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A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

Waving signs and carrying photos of their immigrant ancestors, a crowd of demonstrators gathered in Mountain View at noon on Sunday to encourage the United States to welcome refugees. The event in Civic Center Plaza was part of the National Day of Jewish Action for Refugees, with similar events held in cities across the country. It was the latest in a wave of protests and demonstrations in response to President Donald Trump's Jan. 27 executive order temporarily barring refugees, migrants and foreign nationals from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. Speakers included a local high school student, refugees from Hungary and Vietnam, Mountain View's vice mayor, Lenny Siegel, and Palo Alto City Council members Adrian Fine and Cory Wolbach.

East Whisman could become dense mix of housing, offices

COUNCIL BACKS PLAN TO TRANSFORM AREA INTO MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Mark Noack

The Mountain View City Council gave the go-ahead Tuesday to initial plans to develop the East Whisman area into a dense, mixed-use neighborhood with 9,700 new apartments. For tech developers, the council also pushed ahead on plans to max out the area with at least 1.7 million new square feet of office space.

The two-hour study session on Feb. 14 took a magnifying glass to Mountain View's original tech district, where semiconductor firms competed by day and employees relaxed together by night at the

long-gone Walker's Wagon Wheel tavern. While most manufacturing has long since left the area, the East Whisman neighborhood still remains a major hub for Google, Symantec and a hodgepodge of smaller start-ups.

For years, Mountain View officials have eyed East Whisman as ripe for redevelopment, but efforts to draft a new precise plan were sidelined while the city dealt with similar transformation efforts for the San Antonio and North Bayshore areas.

On Tuesday, a slim majority of City Council members threw their support behind a new combined alternative, one that maximizes

office and housing growth in the area. This option would pack residential growth along Middlefield and Whisman roads, while office growth would be concentrated near highways 101 and 237, as well as the light-rail station.

The council was a smaller-than-usual group, with Mayor Ken Rosenberg stuck on the East Coast due to winter weather, and Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga recusing herself because her work at Synopsys presented a potential conflict of interest.

Splitting from their colleagues,

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Stuck with a half-million-dollar bill

EMAILS SHOW HOW MV WHISMAN RAN WITH MATH PROGRAM, HOPING GOOGLE WOULD PAY

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District had what seemed to be a slam-dunk plan to improve student performance: a tech-savvy math program called Teach to One.

The school district, faced with one of the largest achievement gaps in the nation, would adopt a comprehensive, computer-based math program for its sixth-graders that would use algorithms to tailor lessons to each student's needs. While the program would be expensive — about \$521,000 in total costs to the district for this school year alone — district officials relied on an assurance that a corporate donor would pay the bill.

By the first day of school in August, however, that well-heeled local company — Google — had turned down the district's solicitations. Mountain View Whisman rolled out Teach to One anyway, only to drop it abruptly in January, amid vociferous complaints about the program from parents.

The corporate donor "fell through," Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told the board at a post-mortem study session on Jan. 17, and the district failed to adequately prepare for the program in August in time for the start of the school year. The company that created Teach to One, an East Coast nonprofit called New Classrooms, rarely

stepped in to help with the challenging implementation, leaving it up to district staff to resolve one problem after another.

Rudolph announced in Jan. 12 that the district would immediately drop Teach to One and revert back to teacher-led instruction, blaming mixed results on math tests. But district emails obtained by the *Voice* through a California Public Records Act request reveal a different story.

'We are taking a leap of faith that Google will support this request.'

AILA MALIK,
NEW CLASSROOMS CONSULTANT

Although the district acknowledged publicly last month that confidence in Teach to One had eroded and philanthropic donations were no longer available to pay for the program, email correspondence between the superintendent, New Classrooms and a local contact

who promised to broker a deal with Google to pay for Teach to One shows that the district began implementing the expensive program before it had any assurance of philanthropic funding. And when it became clear that Google was unlikely to pay for the program, district officials chose to move full-steam ahead anyway.

Teach to One was adopted by the district at the start of the 2016-17 school year as a broad pilot program for all sixth-grade students, and essentially replaced the existing math curriculum. Teach to One quickly became a target of complaints by a large group of parents, who called the program flawed, incoherent, poorly

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Ron Herman, a local photographer and professor, presents his latest work, "Messengers of Peace," at Foothill College.

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'MESSENGERS OF PEACE: PHOTOGRAPHS BY RON HERMAN'

Local photographer and professor Ron Herman will present his latest collection of work, "Messengers of Peace," at Foothill College's Appreciation Hall (Room 1501, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills) on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. The presentation will be followed by a reception and introduction to the exhibit at the campus' Krause Center for Innovation (on display through March 30). Herman also teaches a course on "Photography of Multicultural America." "Messengers of Peace" is the result of the 2016 Fulbright scholarship Herman received to study religious diversity in West Africa. The photographs depict life in Senegal, where the Muslim majority peacefully coexists with a Christian minority. "I hope my photographs help to challenge common stereotypes and misperceptions of Muslims, and that they contribute, even in a small way, to us celebrating diversity and treating each other with kindness," Herman wrote in a press release. He will also host a screening of the film "Touba" on Feb. 28 and a gallery talk on March 8. Go to messengerspeace.wordpress.com.

BRASSVIEW'S 'TETOUAN TO TATOINE: A MUSICAL ODYSSEY'

Brassview, a brass quintet, will perform a free, family-friendly concert on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 2 p.m. at Tateuchi Hall, Community School for Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. The concert, titled, "Tetouan to

Tatooine: A Musical Odyssey," is part of CSMA Community Concert series and is described as "a journey to explore a bustling ancient city on the North African Coast, become entranced by the sounds of mythical creatures, visit a distant planet and more." Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Go to arts4all.org.

MASEGO

"Trap house jazz" and hip-hop artist Masego, who mixes dance beats and classical jazz, will perform in Bing Concert Hall's newly renovated cabaret/studio space (327 Lasuen St., Stanford) on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 10 p.m. The Jamaica-born, Virginia-raised Masego not only sings but also plays cello, trumpet, drums, guitar, piano, and saxophone. Tickets are \$5-\$20. Go to live.stanford.edu/calendar/february-2017/masego.

JAKE SHIMABUKURO

Ukulele superstar Jake Shimabukuro has played for everyone from Jimmy Kimmel to the Queen of England. On Sunday, Feb. 19, he'll be playing for an audience of locals at the Fox Theatre, 2221 Broadway St., Redwood City. Shimabukuro, who's said his virtuoso uke playing has been influenced not only by fellow Hawaiian ukulele greats like Eddie Kamae but also athletes Bruce Lee and Michael Jordan, rose to fame a decade ago when a YouTube video of his performance of George Harrison's "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" went viral. Since then, he's become a worldwide phenomenon. His Redwood City show starts at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$35-\$75. Go to tinyurl.com/ho7fg8x.

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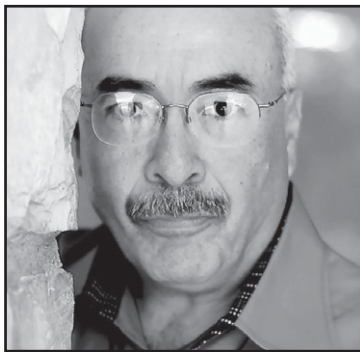


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ATTACK IN AUTO PARTS STORE

A Palo Alto man was arrested Sunday afternoon after a dust-up at an O'Reilly Auto Parts in Mountain View, where he allegedly yelled at employees, attacked a customer with a car part and hit a car when he left, police said.

Witnesses told police that the man, later identified as David Oakley, had come into the store on the 2600 block of California Street at about 2:50 p.m. and was upset that he had been given the wrong car part, according to Mountain View police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Oakley allegedly struck another customer with a carburetor cover and attempted to punch an employee before leaving the store, Nelson said.

Oakley got into his vehicle to leave the parking lot, and reportedly struck a car on the way out, Nelson said.

Police tracked down Oakley at his home in Palo Alto at around 4 p.m. A witness said he spotted about a half-dozen squad cars on Roble Ridge Road. Nelson said Oakley's aggressive actions in the auto parts store led to an abundance of caution in determining how many officers to send.

"It was just a matter of public safety in response to his aggression," she said. "They asked him to come out and he came out after a few minutes."

Oakley was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, hit and run, and resisting arrest. During the arrest, Oakley allegedly kicked an officer and tried to kick out the window of the patrol car. He was booked into Santa Clara County Jail without bail.

The customer who was hit with the carburetor cover suffered minor injuries and declined medical attention.

