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PROBLEMS PLAGUING TEACH TO ONE

By Kevin Forestieri

For Mountain View Whisman School District's elected board members, the cascade of problems that flowed from the ill-fated new Teach to One math program wasn't even on the radar. Every passing week that teachers grappled with technological crises and numerous parents demanded fixes was another week the district office stayed mum about the problems.

But for anyone in the know, the writing was on the wall as early as November that Teach to One was going to fall apart. District officials feared "something ugly" was bound to happen — whether it be a total revolt by parents and teachers or bad press — that would kill the program.

Publicly, however, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph announced that "mixed test results" were to blame when the district abruptly pulled the plug on Teach to One in January.

Last year, district officials decided to run a "pilot project" using Teach to One, a digital math curriculum that promises individualized learning plans for students through algorithms

that adjust daily lessons based on each student's needs. The pilot launched at the start of the school year for the roughly 500 sixth-grade students attending Crittenden and Graham middle schools, and it didn't take long for troubling signs to appear.

Using a Public Records Act request, the *Voice* obtained emails between district staff and employees of New Classrooms, the company behind Teach to One; the emails revealed one major snag in the system after another —

a teacher getting assigned 49 students in her class, identical lessons from one day to the next, week-long tech hangups, math problems for sixth-graders that inexplicably extended into trigonometry, and students with disabilities being illegally denied extra time to finish exams.

The emails show that a deluge of parent concerns would frequently pour into the district office after teachers and district staff sent out messages attempting to demystify Teach to One. After an email blast on Sept. 16 about how Teach to One works, one parent raised concerns that the curriculum was impossible to follow, and made it impossible

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'I cannot add more parent concerns about TTO than we already have or we are going to run the risk of full-scale parent and teacher revolt.'

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
CATHY BAUR



MICHELLE LE

Emmett Carson is CEO of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The Mountain View-based charity controls \$8.2 billion in assets that are directed to philanthropic efforts both at home and abroad.

Silicon Valley's rainmaker charity turns 10

FOUNDATION'S GROWTH SPURS IT TO LOOK BEYOND BAY AREA

By Mark Noack

What do a rural arts center in Kyrgyzstan, a climate-change think tank in metropolitan Chicago and a science banquet held each year at Moffett Field

all have in common?

Money — specifically money that flows to each of these initiatives from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), the Mountain View-based organization that has become a philanthropic

rainmaker like none other. Considered the largest organization of its kind, SVCF has become a lifeline for hundreds of nonprofits, NGOs and independent do-gooders,

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Wanted: more applicants for rent-control board

QUALIFICATIONS: MUST BE A MOUNTAIN VIEW LANDLORD

By Mark Noack

It didn't quite rise to the level of naming a new justice to the U.S. Supreme Court — but at times the Mountain View City Council's Feb. 21 meeting sure did resemble that kind of ordeal.

Council members were scheduled to pick their top candidates for Mountain View's new Rental Housing Committee, the powerful new panel in charge of implementing Measure V, the rent control regulations. Rent control will affect thousands of

apartments in the city but its implementation has been delayed by a lawsuit filed by a landlord group.

After putting candidates through two rounds of

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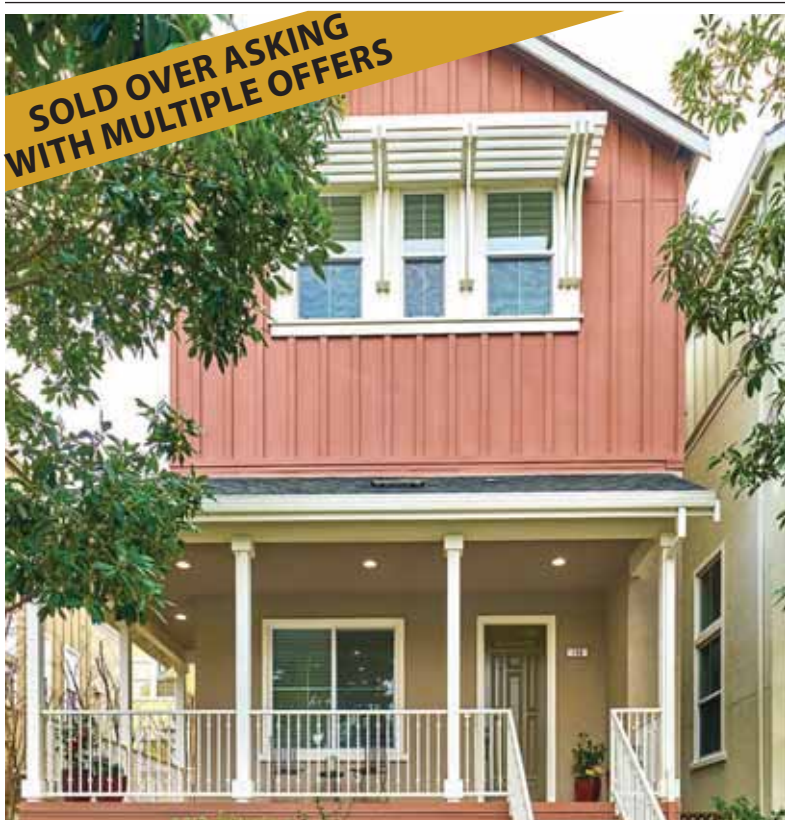
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William Rushton's California-themed oil paintings are on display at the Bryant Street Gallery.

'CALIFORNIA 2' AT BRYANT STREET GALLERY

"California 2," an exhibition of William Rushton's oil-on-canvas paintings celebrating the Golden State, are on display through the end of February at Bryant Street Gallery, 532 Bryant St, Palo Alto. Rushton's work in this series depict life in sunny, seaside California in an impressionistic style, created by using thick paint and irregular brushes. The gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Thursdays open until 7 p.m.). Go to bryantstreet.com.

half of the 20th century due in part to her scandalous romance with mining tycoon Horace Tabor and the rise and fall of their fortunes, is the subject of a 1956 opera by Douglas Moore and John Latouche (considered one of the first successful American operas). The Stanford Light Opera Company and voice students from the Stanford University Department of Music present "The Ballad of Baby Doe" Feb. 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. (Friday) and 2:30 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday) at Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. Based on historical facts about the life and times of Tabor and company, the opera includes characters such as President Chester Arthur. It made its West Coast premiere back in 1957 at the then-brand-new Dinkelspiel Auditorium. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Go to events/661/66119/.

DAVID BROZA & ALI PARIS

Israeli singer-songwriter David Broza and Palestinian musician Ali Paris will join forces for a special concert at the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center (3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto) on Thursday, March 2, at 8 p.m. with the goal of showcasing peaceful coexistence and the power of music to unite people. Rock-and-roll artist Broza, who grew up in Israel, Spain and England, plays guitar in a percussive style inspired by flamenco rhythms and he is dedicated to humanitarian causes, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Paris, who's been performing traditional Arabic music since childhood, accompanies himself on the qanun (a rare stringed instrument) and has collaborated with Alicia Keys and Quincy Jones, among others. Tickets are \$60-\$65. Go to paloaltojcc.org/brozaparis.

'LEGISLATE THIS!'

Local theatrical burlesque company Curtains Cabaret will present a fundraising benefit for Planned Parenthood titled "Legislate This! South Bay" at Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City, on Friday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. The variety show will include striptease, songs, belly-dancing, magic and circus acts. Inspiration comes from the original "Legislate This!" burlesque show, founded in Austin, Texas. "I have been participating in and producing charitable burlesque shows in California and Austin, Texas since 2003, but it's never been more important than now to support Planned Parenthood," said Curtains Cabaret co-founder Scarlet Coute. Tickets to the benefit are \$10-\$20. Go to tsb.bpt.me.

—Karla Kane

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FATAL CAR CRASH

A man who died Monday evening after crashing into a California Highway Patrol car has been identified by the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office as 41-year-old Jeremiah Kiley.

Around 6:50 p.m. on Feb. 20, the Santa Clara resident hit the CHP car while the officer assigned to it was assisting a disabled vehicle on southbound Interstate Highway 280 just north of El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills.

The officer suffered minor injuries. Kiley was trapped inside his own vehicle and emergency crews had to extricate him, CHP officers said. He was pronounced dead at Stanford Medical Center.

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

COMMUNITY-CHOICE ENERGY

South Bay cities in the coming weeks will be flipping the on switch for a new clean-energy alternative that is being presented as a rival to PG&E.

The new utility — Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) — is set to roll out in April. Ratepayers will automatically be enrolled in SVCE unless they request to stick with PG&E. By default, new customers will be signed up for SVCE's "GreenStart" program — a 100-percent carbon-free package, about half of which comes from renewable sources. Even with the clean energy program, SVCE officials believe the basic package should be cheaper than standard PG&E rates.

Households that want to go further with clean energy can pay a surcharge to sign up for the "GreenPrime" program, which is sourced entirely from renewable power.

More information on the new clean-energy alternative will be shared at an upcoming Mountain View meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, at the City Council Chambers at 500 Castro St.

—Mark Noack

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Homes in Waverly Park owned by the Santa Clara Valley Water District have been rented out for years. A proposal to use the properties to house the homeless has provoked a vociferous negative reaction from neighborhood residents.

Tensions flare over homeless housing idea

WAVERLY PARK RESIDENTS SAY THEY'RE LEFT WITH MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS AFTER WATER DISTRICT'S MEETING

By Kevin Forestieri

Residents gave the Santa Clara Valley Water District a fiery and frustrated response last Wednesday night to a proposal that would allow homeless residents to occupy homes in the Waverly Park neighborhood, making for a raucous meeting with shouting, testy exchanges, and eventually, a police presence.

Starting last year, the water district launched multiple efforts to address homelessness in Santa Clara County,

citing both an obligation to help the county's most vulnerable residents and a need to keep waterways clean and clear of encampments. The most controversial of the proposals calls for the water agency to use 19 district-owned residential properties along Stevens Creek to house the homeless.

The district bought the properties between 1974 and 1989 — and has since rented them out through a property management agency — at a time when creek erosion was a serious problem. The district

determined that buying and maintaining the properties would be an environmentally sound and cheaper alternative to a major construction project to install a concrete-lined channel and high retaining walls.

Under the new proposal, the water district would refer any home that becomes vacant to the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing, which would determine whether the dwelling would be appropriate for housing the homeless.

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Federal funding halted for Caltrain electrification

DELAY PUTS PROJECT TO ELECTRIFY LINE AT RISK OF BEING SCRAPPED, RAIL OFFICIAL SAYS

By Mark Noack

The \$1.96 billion Caltrain electrification project came to screeching halt on Friday, Feb. 17, after it was announced that Federal Transit Administration officials were holding back grant funding needed with only days before construction was to begin.

The \$647 million grant request from Caltrain could still win federal approval down the line, but Federal Transit Administration (FTA) officials are reportedly telling local officials that the request must be added to President Donald Trump's 2018 budget.

At the very least, it amounts to a delay; at worst, it could mean the project is scrapped, said Seamus Murphy, spokesman for the Caltrain electrification project.

