"If you can't establish a sustained water supply, there's a high likelihood the battery will reignite," Klock said. "You won't be doing any good if you don't have enough water to cool down the battery and extinguish it."

The threat of re-ignition goes well beyond when fire crews leave the scene. Similar to trick birthday candles, a lithium ion battery can catch fire hours, days or even weeks after it has been brought down to a normal temperature.

Alternative fuel vehicles have become ubiquitous over the last decade, with an estimated 3.2 million hybrid and electric vehicles on U.S. roads in 2014, according to the NFPA website. Data on vehicle fires shows that these high-tech vehicles are no more dangerous to emergency responders or the public than a normal internal combustion engine, but training and experience handling electric vehicle fires has lagged behind the surge in popularity.

"There's a car fire in the United States every two minutes, but if a Tesla or a Nissan Leaf catches fire, you're going to see it on tonight's news," Klock said. "This is new technology, not more dangerous technology. We just need to train our first- and second-responders how to deal with these new vehicles." ■

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## In 'Yellow Face,' the personal is political

LOS ALTOS STAGE COMPANY PRESENTS DAVID HENRY HWANG'S SEMI-AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL PLAY

By Karla Kane

“What I love most in the theater is honesty,” David Henry Hwang states, with no small irony, in his semi-autobiographical play “Yellow Face.” The show encompasses issues of racism, immigrant rights, alleged election interference by foreign powers, show business and investigative journalism. But despite the wide scope, the play, presented now by Los Altos Stage Company, is also deeply personal to its author and offers an odd — but successful — tonal blend of comedy and seriousness, fact and fiction.

“Yellow Face” has its roots in reality, with Hwang getting meta about his role as an artist, activist and icon in the Asian-American community. Back in 1988, Hwang (who earned his bachelor’s degree from Stanford University) became the first Asian-American playwright to win a Tony Award, for “M. Butterfly.” In the years following, Hwang gained notoriety for speaking out against the casting of Jonathan Pryce, a white actor from Wales, in one of the main Asian roles in the musical “Miss Saigon” (acting in “yellow face”). Hwang then turned this casting controversy into fodder for his next play, the critical and financial flop “Face Value.”

In “Yellow Face,” the character of Hwang (identified in the program as DHH, played by Wes Gabrillo), explores this self history through flashbacks and fourth-wall-breaking narration. DHH’s play-within-a-play leads to further complications, as he ironically and inadvertently casts a white actor (Marcus G. Dahlman, played by Drew Reitz) as an Asian-American character in his own production, then tries frantically to cover it up (memorably suggesting that Marcus, with his Russian-Jewish background, perhaps might have some Siberian heritage and should consider going by Marcus “Gee”). Awkward hilarity

ensues as Marcus, embracing his new identity, throws himself into the Asian-American community, relishing his role as a cultural spokesperson. “I was an Asian role model back when you were still Caucasian,” an outraged and jealous DHH snaps to his accidental protege.

Meanwhile, we catch glimpses of DHH’s relationship with his father (Henry Hwang, identified in the program as HYH and played by Lawrence-Michael C. Arias), a larger-than-life figure who immigrated to the U.S. from China at a young age and eventually became a successful businessman, opening the first federally chartered Chinese-American bank. HYH is the American Dream personified: inspired by Hollywood stars, modeling his persona after Frank Sinatra and firm in his belief that with hard work and perseverance, anyone can get ahead, no matter his background.

Over the course of the play, the tone takes a turn from satirical to somber, as HYH, DHH and even Marcus, alongside Asian-Americans across the U.S., find themselves the target of a racist witch hunt after making donations to Bill Clinton’s presidential campaign, accused of using Chinese money to influence the election. We also learn about the brutal interrogation and unjust imprisonment of Taiwanese-American scientist Wen Ho Lee, falsely accused of being a spy for China.

With director Jeffrey Lo at the helm, “Yellow Face” is a fascinating trip into the mind of an important modern American artist.

Casting the show must be an interesting experience, since the play itself deals so much with the issue of racial typecasting. Los Altos Stage Company has done a fine job with Gabrillo in the lead as DHH. Hwang’s script pulls no punches in characterizing his own flaws and weaknesses in a humorous way, and Gabrillo is able to gracefully switch from slapstick moments to heartfelt



RICHARD MAYER

Ex-lovers Leah (Christine Jamlig) and DHH (Wes Gabrillo) argue in Los Altos Stage Company’s production of “Yellow Face.”

ones. Reitz as Marcus has an appealing Chris Pratt quality: amiably doofy but as well-meaning as he is opportunistic. Arias, as HYH, struggles a bit with his Chinese-American accent but gives a moving performance as HYH evolves from stereotypical comic relief to the immigrant who is ultimately heartbroken with disappointment over the way he and his community are treated by the adopted country he loves so much. A handful of talented ensemble players get plenty of stage time in a dizzying array of roles, including Broadway producers and actors (Hwang gets deep into name dropping), U.S. Senators and more, while Judith Miller serves as “announcer” and a nefarious New York Times reporter trying to dig up dirt on Hwang’s father (this character is cheekily referred to

as NWOAOC — Name Withheld On Advice Of Council).