WAVERLY PARK BURGLARIES

Two residential burglaries were reported on the same day last week in the Waverly Park neighborhood after victims found that an expensive bike, electronics and other items were missing.

The first burglary occurred sometime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, when a resident on the 2000 block of Sleeper Avenue reported that someone had gotten into his house through an unlocked side door of the garage. The resident told police that several items, including cameras, iPads and a number of other unspecified belongings, had been taken, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Later that day, at around 1:45 p.m., someone walked into an open garage of a residence on the 2500 block of Fairbrook Drive and stole a Trek bicycle valued at several thousand dollars, Nelson said.

In both incidents, no camera footage recorded the burglaries and no suspect information is available. The burglaries do not appear to be related, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

600 block San Antonio Rd., 2/9
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600 block Franklin St., 2/11
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 2/11

BATTERY

300 block Showers Dr., 2/10
200 block Castro St., 2/10
200 block Castro St., 2/10
2500 block Grant Rd., 2/11

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

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2600 block Bayshore Pkwy., 2/10

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22500 block Sleeper Av., 2/8
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MICHELLE LE

Kindergarten students at Theuerkauf show their new teeth to substitute teacher Anita Brown on Feb. 14. Enrollment is dwindling at Theuerkauf, and proposals to change attendance boundaries could impact whether the campus will have enough students to remain a viable school.

School district cuts list of new boundary plans

DECISION WILL AFFECT NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN DISTRICT

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District inched its way toward a consensus on new school enrollment boundaries, following a marathon six-hour committee meeting.

The district's Student Attendance Area Task Force agreed at its Feb. 4 meeting to scrap four of the eight proposals designed to re-balance enrollment among campuses, create

a boundary for the new Slater Elementary, and reduce the number of families who are zoned for schools miles away from home. The task force also aims to reduce overcrowding at Huff, Bubb and Landels elementary schools, which can barely accept new students who live nearby.

Most committee members agreed to reject proposals that forced students to cross major thoroughfares like Central Expressway and El Camino

Real to get to school, many of which were attempts to preserve existing boundaries. One proposal suggested leaving the Shoreline West neighborhood within the Bubb boundary — despite it being a non-contiguous island north of El Camino — which would have failed to address Bubb's overcrowding problem. School board members made clear from the outset that schools ought to be zoned

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County prepares for major housing boom

DECISIONS LOOM ON DIVVYING UP MEASURE A'S LOW-INCOME, HOMELESS HOUSING FUNDS IN COUNTY

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara County is moving quickly on a strategy to build thousands of new homes for the county's low-income and homeless residents. And while most of the county's new Measure A housing bond will go towards helping the neediest residents, one big question still remains: where do you put all the housing?

At the Feb. 7 Board of Supervisors meeting, county officials revealed a series of objectives they intend to meet with \$950 million in bond funds, which voters approved last year. The goals set major priorities for building new units for people who are homeless or making less than 30 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) — \$33,500 for a family of four.

The county will set out to build 4,200 units for these extremely low-income renters, said Miguel Marquez, chief operating officer for the county. These units include a mix of supportive housing designed to help both the chronically homeless and families who "fall" into homelessness but can get back on their feet relatively quickly.

Other objectives include 600 housing units for low-income families making between 31 and 50 percent of the AMI, and

a yet to be determined number of "workforce housing" units for renters making between 51 percent and 120 percent of the county's AMI. Bond money will also be set aside for homelessness prevention programs, tenant-based rental assistance and assisting 1,000 first-time homebuyers.

Measure A proponents frequently refer to the bond as a "game changer" and a "shot to the arm" for Silicon Valley, where explosive job growth has far outpaced housing construction, leaving a housing shortage that has pushed the cost of living to historic highs. They point to evidence from the Bay Area's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, created by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), which shows that Santa Clara County as a region failed to build enough housing to meet the increase in demand from 2007 to 2014.

Some cities had a bigger housing shortfall than others. Palo Alto, for example, was tasked with building 2,860 homes over the seven-year period to meet new demand, but the city only issued permits for 1,080. The vast majority of the homes that did go up were market-rate, and only affordable for families making 120 percent of the median income

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Community leaders pledge to resist immigration crackdown

COMMUNITY BUILDING FORUM SPEAKERS ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO CONTINUE PROTESTING

By Mark Noack

Pledging a united front to protect migrants, local policymakers, school officials and law enforcement on Saturday issued a rallying cry to protest the recent executive orders by President Donald Trump. At the city-sponsored Community Building Forum panel members gave repeated assurances to a crowd of about 200 that they

would look to safeguard the full patchwork of the South Bay community, and they invited everyone to join them in the effort.

"It sort of feels that everything we cherish about this county is under attack or at least under deep scrutiny," said Mountain View City Councilman Lenny Siegel, reading a letter from Mayor Ken Rosenberg, who could not attend the event. "It's at times like this that we must defend what we

believe is right and just — this is what it means to be American."

Dubbed "Affirming Mountain View's Values and Building Community in Times of Uncertainty," the discussion on Saturday morning, Feb. 11, was moved to the main stage of the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts to accommodate the crowd. Among the speakers on the eight-person panel were Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian,

Mountain View Police Chief Max Bosel, and administrators from all three public school districts serving the city.

Spending almost two months organizing the Saturday discussion, the Mountain View Human Relations Commission tried to avoid framing the event as a broadside against Trump so that a wider range of perspectives could be shared. But if any supporters of the new president were in the

audience, they kept mum.

As president, Trump followed through on his divisive campaign rhetoric by signing a series of executive orders. Late last month, he issued edicts to bar residents from seven mostly Muslim countries and to begin deportations of undocumented residents convicted of crimes. In doing so, he threatened to

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How fast is too fast on Stevens Creek?

15 MPH SPEED LIMIT GETS MIXED RESPONSE FROM COMMUTERS, TRAIL USERS

By Kevin Forestieri

Stevens Creek Trail has turned into a wildly popular travel route for Mountain View residents, serving as both a recreational hub and a commute path to and from the jobs-heavy North Bayshore area. On any given day, hundreds of people — on bikes and on foot — pour through each trail head during the peak commute hours.

But with the increased usage, frequent trail users are questioning whether a 15 mile-per-hour speed limit is the best way to keep the mixed-use trail safe for both bicyclists and pedestrians. Some residents claim bicyclists are out of control, zipping around blind turns at high speeds, while others say the speed limit feels excruciatingly slow.

The speed limit was imposed in 2015, when the Mountain View City Council approved a pilot program allowing electric bikes, electric scooters — eventually electric skateboards — on both the Stevens Creek and Permanente Creek trails, encouraging their use as an alternative to

driving on city streets. The pilot program ended last year, and both the city's Parks and Recreation Committee and the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee recommended making the pilot a permanent ordinance. City Council voted unanimously in December to approve the recommendations.

Council members also agreed to a speed limit on both trails of 15 miles per hour, with an emphasis on education rather than enforcement, to get trail users to adhere to the new rule. Since then, 100 speed limit signs have been added along the trail, along with 60 "etiquette" signs reminding trail users to yield to pedestrians, reduce speed around turns and to announce themselves when passing on the left.

Committee members and public speakers more or less agreed that electric bikes — and the very occasional electric scooter — should continue to be allowed on the city's major trails. Electric skateboards were only allowed on the trail as of Dec. 1, 2016, and still remain in a trial period.

The major sticking point at both committee meetings, however, was the speed limit imposed on trail users.

"I'm pretty much tired of being forced to be a lawbreaker with this ridiculously low, 15 mile-per-hour speed limit," said resident David O'Brien at a Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee in October. The speed limit does nothing to improve safety on the trails, O'Brien said, and a speed limit closer to 18 or 19 miles per hour would be more appropriate. Stronger enforcement of the existing speed limit, he said, would only reduce trail usage.

"If we do get strong enforcement ... it will lead to a great decrease in commuters" O'Brien said. "The first time I get a \$250 speeding ticket I will never get on that trail again."

On the other side, Sunnyvale resident Don Myrah told Parks and Recreation Committee members earlier that month that speeding is a big problem on the city's trails, and that the city hasn't done nearly enough to control the problem. He said he recently recalled seeing three

head-on collisions on Stevens Creek, including one incident on the Highway 101 underpass where a bicyclist moving close to 25 miles per hour struck a senior citizen, who was later taken away by an ambulance.

"Nothing is really being done out there," Myrah said. "Putting up a sign isn't going to do it, and it isn't going to slow people down."

