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Final five picked for MV rent control committee

JUDGE RULES THAT CITY CAN ENACT MEASURE V
WHILE LAWSUIT GOES THROUGH COURTS

By Mark Noack

After months of screening candidates, Mountain View City Council members have finally landed on their picks for the city's inaugural rental-housing committee. The five-person panel and one alternate member were chosen by the council after a final round of interviews at a Tuesday, April 4, meeting.

The final committee choices are Tech Museum coordinator Emily Ramos, a renter; attorney Julian Pardo de Zela and former City Council member Tom Means, both homeowners; LinkedIn manager Matthew Grunewald, an apartment owner; and Vanessa Honey, a property manager for MPM Corporation.

Evan Ortiz, a Google account manager who helped lead the successful campaign for the Measure V rent control law, was sidelined by the majority of council members who made him an alternate member of the committee.

The council's choice took on a new urgency the very next day, when a judge refused to grant an injunction that would prevent the city's voter-approved rent control from being enacted until a landlord group's lawsuit against it is fully resolved.

While the council made its final choice for the rental housing committee at its April 4 meeting, council members had to hold off on formally appointing members until a ruling on the injunction was handed down.

Earlier on Tuesday, a judge heard oral arguments in the case over whether to grant a preliminary injunction that would continue blocking Measure V from being implemented. His decision was wasn't expected for a week or more. But with the injunction request denied, the city will need to quickly take action to formally appoint the rental housing committee. (A Page 14 story on the hearing went to press Wednesday morning before the ruling was issued.)

Political trade-offs

In a final political trade-off, the council decided to bump accountant James Leonard from the committee. Leonard, a homeowner, was viewed as a middle-of-the-road pick, but the council instead opted to replace him with Honey, a last-minute candidate who emerged after the process was reopened last month in a search for new applicants.

Honey clearly won over both sides of the council as she was interviewed Tuesday and detailed her experience managing low-income housing and rent-controlled units. She praised the Measure V rent-control law as well-written, and pledged to use her position to foster dialogue between renters and landlords.

"A well-run committee could make fair decisions if we stay on task and understand what we're being asked to do," Honey said in her interview. "I'm a proponent of collaboration. We have to work together — we are a community."

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MICHELLE LE

APRIL ADVENTURE

Remember that warm dry weather we had at the start of the week? Asher, age 2, made the most of it on Tuesday as he clambered up the playground structure at Eagle Park under the watchful eye of his mother, Krista Nelson. The rainy weather forecast for Friday and Saturday is expected to clear up early next week.

New push to regulate Airbnb rentals

COLLECTING TAXES ON THE 800 SHORT-TERM LISTINGS IN CITY COULD NET BIG BUCKS

By Mark Noack

David Haedtler has what might seem like an unfathomable problem — he wants to pay his taxes, but the city of Mountain View is refusing his money. In fact, they sent him a letter a few months ago suggesting he stop sending in checks.

Haedtler, like hundreds of other city residents, runs an Airbnb rental business out of his house. In Mountain View, Airbnb and other short-term rental sites

aren't formally recognized, and thus they remain technically illegal.

But the lack of legal status hasn't slowed Airbnb's rise — in fact, quite the opposite. Since around 2010, the short-term rental business has seen meteoric growth. Today, the website hosts just under 800 listings in Mountain View, according to the data-analytics site AirDNA.

Like many other Airbnb hosts, Haedtler wants to abide with the law. He paid for a business license and began setting aside about 10

percent of his revenues to pay the city in transient-occupancy taxes (TOT), the same fee that hotels or bed-and-breakfasts would have to pay. So he wrote a check for \$1,300 and sent it off to City Hall, he said.

"Airbnb should be paying TOT taxes just like a hotel does. I don't think that a few regulations would hurt either," he said. "As I read the city code, this didn't seem like a gray area at all."

But city officials disagree. In

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"With this project not moving forward, I don't see any decrease in ridership. I'm more concerned about the lack of WiFi on board."

Joe Suh, Mountain View



"Obviously it's bad. I'd like to have more funding, to improve traffic conditions and express service."

Chris Yung, Milpitas



"The city doesn't have the infrastructure to accommodate that many cars. So it's a real shame. It will show up and manifest itself in other ways if you cut this."

Prasoon Shukla, San Jose



"I would think that if there are more concerning budget needs, like maintenance ... I think those are very basic priorities which need to be met before something which could be considered a luxury, such as the electrification of the system."

Dmitri Geyzel, Mountain View



"They still have to make those changes. The consequences of this will be us having to pay for them."

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CRIME BRIEFS

ABDUCTED BABY FOUND SAFE

Police are seeking the public's help in locating a man who abducted his baby daughter Tuesday in Mountain View. The missing baby was found safe in Livermore, Mountain View police announced at noon on Wednesday, April 5.