“Yellow Face” weaves its plot threads together to create an ambitious and provocative exploration of issues of race and identity in contemporary

America, as seen through Hwang’s unique, if unreliable, perspective. ■

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#### ■ INFORMATION

**What:** “Yellow Face”  
**Where:** Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos  
**When:** Through Feb. 19, Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$18-\$36  
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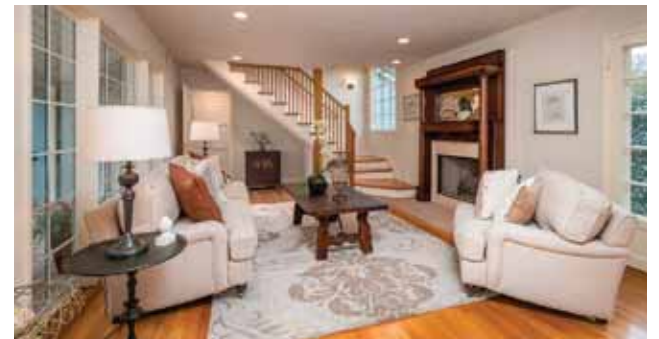


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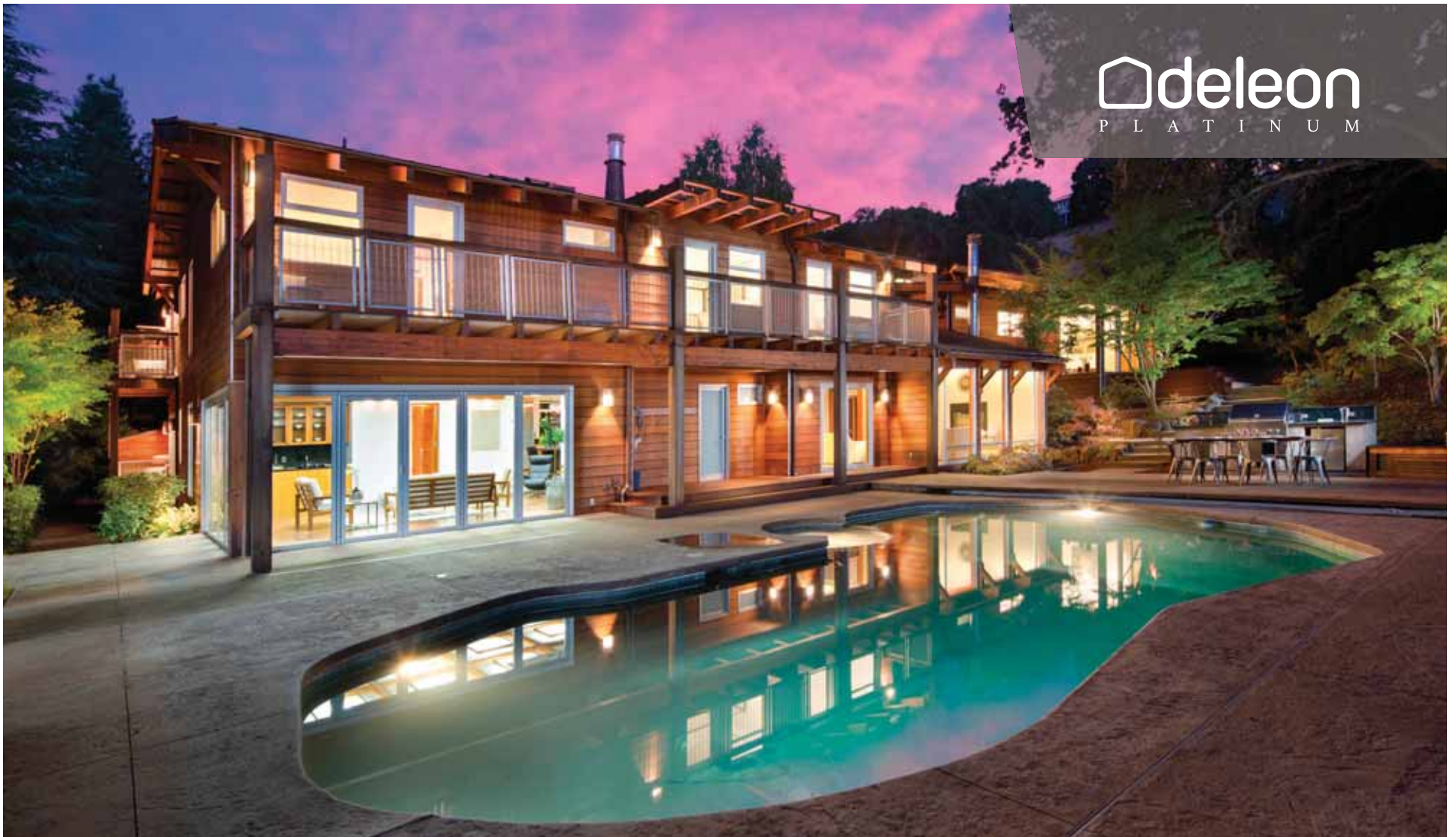
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■ FOOD FEATURE