City data shows that traffic on Stevens Creek Trail has increased by a staggering 96 percent from 2012 to 2016 during morning and evening commute hours, with about a three-to-one ratio of bikes to pedestrians using the trail during the peak hours. Trying to share the trail when it's so busy can be a challenge when everyone is moving at different speeds, said Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee member Greg Unangst.

"If you have two bicycles passing each other and there's a couple pedestrians there, yeah, there's going to be some issues," he said. "There's just not quite enough room."

Some speakers at the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting advocated for a variance in speed

limits, with lower speed limits around sharp turns and blind spots on the southern end of the trail and higher speed limits on the northern end, where bicyclists have close to a half mile of visibility. Patrick Moore, co-founder of Safe Mountain View, told committee members that the speed limit is fine, and suggested the problem stems from bicyclists simply not knowing how fast they are going. He suggested that the trail include signage and marks that allow bicyclists to gauge their own speed without the use of a digital device.

Other agencies in the Bay Area seem to agree that a flat 15 miles per hour limit across the entire trail system is the way to go. Santa Clara County's parks have the same maximum speed for all trail users, whether on bikes, horses or on foot, said Greg Bringelson, the county's park program coordinator roads and trails. Similar to Mountain View, Bringelson said speed enforcement is used sparingly, and more as a tool for education rather than enforcement.

"I think once people realize that when an enforcement tool is out there, they tend to slow down," he said.

County trails, though used

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council members John McAlister and Lisa Matichak expressed wariness that the maxed-out East Whisman plans could worsen traffic and “quality of life” for the neighborhood. Matichak expressed doubt that light-rail line would provide adequate transit for future residents, and she asked staff to investigate the ridership data for nearby stations.

“I have real concerns about this — I don’t want gridlock in this area,” she said. “To count on light rail as the hub for transportation, that really concerns me.”

But most other council members favored a heavy push for housing. Councilman Lenny Siegel tried to encourage his colleagues to allow buildings as high as 12 stories for the neighborhood — although the rest of his colleagues opted to scale down to eight stories at most.

The push for placing residences and offices in the same vicinity was cheered on by housing advocates.

“We all are talking about the jobs-housing imbalance — the inability of our workers to live and work in close proximity have all these negative factors,” said Pilar Lorenzana-Campo, policy director for SV@Home. “We’re

so thrilled how the last few years have gone and the progress the city has made for East Whisman.”

Much like the North Bayshore area, accommodating the traffic demand may be the biggest challenge for plans to build out East Whisman. The council urged staff to make bike and pedestrian routes a top priority. Community Development Director Randy Tsuda said his department would draft a “full suite” of transportation options for the neighborhood, to be presented at another study session sometime around April.

At the tail end of the discussion, the council left the door open for much more office space to be added later. This possibility emerged for the region of East Whisman south of Highway 237, a section where numerous property owners were requesting higher office density to ensure that redevelopment projects would pencil out financially.

To that end, the council asked staff to prepare an additional impact study looking at much higher office density along this area. In an interview following the meeting, Tsuda said increasing the floor-area ratio for this area (a measure of building density) could result in an additional 1.2 million square feet of office space.

Conspicuously absent from the

meeting and much of the discussion was Google, which has a huge foothold in East Whisman and clearly intends to expand further. Last year, the company pitched a project for a 3.9-acre site at the end of Logue Avenue with about 330 apartments and 200,000 square feet of offices. At the time, the council decided against considering the project ahead of its update of the East Whisman precise plan.

In a letter sent to the city, Google’s real estate director, John Igoe, did not specifically refer to his company’s proposal, but he urged city leaders to grant flexibility for any mixed-use development in that same Logue Avenue area.

Another twist in the city’s decision-making was the potential for a new school site. In a letter to the city, Los Altos School District board member Vladimir Ivanovic urged council members to allow the district to transfer development rights, allowing the district more flexibility to find a suitable site in the competitive real-estate market. The council gave direction to city staff to draft a policy for transferring development rights.

With the direction from the City Council, planning staff say they will work to prepare an environmental impact report. ▀

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GRANT SEEKS CITYWIDE GOODWILL

There’s a sea of grant opportunities out there, but this one definitely stands out as unique.

Four of Mountain View’s premier tech companies are pooling money to invest in ideas to make the city more compassionate and equitable. Anyone with an idea how to foster that goodwill is urged to write it up and send it in.

Does that mean free tacos for everyone? Maybe a fleet of bicycles for anyone to use? Or perhaps more public Wi-Fi across Mountain View? Whatever your idea is, the new grant initiative — Inspire Mountain View — wants to hear it.

“We’re calling on all innovators, creators and dreamers who want to make Mountain View a better place,” said Joe Eyre of the Los Altos Community Foundation, the managing partner for the program. “The whole idea here is to make the community more compassionate, equitable and a better place to live and work.”

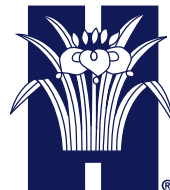
The grant idea comes thanks to generous funding from Google, Synopsys, Symantec and LinkedIn — corporations that have played a major role in Mountain View’s growth. But tied to that growth is a set of byproducts such as traffic congestion, insufficient housing and a lack of parks.

Inspire Mountain View is offering three grant awards for \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000. Applications are being accepted starting this week. The deadline is March 15.

All submissions will be reviewed first by a group of Mountain View leaders and the donor committee. The highest scoring proposals will then be posted online for the public to vote on.

Anyone interested in applying for Inspire Mountain View should visit the program’s website at www.inspiremv.org.

—Mark Noack



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of parents, who called the program flawed, incoherent, poorly paced and a poor replacement for teacher-led instruction. The district attempted to walk back the program in December by having students and teachers spend only half of math class time on Teach to One, only to announce that it was dropping the program altogether a month later.

Behind the scenes, decisions regarding Teach to One happened at break-neck speeds. In early April of 2016, district officials toured a charter school in Oakland using Teach to One, and just weeks later, announced that the district would move forward with the pilot program for the 500-plus sixth-grade students at Crittenden and Graham middle schools. After the buy-in, the district was contacted by Aila Malik, the founder of Venture

Leadership Consulting, who would act as the main conduit between the district and high-ranking staff at Google and other tech companies being asked for funding.

Malik told Assistant Superintendent Cathy Baur that New Classrooms employees needed to fly in from New York between April 28 and 29 to start preparations for adopting Teach to One, and that a “simultaneous” strategy for “leveraging Google” would start in early May. Subsequent emails between Malik and Google’s public affairs team show that she tried to sell that idea that Teach to One expanding right into the company’s backyard would fall “very much in line with Google Inc.’s initiatives around STEM and increased diversity in the tech workforce.”

Malik told the *Voice* Wednesday that she was hired by New Classrooms as a consultant in hopes of spreading the use of Teach to One

in California. During the first half of 2016, she said she also worked with school districts in Oakland and the Central Valley.

Early signs that the school district wasn’t going to lock in a corporate donor in time for the start of the school year began popping up in May. Staff from Google indicated on May 18 that no deal would be brokered until a replacement could be found for Davis White, the previous public affairs director for the company. Malik sent a more urgent email to Google staff in June, pointing out that the district was already planning to train teachers and reconfigure class space for Teach to One.

“We cannot do the partnership without an anchor funder because the start-up costs are so significant,” Malik told the Google staff member. “I am wondering if you think that investment from Google is likely or whether we need to halt the partnership. We have been looking at other funders, but many of our biggest partners (Start-Up Ed. through Zuckerberg, Gates, etc.) have been funding at the national level and are not particularly interested in Mountain View. They see it as Google’s turf.”

These worries subsided in July, when Malik told Rudolph her meeting with a member of the Google’s public affairs team went so well that the district “should go for more of an ask.” She also stated that she would begin soliciting for donations from Microsoft and LinkedIn to fund other parts of the district’s new five-year strategic plan under the assumption that Google was going to pay the bills for Teach to One.

Despite the assurance, in August Malik met with John Igoe, Google’s real estate director, to make another appeal for Google’s support. She urged Igoe in a subsequent email to “put in a good word” for the district at the company.

“We are taking a leap of faith that Google will support this request, which is the first major step towards carrying out the district’s strategic plan,” she said to Igoe in an email.

The bad news that Google wouldn’t fund Teach to One came on Aug. 15, the first day of school in the Mountain View Whisman district. A member of the company’s public affairs

team told Malik in an email that “issues” arose with the company’s budget and that it could not commit to any funding until at least early 2017. The next day, Rudolph said the implementation plans would not change in light of the news.

“We are still moving forward,” Rudolph said in an email. “(We) just need to create a little peer pressure for Google.”