"Under normal circumstances this should have been easy, but now we don't know if federal funding will be there," he said. "If we don't have access to the federal funds, then we won't have a Caltrain electrification project."

FTA representatives could not be reached for immediate comment.

If the political climate were different, Caltrain officials say their funding request would have been a shoo-in for approval. FTA officials gave the electrification project medium-high ratings in a July review, which normally would have guaranteed approval.

Of the dozens of grants awarded through the FTA capital investment program, Murphy said it is unprecedented for a project that met all the requirements to be deferred like this.

But even before the FTA announcement, the rail electrification upgrades seemed to be barreling toward political danger. Earlier this month, it was revealed that California's Congressional Republican delegation sought to block the Caltrain electrification funding as a way to also stymie the state's \$64-billion high-speed rail project. That coalition of 14 representatives sent a Jan. 24 letter to new Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao, urging her not to sign off on the grant.

In a statement issued Friday afternoon, Rep. Anna Eshoo denounced the delay as a political maneuver, pledging to try to get funding approval before next month.

"I never imagined that the electrification of a train would be subjected to such brutal, partisan politics," she said in her statement. "The only requirement this didn't meet was a political one."

Caltrain officials say they have been scrambling since first learning Friday morning that the federal portion of the \$1.96 billion project was being held back. Losing out on that money throws

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Fear spreads as feds plan to expand deportations

LOCAL RESIDENTS PREPARE CONTINGENCY PLANS IF THEY ARE SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN

By Mark Noack

Pledges by Mountain View and other Bay Area cities to stand by their immigrant communities could soon be tested under a sweeping new plan for deportations issued by President Donald Trump's administration.

A Department of Homeland Security memo issued on Monday, Feb. 21, revealed plans to expand the scope for removing

undocumented immigrants. The new guidelines would include undocumented people who have fraudulently sought public benefits or have been charged with a criminal offense, even if they were not convicted. The plan also includes a catch-all clause to allow deportations for non-citizens who are deemed a risk to public safety or national security.

As the news spread this week, the ramifications rattled the

local migrant community. On Tuesday night, Maria Marroquin, director of the Mountain View Day Worker Center, warned city officials that families and residents are now living under a constant state of fear. Many are reportedly preparing contingency plans, including writing up legal statements detailing who should take custody of their children or property in the event they are removed from the country.

"We're in a state of emergency," Marroquin said. "We have a lot of fear in our community. I believe the city needs to take care of this situation."

Even before the new rules were publicized, tensions were at a high point. Those fears went into overdrive last week as rumors began spreading across the Bay Area of federal agents conducting immigration raids. The reports, spread mainly on social media, warned of

checkpoints and random roundups by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents in areas of in Mountain View, as well as Richmond, Oakland, Contra Costa County and San Carlos.

But those reports of sweeping roundups were false, said Ilyce Shugall, an attorney with the Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto. While much

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All-girls hackathon encourages careers in tech

By Shauli Bar-On

Anika Bagga, a junior at Cupertino High School, attended several hackathon coding competitions during her high school career. But every time, Bagga noticed that she was one of only a few girls in attendance.

“One of the reasons why many girls are scared to go to hackathons is because they don’t feel accepted or comfortable in that kind of environment, or they feel like they’ll be underestimated because they don’t have the same skills,” Bagga said.

She found a solution in XXHacks 2017, an all girl’s hackathon, on Feb. 18 at the Symantec World Headquarters in Mountain View.

Some girls may be deterred from competing in hackathons

because of the hackathon stereotypes that involve long hours and “coding away through the night,” she said.

“That’s why we wanted to create a 12-hour hackathon which would be a smaller-sized event, but it would still kind of give girls the exposure to what hackathons are like and to help them make some positive impact,” Bagga said.

The event was headed by Bagga and planned with four students from nearby high schools — Ruoyun Zheng (Monta Vista), Anusha Kuchibhotla and Anushka Narverkar (both of Cupertino) and Celeste Tran (Los Altos) — in partnership with the Stanford organization Girls Teaching Girls to Code.

“I really wanted to create an all-girls hackathon which would be a safe and inviting space for any

girl to come in and learn technology and not be afraid or not be underestimated for her skills,” Bagga said.

Ninety-seven girls attended the event with the goal of creating a mobile application or website to advance women’s rights or advance social and civil rights.

Nina Vir served as one of the judges for the social and civil impact category. Vir founded her own company, Daily Dress Me, when she was in high school.

“I was really interested in attending this event and giving back because most of the attendees were me about five years ago,” Vir said. “When I walked into that room full of girls that were 15, 16 years old, all coding away, it was really quite amazing.”

Vir said an app that helped people find local protests and an app that educated people about their constitutional rights really stood out.

One of the winning applications allowed users to review and rate local bars and clubs based on how the employees and customers treat minorities.

“I was very, very impressed by the quality of the presentations,” Vir said. “This is definitely a very



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From left, judges Alice Meyer, a senior Global eCommerce program manager at Symantec, UC Berkeley sophomore Nikki Bayar and Ayesha Khan, president of Foothill WISTEM, evaluate application pitches at the XXHacks hackathon in Mountain View on Feb. 18.

impressive bunch altogether.”

Contest winners earned prizes sponsored by Kate Spade, and Microsoft sponsored the runner-up prizes.

Bagga invited a panel of women in tech as speakers and judges and said organizing the event took three months of hard work.

A post-hackathon survey indicated that 96 percent of attendees want to attend a similar event

in the future and 85 percent felt that XXHacks positively affected their opinion about computer science.

“We know this is a male dominant industry, but I think this event is clear evidence that girls are still interested and they are encouraged to pursue a career in technology,” Vir said. ▀

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questionnaires and in-person interviews, council members based their selections primarily on a basic litmus test — is the candidate pro-renter or pro-landlord?

The analogy came full circle at the start of the meeting as Councilman Chris Clark explained he wanted a balance of two picks on the renter side, two on the landlord side with a fifth person playing the “Justice Kennedy” role in the middle. The council’s selection for the rental committee seemed to fit that mold as members voted in turn for six candidates (five regular committee members plus one alternate).

Those picks included two renters: Emily Ramos and Evan Ortiz, an organizer with the Mountain View Tenants Coalition; a couple of homeowners in the political middle: James Leonard and Julian Pardo de Zela; and two on the landlord side: Matthew Grunewald, the owner of a San Francisco rental property and former Councilman Tom Means, who owns a home and publicly opposed rent control.

But despite naming those picks, the council left plenty of questions up in the air. Which of the six candidates would be the alternate? When would they formally appoint the rental housing committee? And the big one — Could the council go back to square one to seek exactly the kind of candidate they wanted?

Three council members signaled they were dissatisfied with the candidate pool and wanted to open a new round of applications to specifically seek a local landlord. As the meeting stretched into the late hours, council members Margaret Abe-Koga, Lisa Matichak and John McAlister warned that the candidates before them did not sufficiently represent the apartment owners in Mountain View.

“I’m concerned about the lack of diversity. We don’t have

someone who has rental units that are subject to (Measure V),” Matichak explained. “It’s not lost on me that Measure V passed, but it’s also not lost on me how important this committee is.”

Exactly who joins the initial rental housing committee is crucial since that first group will set the standard for how rigorously the city will enforce its rent-control program. Among its responsibilities, the board will hire staff, define a fair profit margin for landlords and determine how independently the committee will function from the City Council. As part of the language of Measure V, the council is prohibited from appointing to the committee more than two landlords, property manager or realtors, but the measure doesn’t specify any minimum number of representatives from those stakeholders.

Concerns about a lack of landlord representation on the committee were stoked by a letter-writing campaign from apartment owners ahead of the Feb. 21 meeting. Curtis Conroy, who owns nine apartments in Mountain View, explained that he and many of his colleagues were barred from serving on the rental committee since they live outside the city.

“Not one of the nine remaining applicants is a landlord of a Mountain View property,” he said. “That this could have happened demonstrates that the drafters (of Measure V) did not have reasonable fairness in mind.”

None of the 19 candidates who applied for a committee seat own a Mountain View apartment property, although many owned local homes and rental property in other areas. The rest of the council pointed out that it wasn’t the city’s fault if landlords had declined to participate. City Housing Department staff pointed out that during the one-month application period they took out advertisements, posted fliers and reached out to the local California Apartment

Association and the Silicon Valley Association of Realtors to encourage more candidates to apply.

“We put this call out, and the landlords had every opportunity to apply, and they didn’t,” said Councilwoman Pat Showalter. “I feel like the rules have been out there; we haven’t obscured what the qualifications are.”

Showalter made a motion to appoint the six members who received the most votes at a future date.

For now, the city is blocked from formally appointing committee members as long as a court-ordered restraining order remains in effect from a lawsuit by the California Apartment Association.

That lawsuit is scheduled for its first major hearing on March 14, when a judge will take up the apartment association’s request to continue blocking rent control. If that request is denied, then Mountain View must begin implementing Measure V and appoint the rental committee to oversee it.

In that scenario, Housing Director Wayne Chen said he would like to have the rental committee ready to meet by mid-April. Abe-Koga assured her colleagues that should provide enough time for the city to reopen applications and interview new candidates.

Clark tried to split the difference. He proposed that the council stick with its current list of six candidates and appoint them if the court reached a decision right away. But if more time is provided, he recommended the council could request more applications, specifically for local landlords.

“If we have the luxury of additional time and we request specifically for a Mountain View landlord, then I’m OK with that,” he said.

The council approved Showalter’s motion, with the friendly amendment by Clark, in a unanimous vote. ▣

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deadline,” Murphy said. He declined to elaborate on any options being considered.

Caltrain has already spent \$150 million on design and preliminary construction to prepare for electrification to begin this year. As of now, the project is described as “shovel ready” and capable of providing thousands of jobs across the country.

Originally pitched more than 15 years ago, the project to electrify the Peninsula rail corridor would be a dramatic

upgrade to a transit system used by more than 47,000 daily riders on average. The existing 51-mile Caltrain line stretching from San Jose to San Francisco is running at full capacity with diesel-powered engines that have been outpaced by newer technologies. A new electrified system could reportedly run about 20 percent more trains and eventually reduce up to 97 percent of emissions. ▣

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into jeopardy the project’s two main contracts with Stadler Rail AG and Balfour Beatty. In those contracts, Caltrain officials had committed themselves to a March 1 deadline to give the go-ahead for construction. It is still unclear what it would mean if Caltrain misses that deadline, Murphy said.

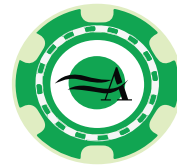
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MATH PROGRAM

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to know if a student is on track to transition into well-established math courses like Algebra I.

“What are they studying now and by what time is a student ... supposed to get to Algebra I?” one parent asked. “Will they get there if Teach to One is introduced next year in seventh and eighth grade after that, overriding the traditional progression of math courses? These are not rhetorical questions.”