## A tea room of one's own

MICHELLE LE

REDWOOD CITY OUTPOST OF LOVEJOY'S TEA ROOM OFFERS AN 'UNPRETENTIOUS' EXPERIENCE

Story by Anna Medina

Large windows framed with heavy, rosy curtains on the corner of Main and Stambaugh streets in downtown Redwood City provide a glimpse into a cheery scene. People sit on perfectly mismatched antique-looking chairs, sofas and benches. They're sipping tea and munching on little sandwiches. Is it a living room? A bed and breakfast? A shop? There's something homey and charming and unmistakably English about what's inside, something that makes you want to drop whatever it was you were hurrying off to do and linger.

Menlo Park husband-and-wife team Gina and Dave Meyers own and operate Lovejoy's Tea Room in Redwood City, a new branch of the original Lovejoy's in San Francisco.

Lovejoy's, which opened in a historic building in December, offers the traditional high tea experience (tiered platters of scones and delicate tea sandwiches, from \$16.95 for a basic cream tea with scones and fruit to \$28.95 for the elaborate "queen's tea") in an approachable atmosphere that Meyers described as "unpretentious" and "funky." Mismatched china, tablecloths and quirky bric-a-brac contribute to its disarming appeal.

Meyers said that she wants fans of the San Francisco Lovejoy's to feel at home in the Redwood City space, but she has appreciated the flexibility to make it her own. "I'm starting with the backbone of Lovejoy's (in San Francisco) ... and I'm kind of seeing how that



MICHELLE LE

**Gina Meyers** serves petit fours at Lovejoy's in Redwood City on Feb. 6. The new outpost of San Francisco-based Lovejoy's occupies a cozy spot in a historic building, offering traditional English tea-time treats and bottomless pots of tea.

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MICHELLE LE

An array of classic British dishes, including scones, finger sandwiches and cookies from tea service at Lovejoy's in downtown Redwood City.

## LOVEJOY'S

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works here, and making small changes here and there," she said.

Those changes, Meyers said, may come with time, since the tea room has only been open a couple of months. So far, the owners are considering adding more English pub fare (current options include sausage rolls for \$2.25 and shepherd's pie for \$12.95), since they've experienced a lunch rush. And, while the paint colors and shelving might be modeled after the San Francisco location, certain accents, like Meyers's grandmother's ornate candelabra in the bathroom, which functions as a toilet paper holder, are unique.

Meyers said that she collected pieces for the tea room for months, with family, friends and even customers contributing items. As a San Francisco Giants fan, she's included a Hunter Pence bobblehead that peeks out from behind a teapot. One woman who would frequently stop by went to the nearby Savers thrift shop, bought a small teapot and asked Meyers if it could be displayed in the tea room.

"(It) warmed my heart," Meyers said.

Lovejoy's offers a variety of tea, tea sandwiches and other fare,



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**Gina and Dave Meyers** of Menlo Park left careers in accounting and now co-own the new Lovejoy's Tea Room.

including currant scones (\$2.95 each or two with Devon cream for \$9.95) that are light, fluffy and cake-like, unlike the denser American scones. When it comes to tea, Meyers said she's a fan of the "Tea Room" blend (a blend of assam and East African black teas) with a splash of milk. For those new to tea, she recommends the black vanilla with lavender and the vanilla rooibos teas.

Two tea sandwiches are customer favorites: the Branston Pickle Chutney and cheddar cheese, and the chicken-apple-walnut, Meyers said. All of the teas, English edibles like Hobnobs cookies, mismatched china, mini tea sets and aprons, are sold at the on-site shop.

Prior to opening Lovejoy's in Redwood City, both Meyers and her husband worked as accountants. Meyers grew up in San Francisco and worked as a CPA for three years, a job she said she "absolutely hated."

"I knew that I needed a big change and ... I was just thinking, 'What could feed my soul?'" she said. That's when she remembered going to Lovejoy's as a young teenager with her mother and sister.

"Originally we started going to tea as an excuse to wear my grandma's hats," she said, laughing at the memory of getting

dressed up.

She transitioned from accounting to waitressing at Lovejoy's, eventually managing Lovejoy's Attic, a tea and antiques shop, then helping one of the owners open Lovey's Tea Shoppe in Pacifica.

Her husband, Dave Meyers, made the transition from accounting to co-owner and operator of a tea shop much more recently. Though she said that it wasn't originally "part of the plan," the need arose when trying to find reliable back-of-house management. She said that it coincided with him being ready for a change and that he also felt like he might never see his wife again if he didn't work there.