Malik said her consulting services for New Classrooms ended in June, so any engagement she had after that month was done simply as a community member and as a way to “pass the baton” to New Classrooms and the district. She said she doesn’t know what efforts were made after June to secure philanthropic funds.

The first apparent call for a contingency plan came from a New Classrooms employee, who told Rudolph in an email on Aug. 17 that while she “appreciates the push with Google,” that they need to “discuss finding alternatives as well as what the district can support” in the meantime.

The *Voice* was scheduled to interview Rudolph about the emails Wednesday morning, but Rudolph and the district’s public information officer, Shelly Hausman, both fell ill and canceled.

During this lengthy, months-long process of seeking a corporate donor — which ultimately fizzled — the Mountain View Whisman School District and New Classrooms began adopting the new math program without a contract in place. The earliest mentions of a contract in email correspondence between the two parties started in August and continued even after funding from Google fell through.

The first draft of the unsigned contract, which publicly surfaced at the Dec. 8 board meeting, included two major costs: \$128,250 for a per-pupil licensing fee, as well as \$350,000 in service fees to New Classrooms. The contract states that both parties will “put forth best efforts to raise philanthropic funding” to pay for the service fees. In the event that this donor money doesn’t materialize, the agreement will be amended “to reflect an obligation by Mountain View to pay all of the service fees.” The contract was pulled from the agenda without a vote, and the district

is currently renegotiating the terms.

The contract was ready for approval sometime in early November, but Rudolph delayed having the contract come before the board. In an email to New Classrooms staff, he said, “We have a new board coming on (in December) and will take it to the new board.”

Although the terms of the contract — figuring out what the district ought to owe for four months of a program riddled with problems — are still being renegotiated, the district’s first interim budget report shows a Teach to One expenditure line for \$521,000, roughly one-fourth of the district’s entire curriculum adoption costs for the school year.

Because the Jan. 17 study session on Teach to One took place immediately following the announcement that the district was ditching the program, the meeting served as a chance for Rudolph to explain what went wrong and what could have been done differently. He told the board that the district was eager to move forward on plans to reduce the achievement gap, and that Teach to One seemed like an obvious first step. He described Google dropping out as a funder as the “first canary in the coal mine” signaling that the district should have slowed down.

“It should’ve been sort of a concern of ours, and it’s no fault on Teach to One or the district, but it’s something that should’ve been thought about over the course of the process,” he said.

Although things clearly didn’t work out with Teach to One, Malik said the community ought to rally behind Rudolph for his progressive attitude and his willingness to find new ways to improve student performance.

“Ayinde is an awesome superintendent, and he comes with a wealth of experience and a really great vision for equitable teaching across all of Mountain View Whisman School District students,” she said.

Next week, the *Voice* will explore the technical problems that plagued the rollout of Teach to One, and other major issues that prompted parents to revolt against the program. ▀

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primarily for recreation rather than commuting, have seen a similar explosion in usage in recent years. Preliminary trail county data for this year has been “mind blowing,” Bringelson said, with thousands of people heading through some trail heads

over the course of a week.

Jeral Poskey, a Shoreline West resident and Google’s transportation planning program manager, said it may come down to a change in attitude on the trail. Particularly with electric-assisted bikes, he said it’s tempting for commuters to try and go as fast as possible rather than taking travel at a slower pace.

“I think a lot of people who are used to saying ‘I’m going to set my personal best, and this is my race track’ are just going to need that attitude adjustment,” he said. “I think occasionally there has to be that heavy-handed enforcement because some people get it, and some don’t.” ▀

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BOUNDARY

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for about 450 students, allowing for three classrooms at each grade level.

On top of balancing existing enrollment, Mountain View is in a construction boom that is sure to bring more students into the district. Over 3,500 new residential units are in the pipeline, concentrated heavily in

an open question, as well as whether North Whisman residents should be split between Theuerkauf and Slater or all zoned for Slater.

Multiple neighborhoods in the northwestern end of the city could also end up going to Monta Loma or Theuerkauf depending on the final proposal, including families north of Middlefield Road from Shoreline to Moffett boulevards, as well as families

remaining proposals have in common is that Huff and Bubb Elementary boundaries are the same — both schools encompass the entirety of the city south of El Camino Real, with students west of Grant Road attending Bubb and east of the road attending Huff. But task force members balked when Ferruzzo suggested the boundaries for the two schools be set in stone moving forward.

Bubb's newly proposed boundaries, which rezones the Shoreline West neighborhood from Bubb to either Landels or Castro Elementary, prompted some of the neighborhood residents to show up at a board meeting last year urging the board not to dismantle what they called an important part of the Bubb community north of El Camino. They also brought up increases in property values since the area was zoned from Castro to Bubb.

Near the end of the meeting, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph cautioned against individual committee members getting hung up on parts of the decision-making process that were already settled during the six-hour discussion.

"This is not about a unanimous vote, this is about consensus. We are now moving to a place where everyone must be happy with what we present to the board," Rudolph said. "It's starting to become a dangerous place for us that, again, we are now losing time that we could have been doing something with."

'You can't make everyone happy. There's no way boundary changes will please everyone.'

TONY FERRUZZO, DEMOGRAPHICS CONSULTANT

the Whisman area and along El Camino Real. These near-term projects are expected to boost enrollment by 611 elementary and middle school-aged students over the next five years. The city is also planning to allow thousands of new housing units in both the North Bayshore and East Whisman areas — two tech-heavy areas mostly devoid of housing — but school district officials said its too difficult to plan for that so far in advance.

Despite narrowing down the list of options, there are still some big differences in the remaining proposals. Whether students south of Central Expressway between California Street and Rengstorff Avenue should go to Castro or Monta Loma remains

living north of Central Expressway from Rengstorff to Sierra Vista avenues. There's been some debate over the last year whether Rengstorff Avenue ought to be considered a main thoroughfare that's too dangerous for kids to cross.

At the task force's upcoming March 11 meeting, the pool of proposals will be pared down to just two, which means there will be further trade-offs, said Tony Ferruzzo, a senior consultant for the demographic firm Decision Insite who led the lengthy Feb. 4 meeting.

"You can't make everyone happy," Ferruzzo said. "There's no way boundary changes will please everyone."

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COMMUNITY

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remove federal funding for so-called sanctuary cities that refused to cooperate with federal immigration officials.

The actions put the Bay Area in the cross hairs. The most active participant on the panel, Simitian pointed out that Santa Clara County could stand to lose out on "\$300 million to \$1.5 billion" in federal funding if the president's threat is carried out. But he described such an action as an illegal taking of public funds, pointing out the county had recently filed a lawsuit against the measure in court.

In addition, the county supervisors had also signed a resolution opposing the ban on residents from the seven predominantly Muslim countries entering the U.S., created a funding pool for legal aid for undocumented residents, and established a "federal affairs advocacy task force" to keep a close eye on the new administration's actions, Simitian said.

But Simitian and other speakers asserted they couldn't take on this resistance effort alone, and they urged more citizens to stay

engaged in politics.

"The challenge right now is to mitigate the damage for the next few years," he said. "I have absolutely no doubt that the values that we cherish and the community we care about will come out stronger."

Mountain View Whisman Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph described efforts to conduct cultural-sensitivity training and announced a forthcoming survey to determine if there's been any rise in bullying, intimidation or charged rhetoric since the election. Other superintendents pointed out how their respective school boards have signed resolutions to show their opposition to Trump's executive orders.

Law enforcement officials were more technical in their reaction to the new federal policies. Police Chief Bosel explained how his officers needed cooperation from the undocumented community to ensure public safety. His officers don't enforce immigration law as part of standard protocol unless an undocumented suspect is convicted of a crime, he said. The decision on whether to pass along a suspect to immigration officials depends on the "totality of circumstances," he said, adding

that those situations are rare.

"Regardless of nationality, we provide police services," he said. "It's not a matter of political correctness; it's a matter of establishing safety in the public interest."

Members of the public asked about how individuals could best make shows of civil disobedience. Jay Boyarsky, chief assistant district attorney for Santa Clara County, said all citizens were free to exercise their rights to assemble and speak out, but his office would not tolerate vandalism or theft stemming from any political protest.

One questioner asked about a likely future scenario: What would happen if Trump comes to visit Silicon Valley? In all likelihood, the president would fly into Moffett Federal Airfield and an entourage of local leaders would be invited to greet him.

Speaking for Mountain View, Siegel could only hint at what would happen.