Other parents pressed harder, demanding a clear guideline for how to evaluate progress in a program that constantly jumps from one topic to another. One said it was unreasonable for the district to ask parents to leaf through 20 to 30 pages of the state math standards to try to match each one with the skills listed on the Teach to One website. They said that being a parent of a sixth-grade student is like “flying blind,” making it hard to support the district’s move away from traditional math classes.

Far and away the most common complaint was the rate at which students would be catapulted into higher-level math without the needed foundational skills. Students performing well on Teach to One lessons wouldn’t just breeze through grade-level math, they would shoot past sixth-, seventh- and even eighth-grade lessons and begin work on high school-level math by October. In one email exchange, a Graham teacher told parents that their daughter was “overwhelmed,” by the Teach to One lessons.

“We are not sure what you mean with ‘(she) was overwhelmed.’ She was confronted with a skill which appears to be at the high school level and out of sequence with other probability topics in her skill library,” the parent said. “She attempted to fail her exit ticket (end-of-day exam) so she would have an opportunity to continue working on the skill. Unfortunately, her random selection of ‘D’ on the last three questions wound up being correct.”

Subsequent emails from New Classrooms staff indicate the parents’ daughter had gone through every sixth-grade, seventh-grade, and eighth-grade skill, and almost every high school Algebra I skill, available in the Teach to One curriculum. This was on Nov. 8, less than three months into the school year.

Jason Clymer, the deputy director of school partnerships for New Classrooms, admitted in emails that there wasn’t much that could be done to satisfy requests to turn down the difficulty level or change the way the algorithms assigned lessons to

students, claiming that it would screw up scheduling for teacher instruction.

New Classrooms employees later suggested that parents with struggling students simply let their children tough it out and fail challenging lessons until the algorithms “adjust to a set of skills that are more appropriate.”

Teachers struggle

Parents weren’t the only ones with frequent grievances. Teachers reported the quiz function broken for three days straight, students being tested on content they wouldn’t learn about until the next day, and identical lessons being assigned to students multiple days in a row.

And then there are the classroom logistics — one Crittenden math teacher told New Classrooms in September that the Teach to One program assigned her 49 students that day, split between live instruction from her and virtual instruction and “reinforcement” for students in the back of the room.

“There were not enough chairs in the room,” she said. “I was not able to teach the task properly because so much time was spent finding places for students and making the proper accommodations for my student in a wheelchair. At the end of the session, I learned that there were seven students next door.”

Earlier that day, New Classrooms staff attempted to reconfigure classroom assignments to help that teacher reduce her class size, following complaints that she was being overbooked for math instruction. She had been assigned too many students, and New Classrooms employee Vera Tran said she was making the seemingly illogical move of increasing the teacher’s classroom capacity in order to solve the problem.

“I think the best way to adjust this is to up your room capacity to 28,” Tran said to the teacher in an email. “I know that this may seem incomprehensible, but this is just one of the unforeseen results of ‘locking’ teacher locations. We just have to fix and adjust along the way!”

Representatives from New Classrooms, who declined to respond to the *Voice*’s request for comment last month, responded to questions for this story and cautioned against assuming that all the technical glitches were a reflection of Teach to One overall, suggesting that they could be isolated problems with the district’s implementation.

Special needs students

Although parents of high-performing students — mostly at Graham — were the most vocal with their frustration,

Teach to One also proved problematic for the district’s special needs students. On Sept. 30, Assistant Superintendent Cathy Baur alerted Teach to One staff that only five of the students with special needs accommodations at Crittenden were able to finish their end-of-term exams, known as “PLD’s,” the day before. Once the time limit expires, the digital testing platform locks students out and marks all unfinished questions as incorrect. But by law many children with learning difficulties must be given additional time to complete exams.

In emails, Baur told New Classrooms that parent concerns were already reaching a fever pitch, and that the issues affecting special needs students — those with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and accommodations under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act — needed to be addressed immediately. She wrote that the district had contacted its attorneys, and it was clear that they had to provide accommodations for students with IEPs.

“I cannot add more parent concerns about TTO than we already have or we are going to run the risk of full-scale parent and teacher revolt,” Baur said. “I knew there were issues of accommodations, but I did not realize how serious the problem was.”

Clymer responded on Oct. 11, nearly two weeks later, and said that New Classrooms staffers were hesitant to implement accommodations for students who need more time on tests. He said the company’s programmers were still trying to find ways to allow students to take the same exam over a span of multiple days. Even when they did come to a solution, Clymer said, he voiced concerns that such a solution would be “highly unusual,” and would allow students with special needs to go home and research answers, thereby invalidating their tests. When asked about the possibility that Teach to One could have text-to-speech for students with disabilities, Clymer said, “We do not have a technical solution for this issue,” and suggested nontechnical solutions to the problem, such as having a teacher read everything aloud.

When asked by the *Voice* about multiple technical problems, New Classrooms responded that the root cause was often the inability of the school district to obtain all the technology — hundreds of Chromebooks — in time to implement the program before the start of the school year. The New Classrooms employee, who asked that his name not be used for this story, claimed that most of the IT-related problems were solved within a few days, and they did

not impede students’ ability to learn.

However, the emails between the district and New Classrooms staff show that major problems continued, including end-of-day exams that failed to work for multiple days straight — problems that clearly were New Classrooms’ responsibility, according to one teacher’s email sent in mid-October.

Baur, who frequently dealt with multiple parent and teacher problems at any given time, expressed frustration throughout the four months the district was using Teach to One, as well as skepticism that the program could continue, given the constant barrage of complaints and problems. Requests by parents to have their children pulled from Teach to One began rolling in by October, around the same time the honeymoon period for Teach to One was clearly over.

“I think morale is pretty low here across the board and if we can’t get things rolling in a positive direction for more than a day or two I am not sure what is going to happen,” Baur said in an email.

By Nov. 30, Baur told New Classrooms staff point-blank that Teach to One likely could not continue.

“I am continuing to face growing frustration and anger from an ever-growing group of parents from Graham, and I do not think we can sustain TTO in its current form for the remainder of the school year,” she wrote. “At this point I foresee something ugly happening including bad press, article (sic), parents at board meetings etc.”

Out of the loop

Although the program’s outlook was bleak by November — and the district’s attempt to have Google pay for the half-million-dollar program had fallen flat, as detailed in last week’s story in the *Voice* — the district’s board of trustees was barely informed about what was going on with Teach to One. Around the same time that district officials were saying that morale was at an all-time low and parent opposition was bubbling over, Superintendent Rudolph’s update for the week of Nov. 18 told board members that “our teachers have expressed some really strong positives and some opportunities for growth” for Teach to One, and that “the same is true with our parents.”

The problems finally came to the attention of the board after a group of active Graham parents, led by Alan Wessel and Robin Coleman, spent months compiling a list of all the problems and grievances parents had with Teach to One. Wessel described

Teach to One to board members at a Jan. 17 meeting as a fundamentally flawed math curriculum designed to skim over concepts and help students answer test questions, rather than give them a deep understanding. That could be why his child blew through all of the concepts so quickly, which he said left her with lessons better suited for college students than sixth-graders.

When asked by the *Voice* why the board, and by extension the community, wasn’t better informed about these problems, Rudolph said in an email that “there are always opportunities for improvement when it comes to communication with various groups, and it is an ongoing focus for the district.”

At the board’s weekend retreat in January, Teach to One frequently came up. Bill Attea, an education consultant who led the retreat, said there was clearly a breakdown in communication.

“It appears to me that the board wasn’t fully on board and fully knowledgeable about what Teach to One was,” he said at the Jan. 28 meeting. There’s some question as to whether ending the program was due to community pressure or results on their own, he said.

One big question hanging over the board and the district office staff during the retreat was whether the district moved too quickly in implementing an entirely new math curriculum for all sixth grade students when the technology and staffing were far from ready and the funding not in place when school started on Aug. 15. And where was the lengthy vetting process that normally comes with a new curriculum adoption?

Attea said that sometimes slow is better, and a major shift to a curriculum like Teach to One is generally done over the course of a three-year process, with the entire first year devoted to evaluation of the program.

At the retreat, board member Greg Coladonato recalled how it took close to a year and a half to adopt the last math curriculum, with a plethora of meetings held with teachers to compare one curriculum with another. It’s a weighty decision, he said, and he figured Teach to One would be part of a “long, public ‘everybody knows what’s happening’ update.”

“It didn’t occur to me to ask the question,” he said. ▣

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This is the second story in a series based on the *Voice*’s Public Records Act request about Teach to One in the Mountain View Whisman School District.

HOMELESS HOUSING

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Many neighboring residents, some living in the district-owned houses themselves, used the Feb. 15 meeting as an opportunity to voice an avalanche of opposition to the plan. Chief among the concerns was that the single-family homes in a low-density neighborhood are uniquely unqualified, since the neighborhood is far from public transportation, grocery stores and homeless services.

More than 100 people packed the meeting, held in the multipurpose room at Huff Elementary, demanding information about a proposal for which they had few details. There was no clarity, they argued, on whether the occupants would be homeless families or a handful of unrelated homeless men, and there was no explanation of what kind of vetting process would be used to determine who was a right fit for the neighborhood. Details were scant on what kind of services would be available for those dealing with mental health and substance abuse problems.

Jonathan Phrazyn, a Waverly Park resident and former teacher, said the families currently living in the district-owned homes are charged at below-market rates, and wondered how beneficial it would be to take an affordable rental property off the market — essentially taking away one solution to the housing shortage in favor of helping the homeless.

Other residents laid into the water district staff for failing to properly explain what was being proposed, leaving many in the dark about the very plan they were supposed to be giving feedback



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The Santa Clara Valley Water District bought homes adjacent to Stevens Creek in Mountain View in lieu of construction to control creek bank erosion, and has been renting them out.

on at the meeting.

Water district representatives argued that homeless housing in Waverly Park was part of a larger mission to get homeless encampments out of the county's waterways, but several residents said there appeared to be a mismatch between the water district's goals and what was actually being suggested. The county's selection of homeless residents suitable for the properties doesn't pluck homeless people directly out of the creeks, and instead comes from a more broad selection process by Santa Clara County.

Throughout the meeting, several angry residents shouted over the moderator and speakers at the event. At one point, Cuesta Park resident and former Mountain View Whisman school board member Steve Nelson marched across the room to confront one

of the vocal opponents. Three police officers showed up in response to multiple calls that the meeting had gotten out of hand, and they pulled Nelson aside to resolve the incident.

Police were told that two men had left the meeting to go outside and fight, but the confrontation had ended before they arrived.

Throughout the meeting, water district officials assured that crowd that the homeless housing idea would only go live if the city of Mountain View was on board. Mayor Ken Rosenberg sent a letter to the water district in September last year commending the district for seeking solutions to the affordable housing crisis, but also questioning how well-suited the properties are for traditional homeless housing given the distance from services and transportation. He suggested

that the district could work with the city to provide the homes to low-income families, which would be a more effective use of the residential properties along the creek.

Councilman John McAlister assured residents late in the Wednesday meeting that the city's position has not changed, and that city staff and council members would oppose the water district's idea as it currently exists.