"It's a different animal altogether than working with spreadsheets and online platforms and producing financial statements," he said.

Raised in Menlo Park, Meyers said he and his wife feel very fortunate to have a business in their own community," he said. "I was born in Kaiser on Veterans (Boulevard), so to think that now, years later, we own a business in downtown Redwood City, is pretty fulfilling and pretty cool," he said. ▣

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**Gina Meyers** tidies up at Lovejoy's in Redwood City.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Batman (**Will Arnett**) gains a sidekick in "The LEGO Batman Movie."

## 'LEGO' his ego

BATMAN'S A (REDEEMABLE) JERK IN FUNNY 'LEGO BATMAN'

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

The endlessly flexible character of Batman has been through many iterations in the pages of comic books and on screens big and small. In 2014's "The LEGO Movie," Batman returned in comical, not comic-book form, as voiced by Will Arnett of "Arrested Development" fame. This Batman was not only rage-filled but an egomaniacal narcissist over-compensating for his pain and suspicion of social inadequacy with defensive bluster and offensive smack-talk. This Batman

takes center stage in the spinoff "The LEGO Batman Movie."

Batman has been comical before, of course, in the classic 1966 "Batman" TV series and film, and more recently on the many "Robot Chicken" spoofs of DC Comics characters. The latter proves particularly relevant to the style of "The LEGO Batman Movie," since director Chris McKay's two biggest credits are "Robot Chicken" and "The LEGO Movie." Like both of those, Batman's new movie is zany, frantically paced, and busy,

busy, busy. For some, that will be a big plus. For others, at 104 minutes, it will be a bit exhausting, especially in brain-fatiguing LEGO-construction-block animated form.

"The LEGO Batman Movie" references just about every previous live-action version of Batman (perhaps leaving out one of the two black-and-white serials), but the film it's most like in plot is actually the most reviled, Joel Schumacher's "Batman & Robin." That's because this is a story in keeping with the 1975-78 DC title "Batman Family," a reminder that while Batman is superficially a loner, he has often relied on the kindness of long-suffering compatriots. These include Alfred (Ralph Fiennes), Commissioner Gordon (Hector Elizondo), Dick Grayson/Robin the Boy Wonder (an amusingly chipper Michael Cera), and Barbara Gordon/Batgirl (Rosario Dawson).

Batman labors to keep all of these characters at arm's length, but he must eventually acknowledge that he needs them to save Gotham City from The Joker (Zach Galifianakis), who wants little more than for Batman to acknowledge needing him as well (a running gag turns the famous nemeses into a kind of bromantic duo). To blow up the story to epic LEGO-movie scale, Batman plots to steal the Phantom Zone

Projector from Superman (Channing Tatum) to banish Gotham's villains to the Kryptonian nether-region. The plan backfires, unleashing pop culture's greatest villains, including Voldemort, Sauron, the Wicked Witch, King Kong, Gremlins, and a fleet of Daleks.

All of this makes for a geek-gasm for the Comic-Con set, and one has to bow to a movie that assembles this much sheer stuff (and so many impressive voice actors). The five screenwriters (led by "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" author Seth

Grahame-Smith) cram the movie full to bursting with Easter Eggs for longtime Batman fans and construct a nominal lesson to kids that no man, not even Batman, is an island. The humor grows repetitive, and the ADHD style is a bit like being shaken by the shoulders for 104 minutes, but "The LEGO Batman Movie" still has plenty to recommend it, at least for those who care about the Dark Knight.

*Rated PG for rude humor and some action. One hour, 44 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese



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Keanu Reeves as the titular ex-hitman in "John Wick: Chapter 2."

## You say 'Wick,' I say 'short fuse'

ULTRA-VIOLENT 'CHAPTER 2' REFINES ACTION FORMULA

★★★ (Century 20)

"John Wick: Chapter 2" provides a wild and captivating ride while staying true to—and happily expanding—the world established in 2014's "John Wick."

The first film was a grotty and dour revenge thriller about an assassin who just wants to be left alone, graced with a witty notion of an ornate criminal underworld but allowing only a minimum of fun. Reassembling the same creative team of director Chad Stahelski and writer Derek Kolstad, "Chapter 2" makes the case for the "Wick" franchise as

a kind of bizarre James Bond. Instead of martinis, Wick's poison is straight bourbon. But the two share a taste for well-tailored suits (in Wick's case, life-saving ones) and lethal weaponry doled out by attentive armorers.

This antihero may not be licensed to kill, but now he lives in a similarly slick universe of action fantasy and exotic settings. The stylistic pivot doesn't renounce the first film, but rather amplifies its best qualities while allowing for a broader entertainment. So there will be "gun fu" and demolition derbies.

Wick and his dog with no name ostensibly want a peaceful retirement, but that darn criminal code keeps roping him in, this time by way of a nasty Italian mobster (Riccardo Scamarcio).