"We've talked about this — but I don't want to say what we've talked about," Siegel said. "Let me assure you that we won't greet him quite in the way that we greeted President Obama." ■

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Although leaving Bubb and Huff boundaries open for changes seems like a setback, committee member and former board member Bill Lambert said it was the right decision not to separate boundary decisions by individual schools. Doing so forces individual committee members to come to the defense of specific neighborhood interests, which can derail the boundary-drawing process.

"I think people were objecting to that because we need to always think of the district as a whole," Lambert said.

Another concern that is likely to come up at the next committee meeting on March 11, is what number of students each school should be zoned for in order to avoid under-enrollment at Theuerkauf, Monta Loma, Castro and Landels. Although the target is 450 students, three of the four scenarios still being considered would leave Theuerkauf with fewer than 300 students enrolled at the school for the 2019-20 school year. Theuerkauf's attendance boundary, as it exists today, has more than 480 district students, but opt out of attending in order to go to the district's two choice school programs, Mistral Elementary's dual language

immersion program and Stevenson Elementary's parent participation (PACT) program.


Data from the district shows that Theuerkauf's enrollment has already been on a downward trend, dropping from 471 students in the 2013-14 school year to 343 students for the current school year.

Lambert said further balancing enrollment across the seven neighborhood elementary schools will be an important step going forward. Teachers have made clear they want three classrooms at each grade level with between 20 and 25 kids per class, and parents want assurances that the school's low enrollment won't cause the school to be closed down.

"When a school gets to small, parents rightly question the viability of the school," he said.

One tool the district could use to make sure enrollment is stable is to change the intradistrict transfer policy, more tightly controlling the number of parents who can opt out of a neighborhood school and send their child to another school within the district. The plan is to finalize boundaries before considering new transfer policies. ■

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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.**

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HOUSING BOND

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Mountain View built enough housing to meet its allocation during the same period, but 90 percent of the 2,656 new units were market-rate or luxury apartments.

Up until now, these allocations have served as an indicator for what kind of housing the greater Bay Area needs to keep up with population and job growth, and cities have no obligation to meet their goals. But these housing allocations could play an integral role in how Measure A bond money is spent around the county.

The last of the seven objectives for the bond program explicitly calls for new housing development and rental assistance programs to be distributed throughout the county's 15 cities "in a pattern that approximates" the Regional Housing Needs Allocation.

Last year, the Board of Supervisors agreed to put Measure A on the ballot with prescriptive language on how to spend it, earmarking about 74 percent of the funding specifically to help extremely low-income residents. But supervisors were reluctant to give a city-by-city breakdown on who would benefit, citing a need to keep options open. Maximizing the number of new homes might be difficult, for example, if an inflexible number had to be built in Los Altos or Palo Alto instead of San Jose.

While the Regional Housing Needs Allocation might sound like an appropriate way to gauge where to put new affordable housing projects, it could end up being met with serious opposition. Residents in many cities across the nine Bay Area counties sharply oppose the housing allocations and ABAG in general, calling it an out-of-touch agency demanding more homes be built in spite of worsening traffic and compromises to residents' quality of life.

County Supervisor Dave Cortese, who serves on ABAG, said there's a tendency among smaller cities in the Bay Area to disregard the regional planning process, or contest jobs and housing growth projections as being either exaggerated or impossible to meet. He recalled being confronted numerous times by neighborhood associations in his own district telling him that local elected officials have essentially vilified ABAG as the sole agency responsible for high-density construction and traffic congestion.

Supervisor Joe Simitian said

he was didn't want to get too invested in the ABAG figures because, as he put it, the housing allocations tend to provoke an "endless conversation that doesn't seem to produce a heck of a lot of housing." County Executive Jeffrey Smith agreed that the controversial relationship that exists between cities and ABAG may prove to be a problem when trying to size up where to build thousands of new homes.

"Certain jurisdictions have not made a commitment to utilizing (allocations) to improve the housing distribution ... and some flat outright just don't care about it," he said. "That is a problem, and will be a problem in our implementation of Measure A."

Cortese argued that focusing on housing needs as a small subgroup — the 15 cities in Santa Clara County rather than the greater Bay Area — might change the tenor enough that it will be a useful tool. Instead of firing off letters to San Francisco making collateral attacks on the whole process, he said, elected officials in neighboring cities are going to have to confront each other face-to-face and figure out how to best spend affordable housing money.

"The mayor of small city 'X' needs to talk to mayor of small city 'Y' across the table, and those two mayors have to talk to Mayor Sam Liccardo from San Jose who feels like he's doing a disproportionate amount of the affordable housing," Cortese said. "I wouldn't mind being a fly on the wall to see those mayors debate who should be taking, in our county, that distribution."

Beyond a broad allocation of homes by city, Smith said the implementation of Measure A will also have to overcome what he called the most difficult component of the process, which is finding suitable locations for new housing and overcoming any public opposition during the planning process. He pointed to an upcoming affordable housing project in Santa Clara, which calls for 200 micro-unit apartments on an empty lot, potentially made of repurposed shipping containers.

The county could look inward at its own land. Simitian said he's had "preliminary conversations" about possibly using land north of the Santa Clara County Superior Court in Palo Alto for affordable housing, which is currently home to the Kumli Resource Center. He called it a "rather dramatically underutilized" site that might be part of the housing solution in the North County area. ■

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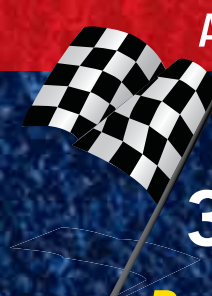
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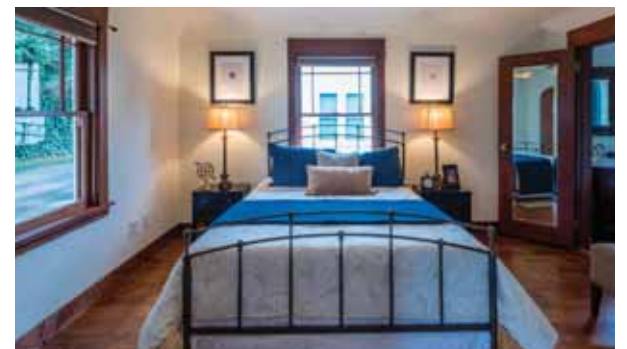
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Trump's victory a lesson for Silicon Valley

by Robert Cox

I want to thank the Mountain View Human Relations Commission for sponsoring a much-needed panel discussion on "Affirming Mountain View's Values." During the discussion, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian challenged us to get outside the political bubble that we live in and understand the people who opted out of voting for the Democratic ticket in this election and instead voted for President Trump.

I had the opportunity to do this when I visited my extended family and childhood friends back in northern Ohio during the holiday season. There was a consistent theme in what I heard.

One friend told me: "Our fathers worked in good-paying union jobs in the steel mills and auto factories. After I lost my job in the

mill, I worked for a small firm manufacturing wheelchairs. Then that firm closed up and moved overseas. My wife and I are now working at multiple minimum-wage jobs, and the prospects for our children are no better."

When Trump told them, "Give me a chance, what have you got to lose?" he really spoke to them where they were. Many of my family and friends first voted for Bernie Sanders in the primaries and then for Trump in the general election. For them, Hillary Clinton was the face of the establishment who had abandoned them over the last two generations.

Many of us here in Silicon Valley have benefited from its job-rich tech economy. We must resist the temptation to be indifferent toward what those outside our tech bubble are going through. To them, we appear to be saying, "This works for us, what's your

problem?" The recent turmoil our city went through as many of our residents struggled with rising rents is one illustration of the economic struggles many people in our country face on a daily basis.

In a democracy, an economic system that works well for a few can be sustained only as long as the majority benefit from it. The challenge of providing well-paying jobs for the majority of our people will become greater with the advent of self-driving cars and computers that can program themselves. We may not have all of the answers yet, but now is the time for our political leaders to step up, work together, and innovate solutions that work for our broader society.

Robert Cox is a 21-year resident of Mountain View, a member of the city's Environmental Planning Commission, and a software project lead at Intel Corporation in Santa Clara, where he has worked for 17 years.

Guest Opinion

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

GET RID OF CAMPAIGN FUNDING LOOPHOLE

Perhaps the current Mountain View City Council, having been elected under the old regime, could fix our current campaign financing rules.

The Voice has demonstrated the existence of a huge loophole in our campaign financing and disclosure rules. All you need to do is loan your campaign as much money as it needs (assuming you have the personal funds to do this). This makes it look (during the campaign) as if you were funding your own campaign. Then after you're elected, the folks who wanted to fund your campaign, but didn't because it would have looked bad, donate large sums to your campaign, allowing you to pay off all the money you loaned to your own campaign.