An Amber Alert for the abducted baby was issued around 10:30 a.m. Wednesday morning. Livermore police officials contacted their counterparts in Mountain View to say that they had the baby, who was with her grandmother, according to Katie Nelson, spokeswoman for the Mountain View Police Department.

The 4-month-old baby, Madilyn, was taken late Tuesday by her father, 45-year-old Michael Wallin, of Patterson, police said. During a visit, at around 8:30 p.m. at the Residence Inn at 1854 W. El Camino Real in the city's Shoreline West neighborhood, Wallin reportedly got into an argument with the baby's mother, police said. Wallin drove off with the baby sitting on his lap, causing Madilyn's mother to be dragged a short distance by the car, police said. She was not seriously injured.

According to police, the adult son of Madilyn's mother followed Wallin, who was driving a blue, four-door 2007 Nissan Altima with paper license plates. Wallin "brake-checked" the adult son, causing him to collide with Wallin's vehicle, police reported. Wallin drove off, with Madilyn still sitting in his lap.

Police said Wednesday they were searching for Wallin, who is described as a white man with brown hair and eyes and tattoos all over his torso, arms and hands. Wallin was last seen wearing a white Golden State Warriors T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at (650) 903-6395.

—Mountain View Voice staff and Bay City News Service

FOUR ARRESTED ON STOLEN VEHICLE CHARGES

Milpitas police arrested three men and one woman last week after all four suspects evaded arrest, drove the stolen vehicle into Mountain View and fled on foot, prompting a brief manhunt around the San Antonio Circle area.

Milpitas detectives found the suspects driving a stolen 2009 Nissan Murano SUV around a shopping center in the city around 1:42 p.m. on Monday, March 27. Officers followed the vehicle all the way to El Camino Real and San Antonio Road, according to a press release from the Milpitas Police Department.

Mountain View and Milpitas police attempted to stop the SUV, but the driver sped away. The suspects later fled the vehicle after crashing it into a pole and a fence on San Antonio Circle.

Three of the suspects were immediately detained, and officers located the fourth suspect after an extensive 20-minute search, according to Mountain View police spokeswoman Katie Nelson shortly after the incident. Officers searched the stolen

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1900 block W. El Camino Real, 3/31
500 block Tami Way, 4/2
800 block E. El Camino Real, 4/4

BATTERY

700 block Mercy St., 4/1

GRAND THEFT

2400 block Charleston Rd., 3/29
900 block Castro St., 4/3

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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STOLEN VEHICLE

1 block Eldora Dr., 3/31
Bryant St. & California St., 4/2

TERRORIST THREATS

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Robert Baertsch, co-founder of SkyTran, talks about the prototype pod car for the company's "maglev" transit system at the NASA Ames Research Center on April 4. Mountain View officials are considering everything from pod cars to monorails to improve the city's traffic problems.

The transit system of tomorrow for the traffic jams of today

MOUNTAIN VIEW OFFICIALS TAKING OPEN-MINDED APPROACH TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR CITY'S CONGESTION

By Mark Noack

It could be gondola cars, automated people-movers or express lanes for self-driving cars — all ideas are on the table as Mountain View embarks on an ambitious search for a new transit system to fix the daily traffic jam.

On Monday, April 3, a team of consultants from the firm Lea+Elliott convened the first of what could be many community meetings to zero in on a transit system tailored to Mountain View's needs. That challenges inherent in that

mission were readily apparent as public speakers brainstormed a speedy system that would be easily expandable, flexible and affordable.

"We've seen a lot of growth recently and the city's been trying to figure out how to handle this by reducing auto dependency," said city project manager Jim Lightbody. "Longer term, there's a concern we may need something more than shuttle buses to meet the demand and make the city work better."

The chief goal for city officials is to design a streamlined system that could deliver commuters

from downtown to the North Bayshore jobs center. That system would likely be elevated above roadways to avoid the difficult and expensive task of acquiring property, something that hinders many transportation projects.

Jenny Baumgartner of Lea+Elliott went through a slide show of various automated transit systems launched around in the world, including monorails, magnetic levitation (maglev) trains and aerial lifts. They took a broad approach for now, she

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Council favors 7-story housing project

CONCERNS RAISED THAT UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE COULD SPREAD TOXINS FROM NEARBY SUPERFUND SITE

By Kevin Forestieri

Despite some misgivings about parking and the sheer size of the project, Mountain View City Council members on Tuesday night were largely pleased with a proposal to build two seven-story housing structures right next door to the city's largest jobs center. But

bringing any amenities like parks and retail to the Terra Bella area just south of Highway 101 will probably have to wait for another day.