The grim mission takes Wick to Rome, where we learn that the first film's Continental is only one of a chain of hotels catering to criminals. Soon, Wick's on the run with a \$7 million bounty on his head, and Wick's desired peace—if indeed it's achievable at all, given his emotional baggage—looking like it's a long, long way off.

Though essentially empty, the never-dull "John Wick: Chapter Two" makes for a satisfying action movie, propelled along with expertly choreographed ballets of death that nod to John Woo in their virtuosity. The sky-high body count (disconcertingly attended by audience guffaws and cheers) piles up with brutal efficiency: the action here is slickly filmed and edited to spin heads. Reeves sells these fights brilliantly, and offers a magnetic, subtle performance in repose. Granted, a man of few words suits Reeves's skill set, but he's earned this late-career franchise by putting in smart, hard work at its center.

*Rated R for strong violence throughout, some language and brief nudity. Two hours, 2 minutes.*

— 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.

An Affair to Remember 60th Anniversary (1957) (Not Rated)

Century 20: Sunday

The Comedian (R) ★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Fences (PG-13) ★★★★★ Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Fifty Shades Darker (R)

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

The Founder (PG-13) ★★★★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Hidden Figures (PG) ★★1/2

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

I Am Not Your Negro (PG-13)

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

I'll Be Your Sweetheart (1945) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:30 & 9:30 p.m., Friday

John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) ★★★★★

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

La La Land (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) ★★1/2

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

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

The Love Parade (1929) (Not Rated)

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

Love Story (1944) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Friday

Manchester by the Sea (R) ★★★★★1/2

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Monte Carlo (1930) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:30 & 9:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

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

Nenu Local (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Rings (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. 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 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Space Between Us (PG-13) ★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 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Aquarius:

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3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
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266-9260) [tinyurl.com/Guildmp](http://tinyurl.com/Guildmp)

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# GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT

### PERFORMANCE: 'ANDALUCIA!'

Directly from Spain, this performance features a cast of Gypsy flamenco artists. Singer Felipa del Moreno will be joined by the dancing of Antonio Molina "El Choro." Accompanying them are Gypsy instrumentalists, flamenco guitarist Manuel Valencia and the percussion of Luis Carrasco. Feb. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$30-\$55. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [mountainview.gov/events/default.asp](http://mountainview.gov/events/default.asp)

## THEATER

**'Gilbert & Sullivan's Patience'** This satirical comic opera pokes fun at artistic and cultural whims. It follows Reginald Bunthorne as he pursues the simple milkmaid Patience while simultaneously enjoying the adoration of his 20 love-sick groupies; the confusion of a hapless corps of jilted Dragoon Guard as they struggle to become aesthetic initiates in order to win back their old girlfriends; and the sudden appearance of the handsome aesthetic poet Archibald Grosvenor, who proves a rival for the affections of everyone else on stage. Feb. 18, 8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 2 p.m. \$25-\$54. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. [lamplighters.org/season/season.html](http://lamplighters.org/season/season.html)

**'Il Trittico'** In this production at the Lucie Stern Theatre in Palo Alto, the West Bay Opera presents an evening of three one-act operas collectively known as "Il Trittico" by Giacomo Puccini. The operas — "Il tabarro," "Suor Angelica" and "Gianni Schicchi" — were originally premiered at the Metropolitan Opera in 1918. Feb. 17 and 25, 8 p.m.; Feb. 19 and 26, 2 p.m. \$38-\$42. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

**'Rhythmic Circus Feet Don't Fail Me Now!'** Rhythmic Circus electrifies audiences with rapid-fire tap dancing and finger-snapping tunes, accompanied by a seven-piece funk band and vocalists. In conjunction with the show, they will hold a free master class with one of Rhythmic Circus's principal dancers. Class, Feb. 11, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; performance, Feb. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$70, premium; \$60, general; \$55, members/J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org/circus](http://paloaltojcc.org/circus)

**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.

**'Uncanny Valley'** 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. 1-Feb. 12; Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. [thepear.org](http://thepear.org)

**'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 playwrighting) 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](http://losaltosstage.org)

## CONCERTS

**Bruckner Orchestra of Linz** Austria and America share the spotlight when the Bruckner Orchestra of Linz, led since 2002 by its music director Dennis Russell Davies, celebrates American composers with violinist Robert McDuffie. Davies leads the ensemble in pieces by Duke Ellington and Samuel Barber and a new work by Philip Glass, his Symphony No. 11, commissioned by Davies in honor of Glass' 80th birthday. Feb. 12, 4 p.m. \$30-\$95. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu/events/](http://events.stanford.edu/events/)

**Kremerata Baltica** Kremerata Baltica debuted in 1997 as Latvian violinist Gidon Kremer's 50th birthday gift to himself and a means of helping to nurture the artistry of his homeland. The chamber orchestra of 23 gifted young string players, all from Latvia, Lithuania

and Estonia, celebrates its 20th anniversary at Bing with a program that highlights works from its most recent and critically-acclaimed albums, Chiaroscuro and New Seasons. Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m. \$30-\$80. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. [events.stanford.edu/events/](http://events.stanford.edu/events/)

**Lift Every Voice And Sing: the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir** The Bay Area's premier gospel choir, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents its third concert in the 2016/17 season, "Crossing Bridges." 100 percent of profits from ticket purchases will go directly to a local non-profit organization working to improve local communities. Feb. 11, 7:30-10 p.m. \$27. Unitarian Universalist Church, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto.