The assumption here is that the electorate, by the next election, will have forgotten about this bit of campaign finance shenanigans, and will vote for you again.

I might suggest that an appropriate bit of campaign finance reform for the Mountain View City Council would be to ban contributions to campaigns after the last filing date before the election for disclosure of campaign contributions, so we know who is really financing the campaigns of our City Council candidates.

David Lewis
Oak Street

NO NEW CROSSWALK

I do not want a crosswalk at Marich and El Monte. This is a terribly busy road that drivers can easily expect to wait three signal changes to get through when coming off El Camino.

Adding a crosswalk directly after an already difficult-to-navigate turn near McDonalds, then to be forced to abruptly stop again when the rare walker wants to cross, is absurd. Too much going on here already with all the store entrances and people turning.

Take note, walking from Marich to El Camino takes about one minute. Why can't you walk to the corner?

Look, I am first in line when begging for more speeding citations in my town, and believe that is the only remedy to slow drivers. Speeders are a problem in our town; a few tickets on your record and sent to the insurance company will deter most. But facilitating a crosswalk here is ridiculous in the same way as replacing a car lane on El Camino with a dedicated bus lane is absurd.

David Hong
Jardin Drive

WHAT SHOULD THE CITY LOOK LIKE IN 2040?

The city is certainly busy. But where is the long-range planning? What would we like to look like in 2040? Are we headed in the right direction, given all the knowns and unknowns? Does the city of

Mountain View have a real City Planning Commission (CPC)? The one-time CPC was redefined as an Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) to speed up the process.

However, the EPC is not even engaged as defined in the city charter, the city zoning ordinance, the EPC handbook, or the city website. One long-time city manager admitted the EPC doesn't do much, except maybe when there is a general plan to be updated. But that can be up to every 20 years. The last two came out in 1992 and 2012. Any real CPC work is carried out by the City Council, the city zoning administrator and the planning department.

In the past the EPC, not having any authority, was sometimes tacked on at the end of the process after all the decisions had been made, therefore not really needed.

Some actions for a real CPC: Be looking out ahead, say to 2040. Develop the required array of

design parameters to get there.

Study various scenarios to determine the preferred direction of city growth with periodic adjustments as required. Conduct the long-range planning.

Determine the acceptable or the required building height limits to be able to reach various growth levels. Develop architectural guidelines to reduce the frequency of "I'll know it when I see it."

Identify the infrastructure limits. Make sure the impact to the entire city is considered when evaluating proposed changes.

Place the citizens in "the center of the equation." In the process, define the CPC to include the appropriate job description and specification for city planning commissioner.

Otherwise, if you don't know where you are going, any road will take you there, or, you may end up somewhere else.

Arnold Soderberg
Trophy Drive



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Veal ossobuco is served over a bed of polenta and topped with gremolata sauce at Aldo Los Altos.

By Dale F. Bentson | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Aldo restaurant is bustling during lunchtime on Friday, Feb. 3.

When Aldo Los Altos opened in 2005, it was a risky business move. Downtown was on the quiet side, the restaurant scene even quieter. That's all changed now, but Aldo's hasn't. It's still a go-to place for lunch or dinner, a solid place for families, social meetings or just good Italian food.

Neighborhood restaurants survive on repeat business. The formula is simple enough: above-average food and service and pleasant ambiance (not to mention managing expenses at a time of spiraling rents and escalating labor costs). Aldo's adds oversized portions with sane prices to boot.

Donato De Marchi and Alan Moll partnered to open the 78-seat restaurant and oversaw major renovations to the century-old building, including installing lofty front windows, wood floors and an open kitchen. The name Aldo was derived from the first two letters of their names. Later, De Marchi became sole owner.

De Marchi graduated from the Culinary Academy in Bellagio, Italy, on magnificent Lake Como. He served as chef at four- and five-star hotels in the region, then on cruise ships, where he met his future wife,

Marlene. Marlene, who hails from Palo Alto, prompted De Marchi to move to San Francisco, where he opened a restaurant and a pasta factory. For the past 12 years, Los Altos have been the prime beneficiaries of his culinary expertise.

Besides a menu of soups, salads, pastas, meat, fish and poultry dishes, Aldo's serves a long list of cicchetti, tapas-like small plate appetizers that originated in Venice as bar snacks. Aldo's cicchetti are served in larger portions than their European counterparts, but every bit as tasty.

I particularly liked the gnocco di pane (\$4), a puff pastry filled with mushroom and fontina cheese and drizzled with sweet balsamic vinegar.

The fried zucchini and artichokes (\$6) with lemon aioli sauce were crisp and fresh-tasting. The calamari fritti (\$7) served with marinara sauce, fresh lemon, and lemon aioli, was crunchy and served piping hot from the fryer.

The straccetti di maiale (\$6), two slow-roasted, overstuffed, shredded pork tacos with chopped tomatoes and onions and a

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DINING NOTES

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Rigatoni del bosco is one of about a dozen pasta dishes on the menu at Aldo Los Altos.



Desserts include this mango panna cotta, served with vanilla cream and strawberries.

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slightly piquant sauce, was not exactly Italian, but why not?

With intense color and deep flavors, the generous bowl of rustic Tuscan-style vegetarian tomato-bread soup, pappa al pomodoro (\$6), brimmed with aromatic chopped tomatoes, basil, garlic and olive oil.

Of the dozen pasta offerings, the pappardelle (\$15) came

loaded with chunks of prosciutto, porcini and peas, and was bathed in a light cream sauce — just enough to coat but not pool.

Rolled, rather than layered, the lasagna arrotolata (\$15), was spinach lasagna filled with ham, gruyere, Parmesan cheese and loads of fresh spinach, all baked in a soothing four-cheese cream sauce.

There were more than a dozen

secondi, or entrees, to choose from, and all the portions were large. The grilled pork medallions (\$19) blanketed in a creamy portobello, porcini and cremini mushroom sauce, were earthy and delicious. The plate came with fried potatoes and a knot of steamed spinach.

After the other dishes, the veal osso bucco (\$27) was so large I could only manage a couple of bites and took the rest home.

The meat was succulent, almost sweet, and sauced with tomatoes, celery, carrots and onions, over a bed of creamy polenta.

The fish and house-made chips (\$21) could have been exceptional except for the sweet balsamic that was drizzled over the entire plate. It would have been fine just dripped over the crisp potato chips, but it clashed with the cod. It was the only misstep from the kitchen.



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Weekend

Aldo's wine list was solid and affordable with mostly Italian selections and several from California. Most wines were available by the glass or bottle.

There was one service slip-up. After the entrees were cleared, the table top had sauce drips, bread crumbs and water drops. The wait person never wiped the table but plunked the dessert menus atop the mess. Besides that, service was friendly and prompt.

To conclude, the budino di panettone (\$8) was warm bread pudding using bits of panettone, with raisins, apricots, a splash

of rum, a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a squiggle of caramel. The panettone gave the pudding a pleasing chunky texture.

Limoncello zabaglione (\$8) consisted of lady fingers, fresh raspberries, and whipped cream mixed with the zabaglione, a gently cooked blend of egg yolks, sugar, lemon juice and lemon zest. It was light, refreshing and a good way to end any meal.

Aldo's has everything a good neighborhood Italian restaurant should have. That's why it's remained an anchor on Main Street for over a decade. ▣

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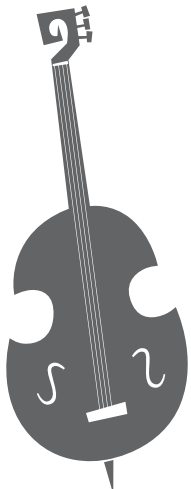
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The Mountain View Whisman School District ("District") is requesting submission of:

- 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;
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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.**

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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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MOVIE OPENINGS



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Dane DeHaan as an ambitious young executive in "A Cure for Wellness."

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GOTHIC MYSTERY-THRILLER A SAVORY MOVIE OUTING

★★★ (Century 20)

"A Cure for Wellness," a disturbing new psychological horror film from Gore Verbinski ("The Ring," "Pirates of the Caribbean"), isn't quite right in the head, but that's not such a bad thing. Verbinski's weird "eat the rich" excursion into the mad-house genre, with its slow descent into Grand Guignol, offers much more than just a good horror story.

In the opening moments, Verbinski initiates a creepy vision of big business: one night, within one of many indistinguishable black corporate towers, one company's Salesman of the Year dramatically collapses upon receipt of a letter from CEO Roland E. Pembroke (Harry Groener). The

letter lays out an epic "I'm out" manifesto worthy of "Occupy Wall Street." Pembroke's major Wall Street finance firm anticipates a merger that will make it "one of the biggest financial service firms on the Eastern Seaboard," and its board of directors naturally assumes the boss has lost his mind.