Near the end of the meeting, Mountain View resident Jeremy Sokolove said he opposed the idea of the water district offering the Waverly Park homes to a general pool of the county's homeless individuals when there are plenty of homeless and lower-income residents in Mountain View — teachers, firefighters and police officers — who should be first

in line for the homes at a below-market rate. He said he told the water district's board vice chair, Dick Santos, that his confidence in the county's homeless vetting program was "ignorant." He claimed Santos responded by saying, "You can kiss my ass."

"That the meeting devolved to swearing and physical posturing, represents the contentious nature of the meeting and should be a learning point to the organizers," Sokolove told board members in an email following the meeting. "It should also be a potential point of censure for Mr. Santos regarding his behavior unbecoming of an elected official and representative of the Water District board."

It's unclear when the water district's board of directors will revisit the proposal. In November, a majority of the board was ready to vote in favor of the plan, but agreed to table a decision until there was more community outreach.

Water district board member Gary Kremen, who represents the North County cities of Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos, said he heard loud and clear that a majority of the community isn't excited about the idea. He said he personally wants to avoid supporting any proposal that would fill the homes with several homeless residents from all over, when local homeless families ought to take priority.

"I'm dead set against putting single men from the creek into the homes," Kremen said. "One idea that seemed to work for me is to work with the local school district, and the kids who might have been kicked out during the year, and focus on housing them instead." ■

DEPORTATION RULES

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uncertainly hangs over undocumented residents, there have been no verified reports of ICE engaging in mass roundups so far, she said.

"There's so much panic in the community right now, and then these rumors start spreading because people are freaked out," she said. "It's a real challenge to be informative because we're in unprecedented territory — this is a situation where we don't know what's going to happen."

ICE officials told the Voice last week that they do not conduct mass immigrant roundups in Northern California. Any recent operations have targeted specific individuals who have been convicted of crimes such as drug trafficking, sex offenses or violent acts, said James Schwab, ICE spokesman for the Bay Area. "We do not conduct

indiscriminate raids or sweeps for undocumented residents," he said. "I get it — ICE operations are not popular — but putting out false information about raids is putting people in danger."

Schwab said his phone has been ringing nonstop with calls about new rumors of raids. For some reason, the rumor mill reached a "boiling point" last week with numerous stories of raids spreading around the same time, he said.

Few would dispute this hysteria is linked to President Trump, who campaigned on the promise of deporting illegal immigrants. Since taking office, he said he would move to immediately remove up to 3 million immigrants who have criminal records.

But it remains unclear whether immigration officials have stepped up their game. ICE officials say there has been no increase in arrests or operations

in Northern California since the Trump administration took office. Last week, the Department of Homeland Security announced more than 680 immigrants had been detained across the country in operations in Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, San Antonio and New York City.

So far in 2017, the rate of deportations could be actually be lower than it was under former President Barack Obama's administration. During fiscal year 2016, an average of about 1,250 individuals were removed from the country each week, according to the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University.

But immigrant advocates are bracing for the possibility that ICE enforcement ramps up. The situation has been changing practically on a daily basis, Shugall said.

"We're trying to find that right

balance between finding good quality information and trying to limit the panic," she said.

The American Immigration Lawyers Association has set up a website for people to report confirmed raids and enforcement

actions at tinyurl.com/ailaRaid. Meanwhile, Santa Clara County has pledged legal support for any undocumented immigrants who are at risk of being deported. ■

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from the Bay Area and across the globe.

The foundation and its staff of about 150 are celebrating the organization's 10-year anniversary, a period that has been marked by huge expansion of the nonprofit's coffers as well as its mission. The organization has grown from controlling \$1.4 billion in assets in 2007 to controlling more than \$8.2 billion today. With that bulging purse, the charity has also expanded its role — zooming out to address more than local needs by taking on a growing list of national and global issues.

"We're at a point that's beyond anyone's wildest dreams of where we would be and what we could accomplish," said Emmett Carson, who has served as the CEO of SVCF since its founding.

The 57-year-old Carson talked last week at the foundation's headquarters on the third floor of a Latham Street office building in Mountain View. Carson is a magnetic figure, always smiling and gesturing to hammer home his point. His animated demeanor is in

contrast with his speech pattern, which is slow, deliberate and sometimes lapses into a southern drawl.

In his role, Carson is regularly in contact with the divided economic extremes of Silicon Valley — the "haves and have-nots." Just outside his office window, Carson can see dozens of homeless families living out of their vehicles on Latham Street. It's a fraction of the estimated 200,000 households living in poverty in Santa Clara County, which is now reported to have the largest income gap in the country. Carson said he routinely presses his team for updates on what they're doing to help the car-dwellers.

But the foundation frequently deals with the whims of the other extreme — the Valley's ultra-wealthy. The nonprofit's growth over the last decade has been buoyed by the largess of wealthy donors giving massive sums. In 2014, when Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan wanted to jump-start an education nonprofit, they directed about \$1.6 billion in Facebook stock to the SVCF. WhatsApp founder Jan Koum and GoPro founder Nick Woodman each gave more than \$500 million to launch their own charitable

funds. For many of these philanthropic funds, it is still being determined how that money will be spent and what issues it will address.

Few would argue that the fundraising prowess of SVCF is closely intertwined to its location in the Bay Area, where more than 60 billionaires reside. For a land where unicorn companies seem to materialize rapidly, a multi-billion-dollar nonprofit coming together in just a decade seems appropriate.

"I don't think this could have been done anywhere else; Silicon Valley is where the money is," said Tom Friel, a former SVCF board member who left in 2015. "There's not many other places where you can raise that level of assets."

But Friel and others say that there's more behind SVCF's large endowment than just its location. Carson credits the success to the nonprofit's commitment to letting donors identify where to direct their charitable giving. These "donor-advised funds," are the programs typically sought by wealthy donors, but they can start as low as \$5,000. These funds often serve as a launchpad for SVCF and the benefactors to brainstorm the best way to tailor their philanthropy. It's a "journey" to find out what effective charity means, and what impact each giver want to achieve, Carson said. About 1,050 of these funds have been set up as of 2014, and roughly 160 of them have more than \$1 million, according to a 2014 SVCF report.

Thinking globally

But that leads to one common criticism of the foundation. Over its short life, the foundation, through its donor-advised funds, has tilted toward giving its grants to organizations outside of the Bay Area, whether in other parts of California or on the other side of the globe.

A report published in October by the consulting firm Open Impact found that in 2013 an average of just 7 percent of the \$1.2 billion doled out by Silicon Valley private foundations, including SVCF, went to local charity organizations such as food kitchens, legal-aid groups and youth recreation centers. SVCF distributes more locally than other private foundations, giving Bay Area groups 54 percent of its total grants in 2013, or about \$197 million. With business acumen and an eye for an impact, many wealthy donors seek to direct their giving to developing countries, where small sums can reap

dramatic improvements, the Open Impact report explained.

Carson said that Silicon Valley is more than just the South Bay and Midpeninsula, but rather it encompasses the entire global supply chain of the tech industry. About one-third of the residents in the area are immigrants, so many of the donors want to help their homelands, and SVCF is willing to accommodate that, he said.

"We don't artificially constrain you with what community has to be," Carson said. "We embrace that. Philanthropy should be a smorgasbord."

But what about the acute problems affecting the South Bay, like the lack of affordable housing? Carson is emphatic that his organization — however well-endowed it may be — can't be assigned with solving the housing crisis head-on. He points out that the housing shortage is a problem compounded by decades of short-sighted policymaking, particularly Gov. Jerry Brown's 2011 decision to dissolve redevelopment agencies, a tool that was frequently used for housing development. For that reason, the solution needs to also be policy-driven, he said.

"We don't have the resources to handle the affordable-housing crisis in our community," Carson said. "We have a mismatch where we have 100,000 people coming in each year, and we have only 10,000 homes being built. Philanthropy can't fix that."

But this is where SVCF and some other philanthropic leaders strongly disagree. Bill Somerville, founder of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation in Oakland, said that SVCF could be doing much more with its substantial cash reserves to house the homeless and prevent tenant displacement. He is intimately familiar with the area, having previously served as executive director for the Peninsula Community Foundation, one of the two nonprofits that joined in 2007 to form the SVCF. He now calls that merger a "disappointment."

Somerville called the SVCF's practices "scandalous" for amassing so much money from the tech economy, yet directing only a fraction toward the social problems stemming from Silicon Valley's surge. Super-rich donors are happy because they get a substantial tax write-off, but their money often ends up just sitting unused in an account, he said.

"It's marvelous that the SVCF is so huge, but they've become a holding company with no

payout required," he said. "They take their fee, the donor gets their tax deduction and everyone's pleased — but they haven't actually done anything with that money."

SVCF officials take issue with that criticism, pointing out that over the last decade they've doled out \$2.3 billion to the Bay Area's nine counties. Housing is one of the foundation's four pillar programs in addition to immigrant services, education and economic security. For housing, Carson and other foundation officials point to "strategic investments" in housing advocacy, a \$50 million loan pool for transit-oriented development, and the foundation's participation in a lawsuit against Menlo Park for that city's refusal to accommodate low-income housing.

Carson and SVCF officials pointed to its two main successes, both of which are policy issues. Carson singles out his organization's efforts starting in 2009 to curb abusive payday lending through ordinances in Peninsula cities as well as state legislation. Carson also points out the foundation's role in the exposure of civil rights violations in school math placement programs, which resulted in mostly minority students being forced to repeat algebra in eighth and ninth grades.

Carson says he expects SVCF to further delve into policy issues in the near future as a way to address the emerging problems affecting the Bay Area. But he is careful not to politicize the organization, saying that it must avoid controversy in order to pull people in, even on dicey issues like reforming California's property tax system under Proposition 13.

An optimist at heart, Carson said he is constantly inspired by the willingness of donors who are willing to sacrifice their wealth — and sometimes their reputations — by attempting to improve the world.

"There are people everywhere who are very successful and they don't think once about doing anything for anybody — they have their fifth house, their 10th car or whatever. And no one ever says a negative word about that decision," he said.

"But the people I work with, they say they want to take their wealth and do some good," Carson said. "I work with them and I see the humbleness and the weight of the burden they feel in wanting to do good." ■

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Report: More people leaving Valley than coming in

HEALTHY JOB GROWTH RESULTING IN HOUSING SHORTAGES, WORSENING TRAFFIC

By Gennady Sheyner

As the economic engine of Silicon Valley continues to churn out jobs, mint millionaires and attract new employees, the region is increasingly buckling under the strain of the recent success, with longer traffic commutes, a soaring cost of living and a steep housing shortage frustrating business leaders and residents alike.

That's the overarching message of the 2017 Silicon Valley Index, a comprehensive look at the region that the nonprofit Joint Venture Silicon Valley released last week. The report shows that the area's economy, despite a slight slowdown from 2015, continues to chug along and serve as a magnet for people from all over the world. It also indicates, however, that the region's economic inequality continues to grow and that its infrastructure is grossly inadequate.