The project at 1001 North Shoreline Blvd., proposed by Calvano Development, would be a big divergence from the existing single-story buildings in the area, bringing a dense

mix of apartments and for-sale condominiums, and a six-story parking structure, to an area currently zoned for industrial uses. The project would be right next door to a 111,443-square-foot office building — also built by Calvano — that is expected to be completed this summer and will

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Gaps in oversight need to be plugged, school board says

NEW RULES WOULD STOP MV WHISMAN STAFF FROM ENTERING DEALS WITHOUT A CONTRACT

By Kevin Forestieri

It's been three months since the Mountain View Whisman School District dropped its ill-fated digital math program, Teach to One, but board members are still sizing up what went wrong and what can be done to increase oversight of the district's high-cost educational programs.

Board members agreed last month to set limits on what kind of deals the district's top officials can make with outside companies without the board's approval. The goal of the board policy amendment, which the trustees are set to discuss at a future meeting, is to close up a loophole whereby the district could spend months working with a contractor — and receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in services — without a written contract and without any input from the board.

Case in point is Teach to One, a pilot program in place from the start of the school year through early January. District administrators agreed to work with the creators of Teach to One, New Classrooms Innovation Partners Inc., in April 2016, but the board never saw a contract for the services until December. Email correspondence between the district and New Classrooms staff show that the contract hadn't even been drafted until mid-October, and that Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph delayed bringing the \$478,000 Teach to One contract to the board until after the November election — when the newly elected board members would be sworn in.

The contract was placed on a December agenda, but was pulled; board members eventually approved an agreement with New Classrooms for \$149,000, which pays for partial services provided by the company.

The school district has

guidelines for the superintendent, chief business officer and assistant superintendents governing when they are allowed to enter into contracts on behalf of the district. The guidelines are intended to smooth out district operations and not bog down transactions with burdensome approval processes. Depending on the type of service and how much it costs, the contracts come to the board for ratification or review after a program is in place.

But when the contract is never put into writing and the services are in place for months, board members have little say

'I think it's a terrible version of oversight.'

TRUSTEE
GREG COLADONATO

over what district administrators decide to do. At a March 16 board meeting, board member Greg Coladonato asked what would stop the district from entering into a \$10 million contract and receiving services before the board ever finds out?

"I think it's a terrible version of oversight," Coladonato said. "I don't know how we can be fiduciaries for our district if a contract of any size can be entered into by staff and, at staff's leisure, (they) can bring it back to the board."

Board members ultimately decided in a Feb. 28 closed-door session to settle with New Classrooms for \$149,000 in service fees, down from the original \$478,000 in the proposed but tabled December contract. Although the reasons for the settlement amount have not been made public, the district's legal counsel, Phil Henderson, said companies are taking a risk providing services before a contract is ratified, and that the district isn't truly on the hook for the contract until the board gives its final approval.

"Oftentimes I think the vendors are looking at the ratification as an administrative act,"

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their letter, they noted that since they don't formally recognize Airbnb rentals, they can't accept any taxes. Residential zoning doesn't allow hotels and other lodging businesses, so they city can't collect TOT taxes on those properties, said Mountain View Finance Director Patty Kong in an interview with the Voice.

"Under city zoning, that's not a qualified use for that area," Kong said. "We don't want to accept tax for something that's not in compliance. We're not condoning that use."

Like many other cities, Mountain View has had to play catch-up in crafting new rules for a wave of web-based companies that have changed how goods and services are delivered. But while city officials have raced to regulate some business ventures, Airbnb and its counterparts have remained mostly ignored.

The lack of priority has puzzled some council members and many residents, who describe it as akin to leaving money on the table. Exactly how much money the city could net in taxes is unclear, but it would likely be

at least a six-figure sum.

"It would be a substantial amount of money, and I haven't heard any opposition to doing something," said Councilman Lenny Siegel. "It's my hope that we'll move forward on something since this would easily pay for itself."

'Airbnb should be paying (transient occupancy) taxes just like a hotel does.'

DAVID HAEDTLER, AIRBNB HOST

On the high end, one well-rated Airbnb listing for an entire home can net upward of \$50,000 a year. But only a fraction of Airbnb rentals fetch that amount. The majority of listings in Mountain View are rented out for less than three months of the year.

Most are similar to Haedtler's listings, offering a spare bedroom or apartment to out-of-town visitors. Many of these rentals are run with a level of discretion, and even nearby neighbors are often unaware

there's a mini-hotel down the street.

Some listings have raised eyebrows. A couple years ago, a Monte Loma household pitched a backyard tent and began renting it out, spurring a city investigation and the removal of the listing. More recently, Airbnb hosts have offered to rent out vans outfitted with beds. City Attorney Jannie Quinn said the city has received only "a few" complaints about short-term rentals.