And so, a fiercely driven, Nicorette-popping young executive named Lockhart (a terrific Dane DeHaan) is sent to retrieve his boss from The Volmer Institut, a seemingly idyllic but actually sinister "wellness spa" in the Swiss Alps. Lockhart's driver Enrico (Ivo Nandi) deadpans, "Wealthy people have wealthy problems," as he delivers the

young man up the spiraling path to the castle-turned-sanatorium housing the elders of international business, dressed in white and merrily playing and lounging around the grounds. Cryptic mottos like "Purity Before Wellness" and the something's-off happiness of the exterior evoke The Village of TV's "The Prisoner" but what's inside rivals The Overlook Hotel for hallucinatory horror.

The original screenplay by Justin Haythe ("Revolutionary Road") alludes to Thomas Mann's 1924 symbolic novel "The Magic Mountain" (which one Volmer employee reads on the job). "A Cure for Wellness" falls short of Mann's allegorical ambition; despite begging for tightening at 146 minutes, the film falls well short of incisive in its thematic approach. Still, this nightmare narrative noodles around the idea of the metaphorical sicknesses that ail us while critiquing the insularity of two historical social orders living high above the "peasant" class: the greed and ambition of "Masters of the Universe" and the entitlement and privilege and moral rot of inbred royalty.

"A Cure for Wellness" also makes for a pretty decent mystery (much of it involving Mia Goth's spacey "special case") before climatically busting out into something right out of Mary Shelley. There's a distinctive, invigorating creativity at work here, atmosphere to spare (think old-school Polanski), brilliant production design (Eve Stewart) and cinematography (Bojan Bazelli), and fine acting all around (Jason Isaacs digs his teeth into the role of Director Volmer). It's far from perfect, but this treat for the eyes with ideas to consider feels like a miracle of a movie by offering so much more than we expect from the jump-scare horror to which we've resigned ourselves.

Rated R for disturbing violent content and images, sexual content including an assault, graphic nudity, and language. Two hours, 26 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

"JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 2" ★★★ 1/2

"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

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Fist Fight (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

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The Great Wall (PG-13)

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Hidden Figures (PG) ★★★1/2

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I Am Not Your Negro (PG-13)

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The Innocents (1961) (Not Rated)

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

John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) ★★★

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

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Century 20: Friday & Sunday

The Smiling Lieutenant (1931) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Friday

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

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THEATER

'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.

Theater: 'Airport Insecurity' "Airport Insecurity" by Vikas Dhurka (English) is based on a true story. It's the quirky, entertaining, Kafkaesque tale of an Indian techie stuck at Frankfurt Airport without a passport, visa or mobile phone. Over forty-eight hours in the airport lounge, he encounters a diverse cast of characters while navigating a bureaucratic labyrinth, and the resolution of his troubles surprises everyone, even him. Children under 7 will not be admitted. Feb. 24-26 and March 3-4, times vary. \$25-\$45. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

Theater: 'The Addams Family' Menlo Atherton Drama presents "The Addams Family" musical. It follows Wednesday Addams who has fallen in love and begs Gomez, Morticia and the family to act "normal" when she brings her boyfriend and his parents to dinner. There will be laughs for the whole family at three matinee and three evening shows. Feb. 17, 18 and 24, 8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 25, and 26, 2 p.m. \$6-\$14. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. mabears.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 playwriting) with David Henry Hwang's "Yellow Face." Based on events in Hwang's life, "Yellow Face" takes the audience on a journey with DHH, a playwright who is struggling with the complex and ever-changing role that "face" plays in modern American society. Jan. 26-Feb. 19, Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. \$18, students; \$36, general. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

CONCERTS

'East Meets West' Orchestra Concert This "East Meets West" concert features the music of three very different composers and features director Thomas Shoebottom as cello soloist. There will be a pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18, 8 p.m. \$22, general; \$18, senior; \$10, student. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org/

Masego Born in Jamaica and raised in Virginia, 23-year-old Masego (which means "blessed" in Tswana, the official language of Botswana) has created and curated a new wave of music that blends infectious dance beats with classical jazz elements. His live shows are known for their unique freestyling, beat-swinging vibe. Feb. 18, 10 p.m. \$5-\$20. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Program 2 Master Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra presents Prokofiev Classical Symphony Bartok Violin Concerto No. 1 featuring Natalie Lin on the violin and Dvorak Symphony No. 7 in D minor. Feb. 25, 8 p.m. and Feb. 26, 2:30 p.m. at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. \$15-\$25. The Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton.

San Jose Jazz Winter Fest: Roy Ayers Erykah Badu calls him the "king of neo-soul," as does the "Village Voice," but long before he became famed for combining jazz and R&B, Ayers was a five-year-old kid who got his start when Lionel Hampton handed him a pair of vibre mallets at a concert. By age 21, he was a post-bop jazz vibraphonist and singer, releasing albums on Atlantic before adding funk to his sound in the 70s. He'll be playing at the OFJCC as part of the San Jose Jazz Winter Fest. Feb. 24,

7:30 p.m. \$27. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

MUSIC

The Brazilian Soul: Music for Guitar & Cello The community is invited to listen as two celebrated musicians interpret the music of Brazilian composers Heitor Villa-Lobos, Sergio Assad, Radames Gnattali and Carlos Jobim. Feb. 21, noon. \$20. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/tuesdays

David Rogers, classical crossover guitar Termed, "a prominent guitarist," by the New York Times and praised by The Washington Post for his 'astoundingly florid' improvisations, David Rogers presents an evening of solo guitar music with strong leanings towards jazz, world, folk and classical music. Feb. 24, 8-10 p.m. \$8, pre-sale; \$10, at the door. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. davidrogersguitar.com/

Jazz Giants: Kim Nalley Awarded "Most Influential African American in the Bay Area" in 2005 and "Best Jazz Group" in 2013, vocalist Kim Nalley is already being called "legendary" and "a San Francisco institution." Nalley has performed globally, including major jazz festivals such as Monterey, Umbria Jazz and Lincoln Center. Feb. 26, 6-8 p.m. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/kimnalley

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. Feb. 18, \$15-\$25. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. rba.org/

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Lunar New Year Celebration This celebration of the Chinese New Year is for all ages and will feature lion dancing, crafts, martial arts demonstrations and more. Visitors can stop by the El Palo Alto Room, wearing their new lucky red clothing. Feb. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/news/

TALKS & LECTURES

A Morning with Children's Author and Illustrator Todd Parr Kids of all ages and their parents are invited to a fun-filled morning with Todd Parr, bestselling author and illustrator of over 40 children's books. He will talk about being an author/illustrator, his dogs and how he makes a book. Additionally, he will read from a few of his books, play games and conduct a Q&A session with the kids. Feb. 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$5, children; \$8, adults; free for children 3 and under. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/toddparr

Launch Party with Susan Alice Bickford Local author Susan Alice Bickford will celebrate the release of her debut book, "A Short Time to Die" with a launch party. In her thriller, two women from opposite sides of the country find their lives inextricably bound by blood, fear and a merciless, murderous revenge. Feb. 22, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/

Wallace Stegner Lecture Series 2017: Gary Snyder Poet, essayist and environmental activist Gary Snyder will be speaking as part of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST)'s 2017 Wallace Stegner Lecture Series, themed "Drawing Inspiration from Nature." Gary will talk about the connections between his life and nature and how his life's work has been inspired by his deep connection to the natural world. Feb. 21, 8-10 p.m. \$40. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. openspacetrust.org/wsls-gary-snyder/

FUNDRAISERS

AAUW Palo Alto: Authors Lunch A luncheon featuring a panel of four local authors will be moderated by fantasy author Tad Williams and will include Elizabeth Mckenzie,

Susan Sherman, Laurie King and Gail Tsukiyama. Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. 11:30 a.m., social begins; noon, lunch begins; 1 p.m., speaker begins. Michaels of Shoreline, 2960 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. paloalto-ca.aauw.net/

FAMILY

Healthy Cooking Classes: Night Session Michelle Greenebaum, owner of Together In The Kitchen, will lead a class during which students will prepare nutritious meals and snacks together using organic, real food ingredients. February's class is on meal planning techniques to make dinner in under 30 minutes and March's class is on healthier Passover recipes. Feb. 23 and March 23, 7:30-9 p.m. \$55 per class, includes food and wine. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

Little Golden Books Storytime Kids and families are invited to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the classic Little Golden Books series with a special storytime and activity party hosted by Auntie Dori. The event is for ages 3 and up. Feb. 25, 3 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/

Peninsula Young Democrats: Membership Luncheon PDC and PYD present Congressman Ro Khanna, an American teacher, lawyer, politician and the Representative for California's 17th Congressional District. A lunch buffet will be served, free of charge. Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free, members; \$5, lapsed or non-members. Los Altos Youth Center, 1 N. San Antonio Road, Los Altos, Los Altos. peninsulademocrats.com/join_pdc

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. 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 stamps 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

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/

'Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast' "Seaweed, Salmon, and Manzanita Cider: A California Indian Feast," is a traveling exhibit from the Grace Hudson Museum in Ukiah featuring foods important in the lives of Native Californians; its final showing is at the Los Altos History Museum. Jan 12-April 16, Thursday-Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/

DANCE

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

Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St, Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

COMEDY

Comedy Night at O'Malley's This event features comedians in the Bay Area as they work out material and polish their act. It's hosted by Wes Hofmann, and there is no cover charge. Tuesdays, ongoing, 8 p.m. Free. O'Malley's, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View.