In that sense, the report is a tale of two regions. On one hand, Silicon Valley continues to experience job growth and a declining unemployment rate (which hit a low of 3.1 percent last May and stood at 3.3 percent in November). Since emerging from the Great Recession in 2010, the Valley has added 297,000 new jobs, including 45,621 in 2016. The number of tech jobs, which make up the largest share, increased by 5.2 percent last year.

While the sectors of biotech, internet and computer design enjoyed the most growth, they weren't the only ones experiencing

a boom. According to the report, the region added 6,864 new construction jobs and 6,829 new health care jobs. The Valley's average annual earning reached its highest level to date last year (\$125,580) and per capita income was also at an all-time high (\$86,976). All these figures, the Index notes, "dwarf those of the state and the nation."

At the same time, inequality in the region is as bad as it's ever been, with some ethnic groups actually losing ground. While white, Asian and black residents saw slight improvements in per capita incomes, Hispanic or Latino residents and those identifying as "multiple and other" saw their earnings dip.

The Index also noted that one out of every 12 residents now lives below the federal poverty threshold and one in 11 children lives in poverty. And even as incomes continue to rise, median wages in service occupations have actually declined by 8 percent since 2010, when adjusted for inflation.

Put in more concrete terms, 29 percent of the households in Silicon Valley "do not earn enough money to meet their basic needs without public or private, informal assistance, and this share jumps up to 59 percent for those with Hispanic or Latino householders."

Indeed, the report documents widening disparities between ethnicities, genders and residents with different educational attainments. The gap between the region's highest- and

lowest-earning racial and ethnic groups increased by 40 percent in the past decade (in 2015, it amounted to about \$47,000).

Even for those who don't occupy the lowest economic strata, the dream of homeownership is growing increasingly out of reach. The Index notes that Silicon Valley's housing costs are "crippling huge swaths of our population."

"The median sale price of homes in Silicon Valley reached \$880,000 in 2016, a price fewer than 40 percent of first-time homebuyers can afford," the Index states. "Furthermore, only a small share of recent housing permits were affordable for low-income residents."

According to the Index, the percentage of new residences designated as "affordable" has dipped over the past year. In 2015, there were 1,758 such homes approved, making up 16 percent of the total number of new residential units. In 2016, the percentage dropped to 7 percent, with only 1,404 residences across the region designated as "affordable."

The report also indicates a growing gap between residents with graduate or professional degrees and those without them. While the median income for those on the highest strata of educational attainment went up by \$3,578 between 2014 and 2015, it actually went down over the same period for those with lower levels of education. As a result, those at the highest tier earned about \$86,000 more (or 4.8 times as much) as those at the bottom. This disparity is somewhat higher in Silicon Valley than in San Francisco (where the ratio is 4.5) and significantly higher than across the nation (3.2).

The gender-income gap also remains a persistent source of shame for the politically liberal region. Men in Silicon Valley with bachelor's degrees earn 50 percent more than women with the same degrees. This means that a woman with a bachelor's earns 67 cents for every \$1 earned by a similarly educated man. While the gap narrows slightly for those with graduate or professional degrees (in which case, a woman earns 71 cents for every dollar earned by a man), the Valley's ratio for all women working full-time (74 cents per dollar) is worse than either in San Francisco (77 cents) or California (79 cents).

The report also underscores the outsized role that immigrants play in the region's economy, a particularly topical finding at a time when the White House is pursuing more restrictive immigration policies (by a coincidence,

the report was released on the same day as the national "Day Without Immigrants" strike). Forty-six percent of the region's employed residents are foreign-born, according to the Index. This includes 62.8 percent of the employers in "computer and mathematical" fields and 60.5 percent of those in "architectural and engineering."

"Historically, immigrants have contributed considerably to innovation and job creation in the region, state and nation," the Index states. "Maintaining and increasing these flows, combined with efforts to integrate immigrants into our communities, will likely improve the region's global competitiveness."

The numbers are particularly high when it comes to women who are between the ages of 25 and 44 years and who are employed in computer, mathematical, architectural and engineering occupations. About 76 percent of these women are foreign-born, according to the Index. Furthermore, the percentage of residents who speak a foreign language at home rose from 48 percent in 2005 to 51 percent in 2015.

Even with the high number of immigrants, the overall population of Silicon Valley remains relatively stable. In fact, one of the more striking findings in the new report is the growing number of people who left the Valley last year.

The "out-migration" in the Valley was greater in 2016 than in any other year since 2006, the report notes, with about 20,000 people departing for other parts of the state and country last year. This is a sharp break from just three years ago, when the region was showing more people coming in from other parts of the country than leaving. And birth rates in Silicon Valley have declined by 13 percent since 2008 (in California at large the drop was even more significant at 14 percent), dropping to their lowest levels since the mid-1980s.

And while population continues to grow, the rate slowed markedly last year. From 2010 to 2015, Silicon Valley had experienced population growth of about 34,000 per year. Between July 2015 and July 2016, it slowed to a gain of 19,000, according to the Index. With more people leaving the Valley than coming in, the growth was almost entirely due to natural growth (births minus deaths), according to the Index.

The report also highlights one key problem that continues to unite people of all backgrounds: worsening traffic. According to the new report, since 2005

there has been an increase of 228,000 Santa Clara and San Mateo County residents who commute to work, along with 57,000 additional commuters who come into Silicon Valley from San Francisco and Alameda counties. As a result, commute times have risen by 17 percent.

According to the report, the worsening commute since 2015 has added 35 hours of driving time per commuter annually (or 40 minutes weekly). The growing congestion comes despite the slight drop in commuters who drive alone to work (which went from 75 percent in 2010 to 73 percent in 2015) and an small uptick in the number of people who relied on public transportation (which increased from 5 percent to 6 percent between 2010 and 2015).

Joint Venture CEO and President Russell Hancock said in an introduction to the Index that the pace of growth in 2016 slowed down "ever so slightly," with the region losing a percentage point in the rate of job growth. Hancock noted that the market has made "necessary corrections to some overvaluations" and the region saw fewer IPOs this past year (nine in 2016, compared to 16 in 2015 and 23 in 2014). Yet he also pointed out that there is "no talk of a bubble bursting." If anything, he wrote, "the talk is about the toll our growth is taking on the region as we move into robotics and artificial intelligence."

Hancock also acknowledged that the region's growth "has its perils."

"It strains our infrastructure, decreases our quality of living and puts housing out of reach for too many," Hancock wrote. "Growth can also be troubling when it isn't widely shared. Unfortunately, our report shows that income disparities are more pronounced than ever, changing the character of our region and raising profound questions about community and cohesiveness."

While the report highlights the steep challenges facing the Silicon Valley (which is defined as San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, Scotts Valley, Fremont, Newark and Union City), Hancock pointed to the "growing recognition that these challenges ultimately erode our innovation ecosystem and threaten the very foundation of our prosperity." He alluded in his introduction to Measure A and Measure B, which county voters approved last fall to support new housing and transportation improvements, respectively.

"Our region's storied innovation has served us so extremely well in the commercial realm," Hancock wrote. "Now, with the stakes so high, we need to apply that same spirit of innovation to our social and civic challenges." ■

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Meeting welcome, but questions remain unanswered

by Laura Brown

Thanks to a tip from a neighbor, I attended the Nov. 22 meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and asked that board members not vote on making the district's Waverly Park rental properties available to the homeless until they reached out to the neighborhood, described the proposal, and gathered input from the residents.

While I'm very grateful that the directors tabled the motion and scheduled the Feb. 15 meeting, the results were not what I had hoped for. There were no written materials and only a very general verbal statement about the proposal. No questions were asked or answered until we were broken up into small groups to record our questions and opinions, which were then "shared" with the larger group, and we were promised that we would receive written responses via email at some undetermined time.

Without any details about the proposal, it was difficult to provide meaningful questions and comments. The meeting actually created more uncertainty and confusion, since some of the officials' comments contradicted

earlier statements in the media and in board minutes.

Despite the short notice of the meeting, the following questions were submitted in writing to the water district on the Monday preceding the Wednesday meeting. To my recollection, none of them was addressed at the meeting.

Guest Opinion

1. 1. Since the city of Mountain View has expressed strong reservations about the proposal, does the SCVWD intend to pursue the plan? If so:

a. 2. Who will select occupants?

b. 3. What priorities will be applied in the selection process (for example, those who live in creekside encampments, chronically homeless, employed, etc.)?

b.i. 4. What other criteria will be used?

b.ii. 5. Will background and reference checks be done?

b.iii. 6. What would disqualify an applicant?

b.iv. 7. Will the homes be reserved only for families, or will they also include unrelated single individuals?

b.v. 8. What would the maximum allowable number of people in each house?

b.vi. 9. What will be the term of residence?

b.vii. 10. Who will manage, maintain and monitor the properties?

b.viii. 11. What rent will be charged, and who will be responsible for paying it?

b.ix. 12. The nearest public transportation is 1.3 miles away, and the nearest grocery store is 1.8 miles away. These distances are far beyond what is deemed "reasonable walking distance." What transportation will be provided if occupants do not own cars?

b.x. 13. These homes currently provide much-needed middle income affordable housing in Mountain View. If they are removed from the market, how will loss of that resource be mitigated?

b.xi. 14. Has the board considered diverting some or all of the rental income from the Mountain View properties to other facilities that can provide housing and services for more people more quickly?

Again, I appreciate the water district's effort to be more transparent, and look forward to its answers.

Laura Brown is a 39-year Mountain View resident and a former member of the Environmental Planning Commission. She is currently chair of the North Waverly Park Neighborhood Association. The views expressed are her own and are not an official position of the neighborhood association.

We must keep our community safe and welcoming to all

by Lev Zeiger

My name is Lev and I am a 9-year-old Jew. I write to you today because I went to a rally organized by the Jewish community in support of Muslim refugees at the Mountain View City Hall Plaza. I learned so much and I will never forget the life lesson that I got to be part of.

The reason I went is because both my parents are immigrants to the United States, and so are my grandparents. My mother is from Colombia and my father is from Chile. They are both Jewish.

My great grandma was born in Poland in 1919 and went to Colombia in 1937 because her family was Jewish and there were so many people who hated Jews that she had to move to a different place. In 1982 she went to the United States for a better life and a safer place.

On my father's side of the family, my great grandparents left the former Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia for Chile and Argentina, also because they were Jewish.

Then in 1973, life became very difficult when dictator Pinochet came into power. My dad's uncle used to teach at the university in Chile, but lost his job because of his political views.

My grandparents left for the United States in 1974. Much later, Pinochet was sent to jail for murdering tens of thousands of people who wanted a life without a dictator.

The other reason I went to the rally was because I believe that President Trump's ideas are completely absurd and ridiculous. I want to help keep our community safe for everyone. Even for people like Trump himself.

I think we all need to welcome everyone because we are all *American* and we are also all *immigrants*.

I am proud and will always be proud of being Jewish and a son of immigrants. Thank you for listening to my story.

Lev Zeiger is a third-grader in the Mountain View Whisman School District.

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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT PILOT MATH PROGRAM

Thank you, Kevin Forestieri and the *Voice*, for investigative journalism ("Stuck with a half-million-dollar bill," Feb. 17)!