## MUSIC

**Japanese Koto and Korean Kayageum** Wooden Fish Ensemble and the Gyeonggi Kayageum Ensemble play folk songs from Korea and Japan, as well as music for koto, bass koto and kayageum by Hyo-shin Na and piano music by Eisler and Webern. Feb. 11, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. [music.stanford.edu/events/](http://music.stanford.edu/events/)

**Merit Scholar Students of Ludmila Kurtova, Piano** Merit Scholarship students of teacher and internationally-acclaimed pianist Ludmila Kurtova perform music by various composers. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to arrive early as seating is limited. Feb. 11, 5-6 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/kurtova-students-2017](http://arts4all.org/events/kurtova-students-2017)

**Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley** Music City Roots is a collaborative effort between two musicians, blending contemporary bluegrass and the spare stylings of classic country music. Rob Ickes is a longtime instrumentalist and relative newcomer Trey Hensley is a talented vocalist and guitarist. Born and raised in the Bay Area, Rob Ickes has been playing bluegrass with the band Blue Highway for over twenty years. Feb. 18, \$15-\$25. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. [rba.org/](http://rba.org/)

**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](http://albertos.com/calendar)

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

**Chinese New Year Fair** Chinese New Year Fair is a family-friendly event that is organized by the Palo Alto Chinese community and co-sponsored by the city of Palo Alto. All are invited to celebrate the year of the Rooster with live performances, dance, music and homemade Chinese food. Feb. 12, 2-5 p.m. Free. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Astronomy Club Lecture and Meeting** This meeting of the Peninsula Astronomical Society includes a talk by Dr. Aaron Roodman of Stanford University on "The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope." The observatory is open after the meeting from 9 to 11 p.m., weather permitting. Feb. 10, 7:30-9 p.m. \$3, parking fee required. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos.

**Child Psychologist Alison Gopnik** Child psychologist and bestselling author Alison Gopnik dissects modern-day obsessive, controlling parenting styles in her new book "The Gardener and the Carpenter." She'll join author Dr. Julie Lythcott-Haims ("How to Raise an Adult") at Palo Alto's Cubberley Community Center, where they'll shatter key myths of "good parenting" and suggest a new, more flexible approach to helping kids innovate, create and

survive in an unpredictable world. Feb. 16, 7 p.m. \$11. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

**The Six Transformations of Hewlett-Packard** Former HP executive Webb McKinney and strategy consultant Philip E. Meza join Museum CEO John Hollar for a conversation about the role of leadership in shaping HP and what startups can learn from its history. Feb. 16, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free, but register at [computerhistory.org/events](http://computerhistory.org/events). Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/](http://computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/)

**Talk on Our Future in Space** Dr. Chris Impey of the University of Arizona will give an illustrated, non-technical talk on "Beyond: Our Future in Space." The talk is part of the Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series. Dr. Impey will be signing his book "Beyond" after the talk in Appreciation Hall. Feb. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [foothill.edu/news/](http://foothill.edu/news/)

## FUNDRAISERS

**Pacific Art League Speakeasy Gala** Pacific Art League will be "puttin' on the Ritz" at a secret joint in Palo Alto. Tickets are good for a night of whoopee, the secret password and the location. The best costume wins a free art class. Feb. 11, 6-11:30 p.m. \$150 per person. Palo Alto secret spot, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. [pacificartleague.org/](http://pacificartleague.org/)

## FAMILY

**Bilingual Mandarin Storytime** This is a bilingual Mandarin storytime for children and their parents and caretakers. Sundays, ongoing, 11-11:30 a.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [cityofpaloalto.org/news/](http://cityofpaloalto.org/news/)

**Family Hike** Debbie Togliatti and Joel Olson lead a family hike during which participants are invited to enjoy nature, connect with Jewish values and make new friends. Hikers are encouraged to bring their own picnic, and outdoor activities for children will be provided. Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. \$25-\$30. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

**Native Plants Produce Food — Family Program** This is an introduction to safe plant foods gathered by Native Americans along the west coast. Participants will learn about the uses and tastes of many local plants, grind acorns and play a native stick game. Feb. 11, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org/events/](http://losaltoshistory.org/events/)

## 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.

**'Insensatez' — Sculpture and Collage by Cristina Velasquez and EfenAve** This exhibition of soft sculpture by Cristina Velasquez will also feature collages made of fruit stanzas by EfenAve. The opening reception is on Friday, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m. Feb.-March, ongoing, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 10:15 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/insensatez](http://arts4all.org/events/insensatez)

**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/](http://losaltoshistory.org/)

## NIGHTLIFE

**Trivia Night hosted by Friday Nights @ CHM** Friday Nights @ CHM hosts a trivia night. Friends, family and co-workers, are all invited to join a trivia night that is all about computing history. It begins at 6 p.m., but participants are encouraged to arrive earlier to explore the exhibits in order to be prepared for the competition. On Fridays the museum hours are extended to 8 p.m. Cloud Bistro will be open as well with snacks and drinks. Feb. 17, 5-8 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.