Comedians at Red Rock Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host one of his monthly comedy showcases at Red Rock Coffee. This comedy event will be held on the third Saturday of each month through May 2017, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. kevinwongcomedy.com/shows/

FOOD & DRINK

The Science of Coffee What's the secret to brewing the perfect cup of coffee? That's the question that's been keeping William Ristenpart up at night (well, that and the copious amounts of caffeine he's ingesting...). A noted professor of chemical engineering at University of California, Davis, William Ristenpart heads the Coffee Center, the world's first multidisciplinary university research center devoted to the post-harvest study of coffee. This talk will explore the core engineering and science principles involved in roasting and brewing. After the talk, attendants will also get to participate in an informal coffee "cupping" sponsored by Peet's Coffee. Feb. 22, 7 p.m. \$12.50. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto.

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.

Personal Technology Tutors During this session, participants will receive free, personalized assistance from tech-savvy volunteers. Those interested are advised to sign up and reserve their one-hour appointment. Walk-ins are welcome, but those with reservations will be given priority. Participants are asked to bring their charged device (computer, smartphone, tablet, etc.) WiFi and laptops will be available. Feb. 21, 4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Tree Planting on Ravendale All are invited to join volunteers planting trees. No experience is necessary. Participants are asked to wear comfortable gardening clothes and shoes and come prepared to get their hands dirty. Refreshments and apple cider will be served. Attendants are encouraged to bring their friends and family (kids with an adult are welcome) and tree questions. Only heavy rain will cancel the event. Feb. 18, 10 a.m.-noon. Ravendale Spur, 200 Ravendale Drive, Mountain View. mountainviewtrees.org

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Artist Talk: Messengers of Peace Foothill College Photography Professor Ron Herman will discuss the Muridiyya, Senegal's most influential Sufi Muslim brotherhood, which blends African customs with traditional Islamic practices. Their doctrine consists of pacifism, prayer and work. Feb. 23, 6-7 p.m. Free. Foothill College, Room 1501, 12345 S El Monte Road, Los Altos. messengerspace.wordpress.com

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

MOUNTAIN VIEW INN
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN625481

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Mountain View Inn, located at 2300 W El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
BPR PROPERTIES MOUNTAIN VIEW LLC
953 Industrial Ave. #100
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/9/16.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 19, 2017.
(MVV Jan 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2017)

A.M. CLEANING
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN624996

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
A.M. Cleaning, located at 600 E. Weddell Dr. #103, Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANNETTE FITZPATRICK
600 E. Weddell Dr. #103
Sunnyvale, CA 94089
Registrant began transacting business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/01/2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 3, 2017.
(MVV Jan. 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 2017)

TONY TORTIZ
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN626094

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Tonytortiz, located at 278 Tyrella Ave. Apt. 2, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ANTONIO TEJEDA ORTIZ
278 Tyrella Ave. Apt. 2
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 2, 2017.
(MVV Feb. 10, 17, 24; Mar. 3, 2017)

THE DESIGN CONCIERGE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN626194

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
The Design Concierge, located at 534 Farley Street, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A General Partnership.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
CHEVONNE RAMPAS-QUINTOS
534 Farley Street
Mountain View, CA 94043

SARA CORTEZ
36858 Papaya St.
Newark, CA 94560
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on March 1, 2016.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 6, 2017.
(MVV Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 10, 2017)

997 All Other Legals
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
DENNIS LEE SHEPPARD
Case No.: 17PR180400

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DENNIS LEE SHEPPARD.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RENEE YVONNE CALLAHAN in the

Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RENEE YVONNE CALLAHAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 27, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

Renee Yvonne Callahan
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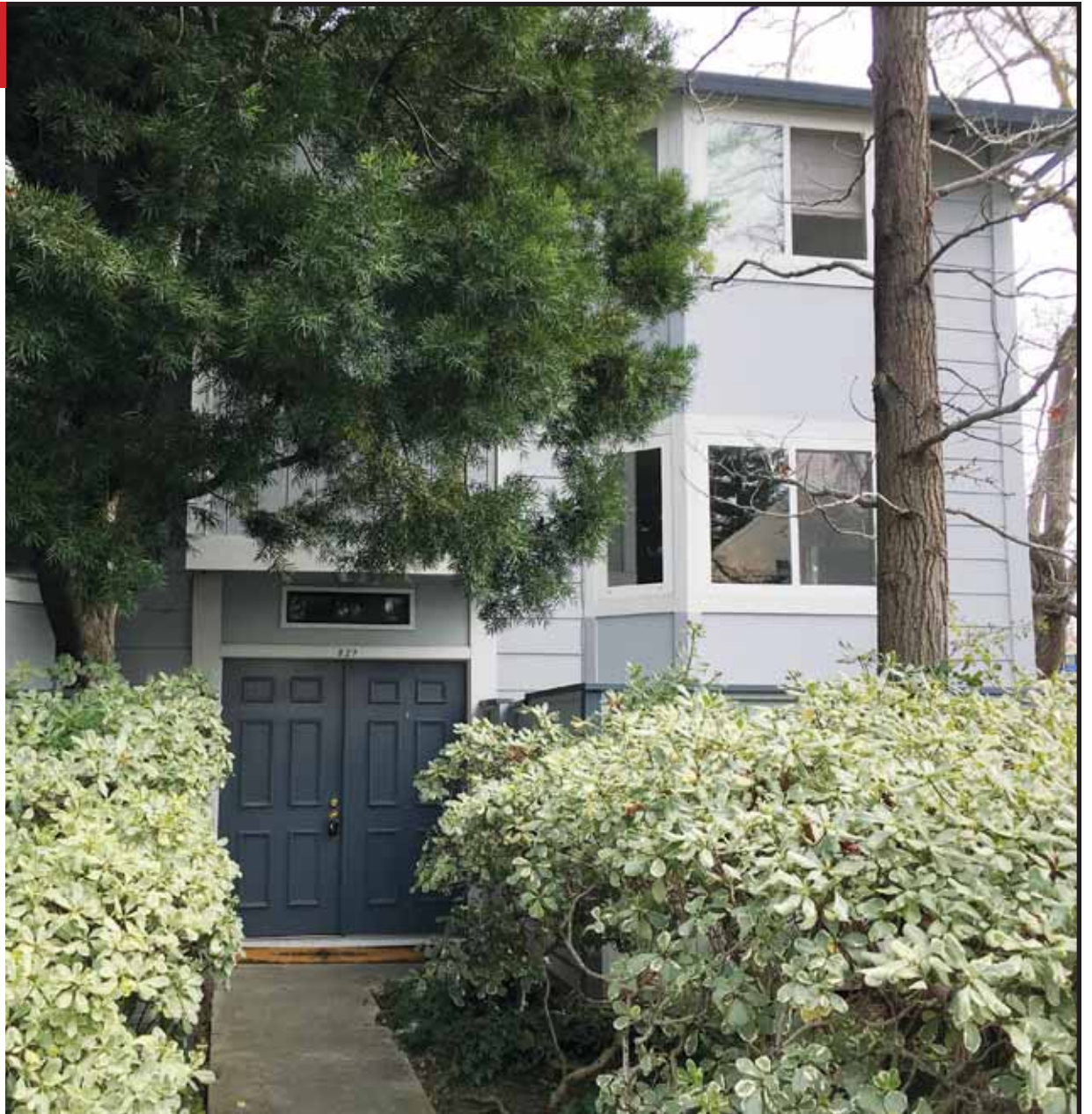
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