Why didn't our superintendent start with a useful pilot: on a portion of the grade level, measuring and monitoring to ensure it was an improvement, with a fallback if not and for students that it didn't serve well? Why adopt a program with little track

record and pay so much for beta-level software without the company's support to fix problems? Did they test out free software alternatives?

Rita Mae Brown said, "Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from bad judgment." What experience did the district gain from this bad judgment?

Jerry Morrison
Anna Avenue

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BLEAK CONSEQUENCES IF HEALTH CENTER CLOSES

I am writing with concern that the Planned Parenthood in Mountain View will be losing its space due to the next step of development at San Antonio Center. The center has its lease until May, and will be able to go month-to-month until construction begins.

When RotaCare shut down services in Mountain View in May 2016, Planned Parenthood filled the vacuum for the health services in North County by taking over much of the general health care for those in our community with and without health insurance. These include women, men, and children, our neighbors who struggle financially, the undocumented, or just those who find having a county-supported health facility close to bus routes or within walking distance convenient.

After attending a recent Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors meeting, I learned that Planned Parenthood has been unable to find a local alternate

location in the past year. If it has to shut its doors due lack of a new location, over 8,000 people with 14,000-plus visits per year will have a much harder time accessing medical care. Those looking for basic health care, such as mammograms and vaccinations, will now have to travel to San Jose or Redwood City, something that could be detrimental for many struggling to work out bus logistics, time off of work, etc. Unpaid visits to the emergency services at El Camino Hospital will increase and families will be struggling to have basic preventive care.

Mountain View has voted to declare itself a human rights city. Is our community failing its mission to strive for respect for human dignity and equal rights by watching idly by as a health care system falls apart due to lack of space? How are we addressing the cost and benefits of business development in the area? With high housing costs and a lack of health services, how do we look out for those less fortunate?

I want to know that all children in our schools and their families have access to health care. I hope this issue will get a boost and that Mountain View residents, business leaders, and the City

Council will work together to find a new home for Planned Parenthood.

*Diana Wegbreit
San Clemente Way*

ON INTIMIDATION, POWER AND EFFECTIVE ACTION

Trump has lost his appeal to reinstate the travel ban, and it will probably go to the Supreme Court for a ruling. If the Supreme Court votes four to four, the decision by the Federal Appeals Panel will hold.

Trump used fear and coercion to make the decision go his way. His tactics failed. It is a lesson to all of us to work hard for what we believe in and not be intimidated by people in power.

*Barbara Kyser
Los Altos*

NEW LEXICON FOR TODAY'S CALAMITIES

Based on the tragedies occurring in the world today, it seems like we need some new words to give them a solid basis in our reality. I propose two: ecoaust to describe the ongoing decimation of species and habitats

across the globe; and climatastrophe to describe the increasing violence and frequency of devastating storms, droughts, heat waves and flooding we are seeing here in California and around the world.

The current administration's denial does not mean these words will go out of style. We need to reduce our CO2 emissions and cease our resource destruction or we will soon all be homeless on our only home planet.

*Edward Taub
Devoto Street*

THE GREATER GOOD OR SELF-INTEREST?

Since the inception of America (and before), enterprising individuals and business organizations have used government at every level to advance their own interests in the name of the greater good. Two current examples you have reported are: 1. the purchase of an expensive math program by the Mountain View Whisman School District (pushed by "consultant" Aila Malik, who is on the city's Human Relations Commission); and, 2. the plan of the Santa

Clara Valley Water District to establish homeless shelters using homes near creeks (including adjacent to Highway 85 in Mountain View).

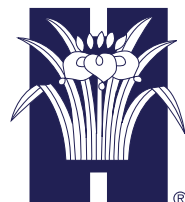
The chief lesson of the last presidential election and these wacky local developments is that if you leave politics at any level to others, your own interests and common sense will eventually be disregarded and trampled.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*

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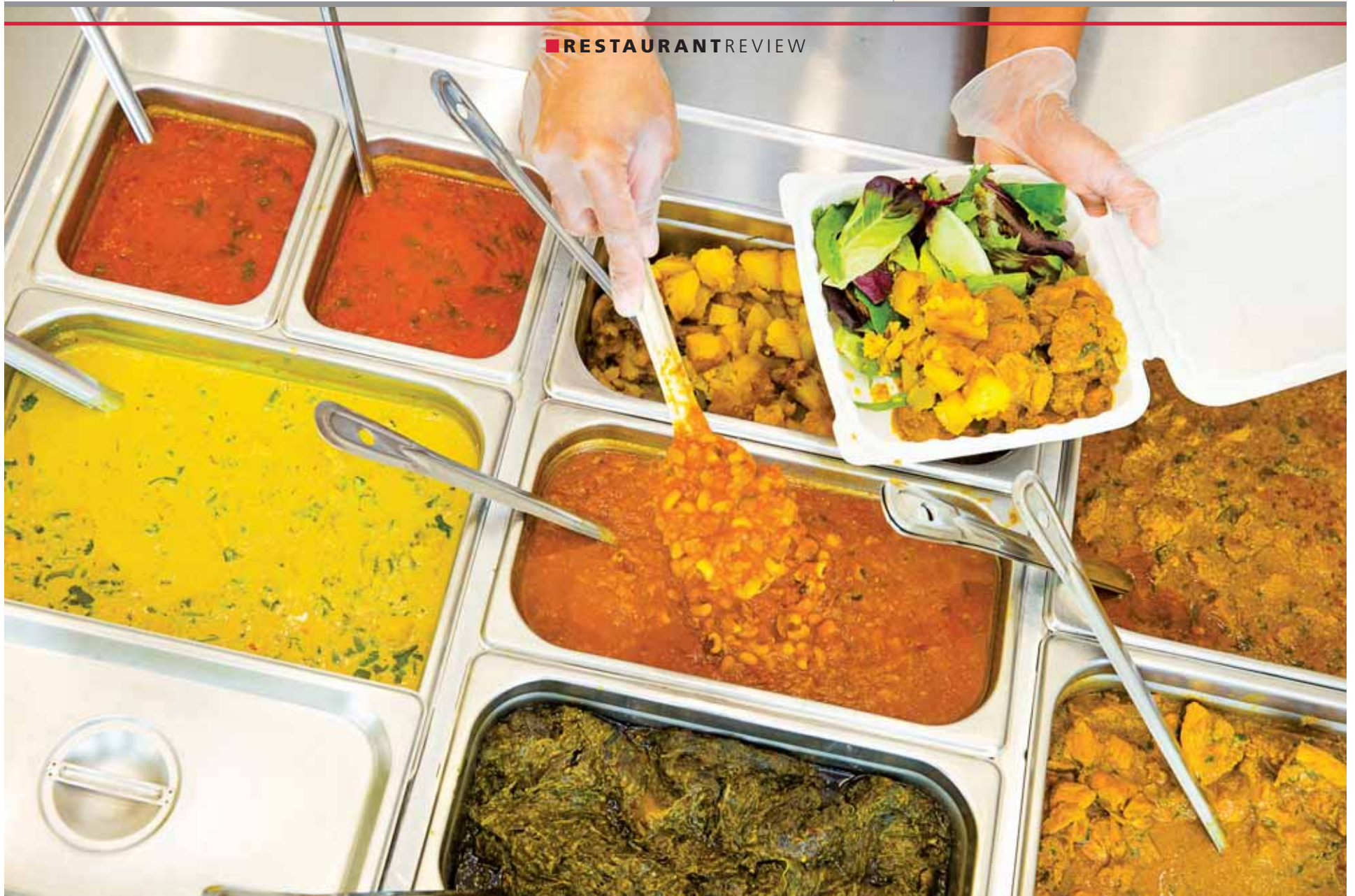
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Ekari Tabu spoons black-eyed peas into a salad bowl at Curry Wrapper's Delight in Redwood City. Unlike typical Indian restaurants, it offers dishes that originate from Fiji's Indian community

Fantastic Fijian

CURRIES, MEATS SHINE AT CURRY WRAPPER'S DELIGHT IN REDWOOD CITY

Story by Alissa Merksamer | Photos by Michelle Le

It's an overstatement to call Curry Wrapper's Delight a restaurant. It's barely a storefront, with a single counter and zero seating. You order cafeteria-style, mixing and matching that day's curries and toppings to go inside your rice bowl, salad or currito (aka burrito). But don't let appearances deceive you. This weekdays-only stop in downtown Redwood City serves better Indian food than you'll find at most full-service restaurants.

The food is actually Indo-Fijian. Fiji's Indian community dates to the late 1800s, when

the British recruited people from India to come to the island as indentured servants to plant sugarcane. Owner-chef Margaret Chinappa grew up in an Indian household in Fiji and opened Curry Wrapper's Delight in 2014 at the urging of her husband.

Compared to northern Indian food typical in the Bay Area, Indo-Fijian is much lighter. Curries rely on coconut milk instead of cream, and you won't find pools of grease floating to the top, though the latter has more to do with Chinappa's focus on health than it does Fiji.

She meticulously trims the fat off all her meats so that when you bite into a hunk of pork, you only taste juicy meat.

You can try that pork (\$7.50) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Dishes rotate here because there isn't enough space to offer everything at once. There's a limit on stamina, too. Chinappa cooks everything herself with just four staff to help. The popular chicken curry (\$7.25) is available every day, but others, like the lamb (\$8.25), fish (\$8.25), and beef (\$7.75) only appear certain days of the week.

The menu on the wall walks you through the ordering process: Choose your base and then decide what goes inside. While the currito seems like a burrito knock-off, it actually mimics a Fijian roti parcel.

"If you were brought up in Fiji in an Indian household, every Indian child knows for their lunch, their mom would make them a roti parcel," Chinappa said.

Roti is an Indian flatbread that can be rolled around various fillings. Chinappa couldn't find anyone willing to make labor-intensive roti, so she uses

tortillas, which she said hold up better to the curries. The currito is the obvious choice if you're eating on the go, but the rice and salad bowls have some advantages. (You can also order half salad, half rice.) Namely, they allow you to taste each element separately and mix them as you like to create balance. For example, if a mouthful of spicy chutney leaves you sweating, you can cool off with some chopped cucumber or spoonful of raita, a creamy yogurt that Chinappa enlivens with

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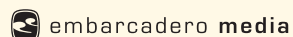
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Ekari Tabu prepares a "currito" at Curry Wrapper's Delight.

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shredded cucumber, carrot, garlic and just a bit of honey. If you order a currito, where everything is mashed together, the raita turns warm and the cucumbers soften, leaving you nowhere to turn when your mouth needs relief.

Several dishes, including the chicken curry and spinach eggplant saag puree (one of the vegetable sides), burn pleasantly low.

"I really tone down the spice," Chinappa said. "I'm South Indian. We're known to eat spicy foods. Here, I have to mindful of the customers and their needs."

That's why she offers the spicy chutney and explosive habanero salsa as optional add-ons. Unless you have a bionic tongue, relinquish your bravado and don't order them both at the same time.