## LESSONS & CLASSES

**Appy Hour Cooking Demonstration with Laura Stec** In this class, participants will learn delicious, quick appetizers with an emphasis on vegetables. Students will make their own after watching a "how-to." Handouts address party and menu planning, table display and appetizer absolutes. Laura Stec is a chef, educator and author specializing in meals, events and products for healthy people and the planet. Feb. 18, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/](http://ca.evanced.info/mountainview/lib/)

**Integral Shri Vivek Yoga** Shri Vivek Yoga is an integral yoga to learn how to balance dimensions of one's body and life. The most important objective of SVIY practice is to learn how to live life fully; being truly oneself and being in harmony with others and everything around one. No previous yoga experience is required. Attendees are asked to bring their own mat or towel. Registration is required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Dr. #103, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa  
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registrant(s) is(are):  
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Located along an exclusive cul-de-sac, this regal, gated 6 bedroom estate of 6,480 sq. ft. (per county) includes 6 full and 2 half baths, and exudes peace and privacy on premises of approx. 1.67 acres (per county). Reached by an extensive paver driveway, the mansion includes a four-car garage, three fireplaces, a library, a summer kitchen, and numerous rooms designed for versatility. Marble finishes and columned living spaces underscore the luxurious ambience, while the immense grounds offer a heated pool. Stroll to trails leading into Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, quickly bike to Hidden Villa, and enjoy easy access to prime Los Altos schools.

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Offered at \$6,788,000

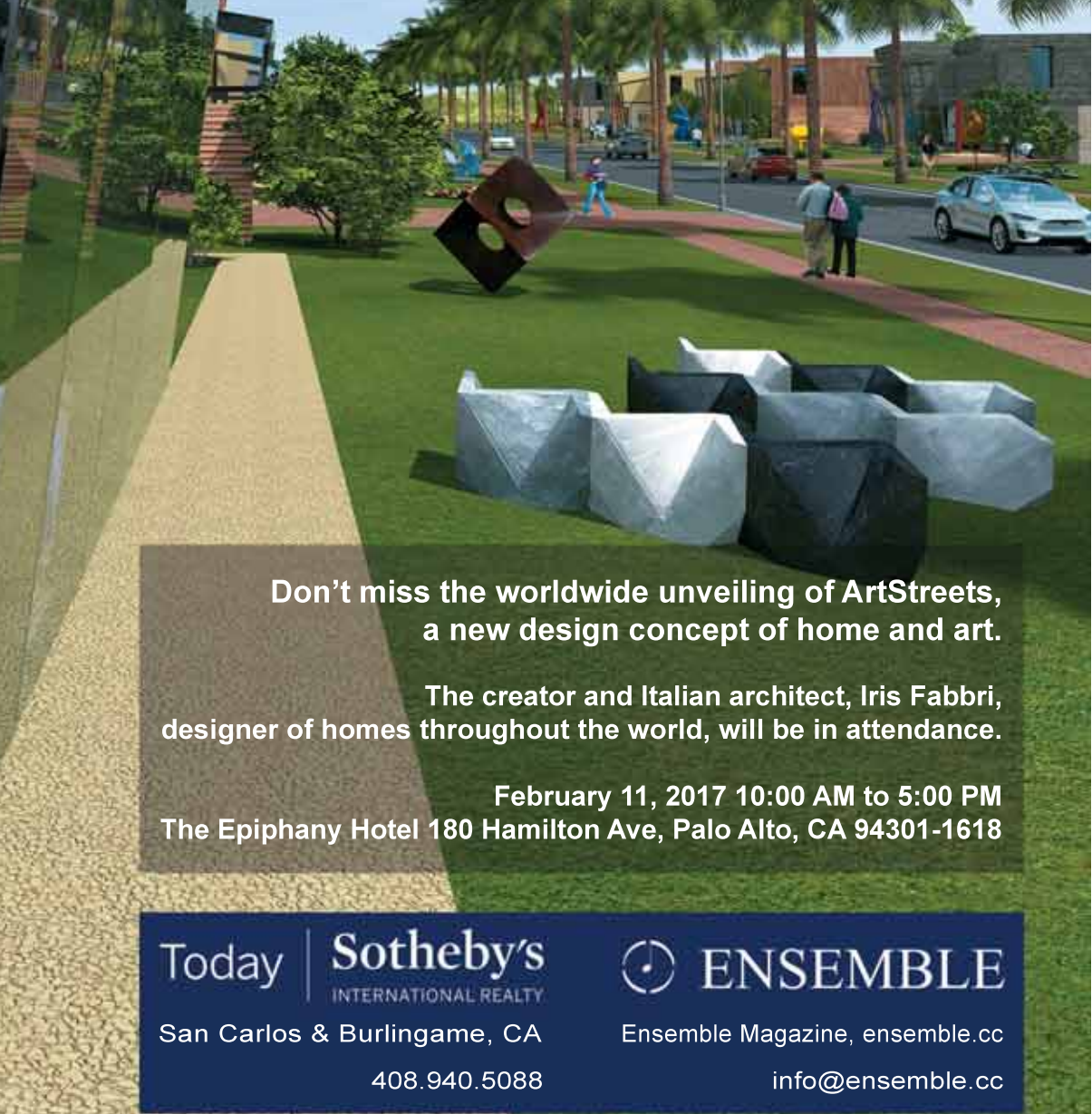
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Don't miss the worldwide unveiling of ArtStreets, a new design concept of home and art.

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**Thursday, February 23, 2017**

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**MENLO PARK** Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$3,325,000  
570 Berkeley Ave 5 BR 2 BA Nearly 3/4 acre lot w/60's built, one-owner home. First time on market. Mature trees.  
Nancy Goldcamp CalBRE #00787851 650.325.6161



**SAN MATEO** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,398,000  
250 Gramercy Dr 4 BR 2 BA Newly Remodeled Home. STUNNING chef's kitchen. Remodeled bathrooms. BEAUTIFUL h/wood flooring, designer lighting.  
Shelly Potvin/Deborah Wilhelm BRE#01236885/01044009 650.941.7040



**SARATOGA** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 \$2,398,000  
18225 Dorcich Ct 5 BR 4 BA Stunning Craftsman home, 10 years new, in a lovely Saratoga cul-de-sac  
Sandra Leonard CalBRE #00877856 650.941.7040



**MENLO PARK** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$2,150,000  
18 Patterson Ave 2 BR 2 BA This beautiful home is located at the end of a private lane on the border of Atherton.  
Colleen Cooley CalBRE #70000645 650.325.6161



**GILROY** Sat/Sun 1 - 4 \$1,980,000  
4355 Monterey Rd 7 BR 5 full + 2 half BA Great opportunity for the discriminating investor. HOME + GUEST HOUSE. Many potential uses  
Susanne Bohl CalBRE #01430611 650.941.7040



**PALO ALTO** \$1,898,000  
3 BR 2.5 BA Top floor single level condo just blocks from downtown, updt'd kitchen, open floor plan  
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**CUPERTINO** Sun 1 - 4 \$1,598,000  
11032 Canyon Vista Dr 2 BR 2 BA Luxurious Living at it's finest. Unparalleled location, updated home, private deck w/views  
David Blockhus/Hannelore Blanchard CalBRE #01169028/00593824 650.941.7040



**MENLO PARK** Sun 1 - 4 \$1,450,000  
514 8th Ave 2 BR 1 BA Beautifully updated home in North Fair Oaks. New kitchen, bathroom, refinished flrs & more  
Drew Doran CalBRE #01887354 650.325.6161



**REDWOOD CITY** \$1,425,000  
3 BR 2 BA Gorgeously Remodeled and spacious Rancher on Wonderful Tree Lined Street  
Jerry Haslam CalBRE #01180022 650.941.7040



**STANFORD** Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$985,000  
34 Peter Courtts Cir 2 BR 2 BA Available Qualified Stanford Faculty Only. Soaring ceilings, walls of windows.  
Carole Feldstein CalBRE #00911615 650.941.7040



**SAN MATEO** Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 \$949,000  
24 E Poplar Ave 3 BR 1 BA Old world charm abounds in this wonderful, spacious 3bd/1ba San Mateo home.  
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**SUNNYVALE** Sat/Sun 12 - 5 \$888,000  
618 N Ahwanee Terr 3 BR 2.5 BA 1879 Square Feet! End-unit providing lots of natural light. 2 car garage.  
Kim Copher CalBRE #01423875 650.941.7040



**SAN JOSE** Sun 1 - 4 \$825,000  
392 Irving Ave 3 BR 3 BA Updated bright, spacious home w/open floor plan. New kitchen & baths. Upstairs bonus room  
Yuli Lyman CalBRE #01121833 650.941.7040



**SAN JOSE** \$688,000  
3 BR 2 BA Luxury 3bed/2bath condo in Mid Town near Willow Glen/ Santana Row/ Santa Clara University  
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**WOODSIDE** \$499,000  
Approx. 1/3rd Acre in the exclusive Emerald Hills area of Woodside!  
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