Those who can't handle hot chiles will find refuge in the coconut fish curry. On Thursdays, white fish cooked in masala spices comes with coconut curry sauce the side, and on Fridays, most pieces of fish bathe in it. Despite the murky yellow color, it tastes much lighter than it looks and only mildly of coconut. One the best attributes of Chinappa's cooking is the balanced panoply of spices like masala (in itself a blend of spices), star anise, ginger and garlic that make it agreeably difficult to distinguish individual ones.

Unlike many Indian curries that make you bob for meat or fish in a bowl of gravy, here you'll find less soup, more protein. Loads of chicken or lamb preen in brothy sauces that cling to the meat almost like a rub. Chinappa uses a slotted spoon so that your currito won't drip.

Most of the time, the meat breaks apart easily with your plastic fork but occasionally it doesn't. During one visit, slow-cooked lamb wafting of cinnamon was more tough than tender. That's a rarity, according to Chinappa, who said she fastidiously checks her meat as it cooks.

When you order a meat or fish curry, you choose one of three vegetable curries to go with it. Skip the meat, and you can have two vegetables (\$6.75

for vegetarian only). Roasted potatoes, stained yellow from turmeric, yield a buttery texture that especially compliments the coconut fish curry. If you've only ever experienced gloopy saag paneer (Indian pureed spinach with cubes of white cheese,) you must try Chinappa's spinach and eggplant. It's not as pulverized as saag; you can still see the stems of the spinach. In Fiji, Chinappa would have used leaves from amurensis, an Asian grape,



A salad bowl with chicken and black-eyed pea curries, raita and chutney, and a packet of spicy mango chili sauce.



A custom "currito", a twist on a traditional Indo-Fijian roti parcel, is filled with lamb, rice, potatoes, chutney and black-eyed peas.

but she found spinach to be a good substitute. Black-eyed peas stewed in a tomato-based sauce depart from the Fijian custom of dry-frying them with potatoes.

"I don't do just what I was brought up with," she explained. "A lot of Indians come in and say, 'This is not typical Indian cuisine.' I say, 'I'm not trying to be in the box.'"

This flair for experimentation explains why you'll see yellow corn and shredded Monterey jack cheese as topping choices. While jack cheese on lamb curry sounds bizarre, it tastes comforting. Another optional topping looks just like Mexican pico de gallo, but this salad of chopped tomato, onion, and cilantro is actually a standard accompaniment. Chutneys are also traditional, available here as mild or spicy.

Before you leave Curry Wrapper's Delight and take your meal to one of several outdoor tables, grab a packet of spicy mango chile sauce.

"It tastes just like mango pickles," said Chinappa, whose friends make it.

Mango pickles are beloved in India, but for the unfamiliar, they taste strong and salty. Try the sauce, which is thicker and pastier than ketchup, in small doses mixed with other items on your plate.

In the future, Chinappa would like to serve passion fruit lassis, an Indian smoothie made with yogurt. But for now, she's sticking to bottled beverages.

"It's all about timing," she said. "I don't want to sign up for something I cannot handle and overload my coworkers and myself."

She already wakes up at 4 a.m. to start cooking at 5 a.m. Don't expect her to stay open on the weekends any time soon either — she currently spends those days working as a caregiver for the elderly.

Chinappa is not complaining, though. She just wants you to try her curry. ■

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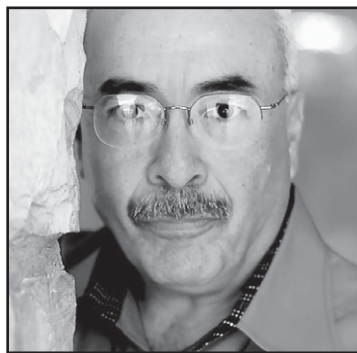


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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Meet the scare-ents

COMEDY TURNS TO HORROR IN 'GET OUT'

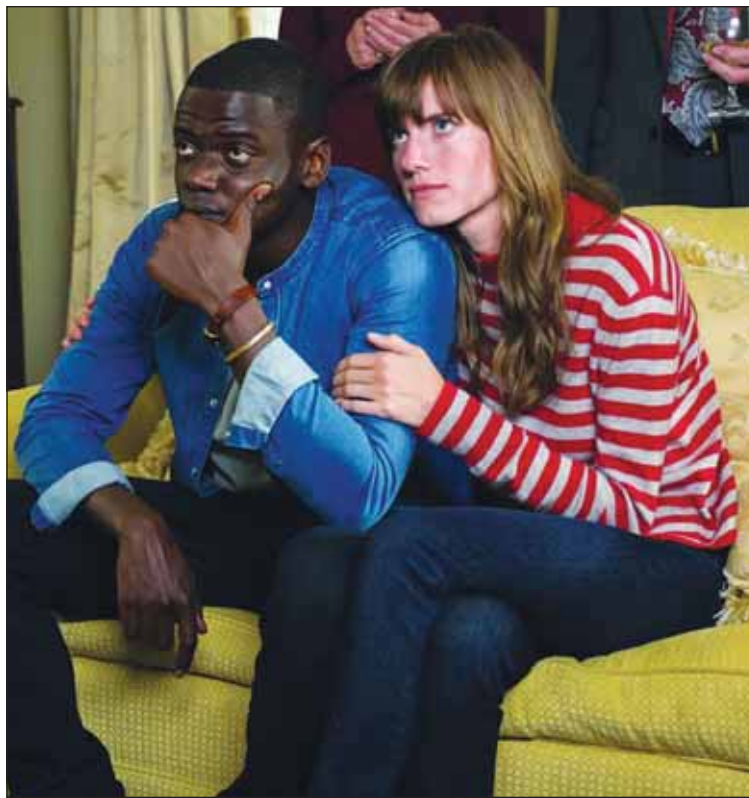
★★★★1/2
(Century 16 & 20)

The new horror picture "Get Out" is advertised as being "From the mind of Jordan Peele," and a beautiful mind it is. Peele made his name as the co-creator and co-star of the sketch comedy show "Key and Peele," which he and Keegan-Michael Key followed up with last year's feature comedy "Keanu." Now Peele makes a bold turn to horror, writing and directing what he calls a "social thriller" or, to state the obvious, "a horror movie that is from an African American's perspective."

The result is an imaginative, classically styled paranoid thriller speaking directly to an African-American audience (and indirectly to a white audience) while remaining playfully accessible to everyone else. After five months of dating, it's time for young African-American photographer Chris Washington (a pitch-perfect Daniel Kaluuya) to meet the parents of his white girlfriend Rose Armitage (Allison Williams). "They are not racist," Rose insists. "I would have told you."

Dean (Bradley Whitford) and Missy Armitage (Catherine Keener) enjoy the secluded sprawl of the affluent lakeside suburb Evergreen Hollow, but they take pains to make clear how progressive and, therefore (ha ha), not racist they are. The early movements of "Get Out" play the tension and comedy of coded racial language to the hilt, and were it "only" a comedy of mixed-race dating, "Get Out" would already be winning in the wittiness of its satire. Obviously, the film goes further: there's something sinister going on in Evergreen Hollow, and the story's satirical charge carries over into its horror.

Everywhere Chris turns he



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Daniel Kaluuya and Allison Williams in "Get Out."

finds unsettling "Stepford" overtones, from the somewhat aggressive cheer of Rose's parents to the psychotically blank demeanor of the Armitage's two black servants, Georgina (Betty Gabriel) and Walter (Marcus Henderson). The weirdness escalates by leaps and bounds when the Armitages host a mostly white party of locals, all of whom seem determined to make Chris' blackness an issue (when not busting out the sparklers and Bingo).

Peele masterfully controls the tone to give the suspense and deliberately uncomfortable comedy their due without letting either overwhelm the other. In the process, the first-time feature director demonstrates an affinity and skill for horror that's nearly equal to his comedy chops: like Chris, who's a photographer of images "so brutal, so melancholic," Peele has a good eye, and he crafts as many surreal nightmare visions (most notably a hypnosis sequence) as jump scares (not for nothing, Peele also gets a raft of terrific performances for his

vivid cast of characters).

What's most interesting about "Get Out" is how it taps into the same idea to fuel both its comedy and horror: the recognition of social truths. The movie won't quite work on people who don't already know that racism still abounds in America (and specific racist legacies of the past linger in our problematic present), that black culture is envied, that white privilege is a thing (or "thang," to quote one of Dean's squirmy moments of cultural appropriation).

Just as comedy does, the film's horror exaggerates for effect, busting out with a gonzo premise. But the wild ride has its roots in very real systemic racism, which puts Peele in good company as a purveyor of subversive, transgressive horror. Despite its terrible implications, his film is entertaining as all "Get Out."

Rated R for violence, bloody images, and language including sexual references. One hour, 43 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

"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 Chad Stahelski and writer Derek Kolstad, "Chapter 2" makes the case for the "Wick" franchise as a kind of bizarre James Bond. This antihero may not be licensed to kill, but now he lives in a similarly slick universe of action

"I'm out" manifesto. Pembroke's "major Wall Street finance firm" assumes the boss has lost his mind. And so, a fiercely driven 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," but what's inside rivals The Overlook Hotel for hallucinatory horror. The film is 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.* — P.C.

■ NOW SHOWING

2017 Oscar Nominated Shorts - Animated

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

A Cure for Wellness (R) ★★★

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

A Dog's Purpose (Not Rated) ★

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

A United Kingdom (PG-13)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

Arrival (PG-13) ★★★★★ Century 20: Friday

The Belles of St. Trinian's (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 5:50 & 9:10 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

Bitter Harvest (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Collide (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Everybody Loves Somebody (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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

Fifty Shades Darker (R)

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

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

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

Get Out (R) ★★★★★1/2

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

The Great Wall (PG-13)

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

Hacksaw Ridge (R) Century 20: Saturday

Hell or High Water (R) Century 20: Friday

Hidden Figures (PG) ★★★★★1/2

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

I Am Not Your Negro (PG-13) Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) ★★★★★

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

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

The Lego Batman Movie (PG) ★★★★★1/2

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

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

Manchester by the Sea (R) ★★★★★1/2

Century 20: Saturday Century 20: Saturday

The Metropolitan Opera: Rusalka (Not Rated)

Century 16: Saturday Palo Alto Square: Saturday

Moonlight (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Murder, She Said (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 4:10 & 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun.

One Hour with You (1932) (Not Rated)

Stanford Theatre: 6 & 9:05 p.m., Friday

Oscar Nominated Short Films 2017: Live Action (Not Rated)

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Oscar Shorts 2017 Century 20: Sat. - Sun.

Rock Dog (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Split (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Trouble in Paradise (1932) (Not Rated)

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

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

"A CURE FOR WELLNESS"

★★★★

"A Cure for Wellness," is a disturbing new psychological horror film from Gore Verbinski ("The Ring," "Pirates of the Caribbean") that isn't quite right in the head — but that's not such a bad thing. In the opening moments, Verbinski initiates a creepy vision of big business with one company's Salesman of the Year dramatically collapsing upon receipt of a letter from CEO Roland E. Pembroke (Harry Groener). The letter lays out an epic

fantasy and exotic settings. Wick and his dog with no name ostensibly want a peaceful retirement, but that darn criminal code keeps roping him in, this time by way of a nasty Italian mobster (Riccardo Scamarcio), who still holds a blood-oath marker demanding Wick's services. The grim mission takes Wick

to Rome, where we learn that the first film's Continental (Winston's New York domain) is only one of a chain of hotels catering to criminals. Soon, Wick's on the run with a \$7 million bounty on his head. *Rated R for strong violence throughout, some language and brief nudity. Two hours, 2 minutes.* — P.C.

GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT '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

'The Ballad of Baby Doe' Voice students with Stanford Light Opera Company present "The Ballad of Baby Doe" featuring Eugene Brancoveanu as Horace Tabor, with stage direction by Wendy Hillhouse and musical direction by Marie-Louise Catsalis. "Baby Doe" is set in the mining era of the American West and is a true portrait of life in Leadville, Denver, and even Washington, D.C. Feb. 23 and 24, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 25 and 26, 2:30 p.m. \$10-\$20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Jordan Middle School Play: 'As You Like It' Jordan Middle School Drama presents "As You Like It," a comedy by William Shakespeare. This is a show involving mistaken identity, cross dressing, poetry, wrestling and love. March 2 and 3, 7-8:30 p.m.; March 4, 2:30-4 p.m. \$5, student/child; \$10, adult. Jordan Middle School, 750 N. California Ave., Palo Alto. sites.google.com/a/pausd.org/jordan-middle-school-drama/

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. 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 her parents to dinner. 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

CONCERTS

José González and The Göteborg String Theory Indie pop artist José González is a little bit of everything, and so is the ensemble he performs with, The Göteborg String Theory. His parents are Argentinian, but he was born in Sweden. His influences include Paul Simon, bossa nova, classical music and Nick Drake. March 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford.

Main Stage Concert: Wordsmiths Canteloube's lush settings of folk songs from France's Auvergne region are paired with a newly commissioned work by Berkeley composer Peter Josheff, based on the poetry of Carol Hamilton. The program ends with Schubert's dramatic "Death and the Maiden." Free, first-come/first-served First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. thesfco.org/2016/07/msc3_wordsmiths/

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.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra & Chorale The world-famed, San Francisco-based Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra's Stanford series, marked by three performances on the Bing stage, features distinguished soloists in addition to the acclaimed ensemble. The program includes Handel's "Oh Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless" and Saul Hesse's "Ah che dissi, infelice!," among other

works. March 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$95. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford.

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. Ayers continues to tour the world and collaborate with artists like Talib Kweli and others well into his fourth decade in the music industry. 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

Brassview This family concert features the Brassview quintet performing "Tetouan to Tatoonie: A Musical Odyssey," a journey exploring a bustling ancient city on the North African Coast. Viewers are invited to become entranced by the sounds of mythical creatures, visit a distant planet and more. Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/brassview-2017

David Broza with Ali Paris This concert will feature two musicians. Israeli superstar David Broza fuses music from Israel, Spain and England; Ali Paris blends Middle Eastern and Western music styles. March 2, 8-10 p.m. \$60, members and J-Pass holders; \$65, general public Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/brozaparis

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 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

Sing and Play Along Ukulele Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts are welcome to join on the fourth Monday of every month to sing and play with others. Attendants are encouraged to bring their own uke, or use one at the library. Registration is appreciated but not required. Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

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 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

Acterra Lectures: Protecting California's Water As the Tuolumne River Trust's Policy Director, Peter Drekmeier will share how this river fits into the Bay Delta and how people can have a healthy Bay-Delta ecosystem and a thriving economy. March 2, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$10, general public; free, Acterra members. Microsoft, Silicon Valley,

1065 La Avenida, Mountain View. acterra.org/lectures/

Bay Area Hummingbirds Local wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will teach about local hummingbirds, the blossoms they enjoy, their predators, birds that share their living space and tips to encourage the hummingbirds to come to one's yard. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Los Altos Library. Feb. 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Computing in Your Pocket: The Pre-History of the iPhone in Silicon Valley Two decades before Steve Jobs introduced the iPhone, a handful of engineers and designers began exploring the idea of handheld computers in Silicon Valley. This panel discussion will be moderated by John Markoff, a Computer History Museum historian, who reported on the era for the New York Times; Steve Capps, who led the development of the Newton while at Apple Computer; Donna Dubinsky, former president and CEO of Palm, Inc. and co-founder and former CEO of Handspring; Jerry Kaplan, founder of Go Corp.; and Marc Porat, co-founder and former chief executive of General Magic. March 2, 6-9 p.m. Free, but register at computerhistory.org/events. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/

Launch Party with Mary Feliz Mystery Writers of America member Mary Feliz will celebrate the launch of her latest thriller, "Scheduled to Death." It's about a professional organizer, Maggie McDonald, who has a knack for cleaning up other people's messes. When the fiancée of her latest client turns up dead, it's up to her to sort through the untidy list of suspects and identify the real killer. Refreshments will be served. Feb. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 301 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/

The Three C's of Financing a Home This talk will explore what is needed to know to qualify to buy and finance a home, whether this is one's first home, or one's tenth home. Attendants will understand the do's and don't's as they prepare to purchase. Wendy Wong is a senior loan consultant with Bayview Residential Brokerage. March 1, 7:45-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

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/education/

The Girls' Middle School Annual Scholarship Breakfast The Bennett Scholars Program provides girls from underserved populations the opportunity for an academically challenging, progressive education in a supportive environment at The Girls' Middle School. This event provides funding for the school's scholarship goals. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Anne-Marie Slaughter, the President and CEO of New America, a think tank and civic enterprise dedicated to renewing America in the Digital Age. March 3, 8:15-9:30 a.m. Crowne Plaza Cabaña Hotel, Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. girlsms.org/breakfast

FAMILY

Healthy Cooking Class: Lunch 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. Each class will feature a different healthy menu and theme. Attendants are asked to bring their questions about nutrition, meal planning, food allergies and picky eaters. Feb. 24, March 24 and May 12, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. \$45. 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/

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. 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

Public Alchemy II Opening Reception CASP and local artists host an opening reception for the second-annual Public Alchemy exhibition at the CASP Art Lab, located in studio U-7. The exhibition offers a broad range of media from local community artists. This exhibition is non-juried, and some works will be available for purchase. Feb. 25, 6-8 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, ArtLab U7, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/

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

'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

Dance Series 01 Dance Series 01, which debuted in Sept. 2016 in San Francisco and Walnut Creek, features three distinct works including a world premiere, a regional premiere and a work by Michael Smuin. March 2-5, 8 p.m. \$56-\$72. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. smuinballet.org/

LESSONS & CLASSES

Buying Your First Home This talk is directed to first-time home buyers and first-time buyers in Silicon Valley alike. It will help prepare individuals for the challenges ahead. Rick Trevino is a licensed realtor and senior real estate specialist with Intero Real Estate Services based in Silicon Valley. March 1,

7-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Tai Chi In this class, students will learn the basic principles and philosophy behind Tai Chi. The class will begin with simple stretching and breathing exercises to create awareness of one's body movements and to calm one's mind. Through gentle and slow movements of Tai Chi students will gain flexibility and a better sense of balance. Sundays, ongoing, 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m.. Free. Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/news/

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Body Image and Eating Disorder Support Group This group is for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. First Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road., Conference Room C, Mountain View. edrcsv.org/getting-help/support-groups/edrc-ed-and-body-image/

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Finding Happiness Dr. Shanti Rubenstone, internal medicine doctor and Ananda minister, will lead a discussion on what it is that brings deep satisfaction, true joy and a deep feeling of calmness and fulfillment to life. March 1, 7:30 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a seat. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/events_2017_March

Living for the Sake of the Soul Yogacharya Ellen Grace O'Brian will offer the Four Insights for an Illumined Life as she shares mystic poetry and inspiration from her award-winning books, "The Moon Reminded Me" and "Living for the Sake of the Soul." Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a seat. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/events_2017_February

The Yugas: Understanding Our Past and the Emerging Energy Age Steven Manus, a student of the teachings of Paramhansa Yogananda, whose own guru Swami Sri Yukteswar reintroduced this great teaching a century ago, will discuss the hidden cosmic influences that govern our lives and will offer the great yogi's roadmap for the spiritual advancement of humankind. Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a seat. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/events_2017_February

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Book Discussion This book club will discuss Barbara Kingsolver's book "Flight Behavior." Copies of the book are available for checkout at Los Altos Library. Kingsolver is an American novelist and social activist. The "Poisonwood Bible" is one of her most well-known novels, and "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" is a nonfictional account of how her family, committed to eating locally for a year. Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Spreading Democracy: Getting the Vote Out Attendants to this event will learn about the work of the League of Women Voters in Palo Alto and the greater Bay Area to increase civic engagement and national efforts to respond to voter suppression. The guest speaker will be Jeannie Lythcott of the League of Women Voters, Palo Alto. Feb. 26, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Neutra House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. ethicalsiliconvalley.org/

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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File No.: FBN626094

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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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):
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534 Farley Street
Mountain View, CA 94043
SARA CORTEZ
36858 Papaya St.
Newark, CA 94560
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listed above on March 1, 2016.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN626550

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.

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File No.: FBN626634

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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.

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Renee Yvonne Callahan
9090 Sheppard Ranch Road
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(209)743-0841
(MVV Feb. 17, 24; Mar. 3, 2017)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

Case No.: 17CV306386
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: LUJIA LI HEUMANN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
LUJIA LI HEUMANN to LUJIA LI.
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before

this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING: April 25, 2017, 8:45 a.m., Room: Probate of the Superior

Court of California, County of Santa Clara, 191 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95113.

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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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 BEAUTIFUL h/wood flooring, designer lighting
Shelly Potvin/Deborah Wilhelm CalBRE #01236885/01044009 650.941.7040



FOSTER CITY Sat/Sun 1 - 4 **\$1,375,000**
 700 Promontory Point #1207 3 BR 2.5 BA Live in Luxury~ The
 Perfect Home, Approx 2260 sq.ft all on One Level.
Tina Kyriakis CalBRE #01384482 650.941.7040



SAN JOSE Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,249,000**
 3201 Finch Dr 3 BR 2 BA Near the end of a quiet cul-de-sac this
 beautiful home has artistic accents throughout
Colleen Cooley CalBRE #70000645 650.325.6161



SUNNYVALE **\$1,099,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA Sophisticated City Living in a Beautiful Setting. Family
 room, bonus room too!
Stella Rosh CalBRE #01227992 650.941.7040



SUNNYVALE **\$888,000**
 3 BR 2.5 BA 1879 Square Feet! End-unit providing lots of natural
 light. 2 car garage.
Kim Copher CalBRE #01423875 650.941.7040



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



DUBLIN Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$648,888**
 3369 Monaghan St 3 BR 3 BA Gourmet kitchen w/granite
 countertop & Tile floor opens to FR. Patio off living area.
Linda Wang CalBRE #01703792 650.941.7040

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