Nevertheless, the need for regulation has repeatedly popped up in city meetings over the years. The topic came up again and again last month as city leaders discussed rules for companion units and gasoline-delivery start-ups. Last week, Siegel asked to add Airbnb rules to the city's list of proposed goals for the upcoming fiscal year, a topic which will be taken up later this month.

But city staff have warned that creating good rules could be a significant time-sink. Drafting rules governing short-term rentals would involve several departments, including the city attorney's office and community development, both of which are described as overburdened.

Speaking for his team, Assistant Community Development Director Terry Blount expressed some wariness about taking on the job. He pointed out community development's list of potential goals has already surpassed 30 priorities, including several gatekeeper projects, precise plan updates and other studies. Off the top of his head, he suggested a full-fledged Airbnb rental ordinance would take into account impacts to the city's zoning and availability of housing and parking.

"The best way to characterize this would be what the city wants will determine how much work we have to do," he said. "We haven't had time to look at this because we've been so engaged on other things."

Siegel and other advocates question whether the job should really be that complicated. Since so many other cities have already examined this issue, Mountain View could probably borrow heavily from a neighboring city's rules.

"It's a matter of finding a local city that already has an Airbnb ordinance," Siegel said. "We have a lot to learn, but I'm pretty sure that other cities can help." ▼

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Henderson told board members. "If the board decided not to ratify a contract, we have a very strong argument that the contract is not enforceable."

Board member Tamara Wilson said she believes the best path forward is a written board policy that limits the ability of administrators to enter into non-written contracts or accepting services that are "way outside" the scope of the approved budget. Other board members agreed to place on a future agenda a board policy update dealing with contracts.

Board president Jose Gutierrez said the proposed changes should serve as an important step towards addressing what went wrong with Teach to One and putting any outstanding concerns about the problematic math program to rest.

"When you go through a process and you realize there are loopholes or weaknesses, you want to analyze it, you want to remedy it, and you want to move on," he said. ▼

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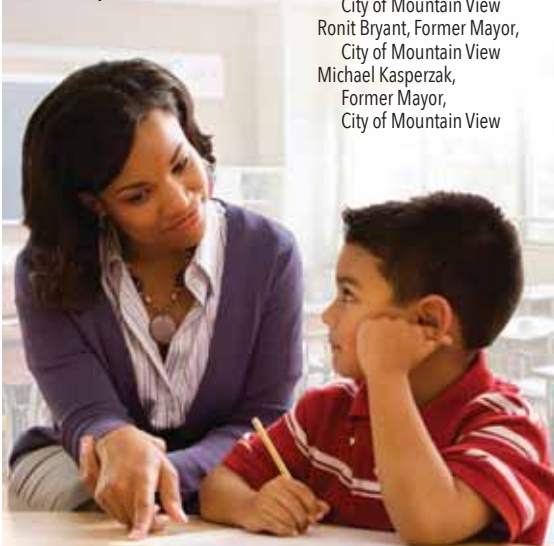
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Tax measure would hold the line for school funding

MEASURE B PROPONENTS SAY MAINTAINING LOCAL REVENUE IS KEY FOR STUDENTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Starting this week, Mountain View Whisman School District residents will get to decide whether to continue boosting local public education funding through a parcel tax. Measure B, an annual \$191-per-parcel tax, would safeguard against program cuts if fund-



ing from Sacramento is slashed, according to proponents of the measure.

Measure B, which is on the

May 2 all-mail ballot being sent out this week, would impose a \$191 tax on properties in the district for eight years, and would replace the district's Measure C parcel tax, which expires at the end of June. The tax would generate about \$2.8 million annually, and would go toward services to help "struggling" students; class-size reduction; support for

art and music; and hands-on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs.

The text of the measure has broad language and gives the district spending latitude that includes support for "core" academic programs and providing "competitive" compensation for teachers to attract and retain a strong staff. In past years, the district has struggled with a high teacher turnover rate, and last year gave teaching staff an 8 percent salary increase.

Measure B requires a two-thirds yes-vote to pass. The measure would generate roughly the same amount of tax revenue as the expiring Measure C parcel tax.

The ballot argument in favor of Measure B claims that the preservation of parcel tax revenue plays an important role in ensuring that students are as prepared for high school as those coming out of the Los Altos School District and other neighboring schools.

"All children deserve the same outstanding education regardless of where they attend school," according to the argument in support of the ballot measure, which was signed by school board president Jose Gutierrez, former Mountain View Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Carol Olson, and others.

District residents have supported a parcel tax since 2004 with the passage of Measure J, followed by Measure C in 2008. Under Measure C, property owners pay a varying amounts based on the size of the property; owners of properties 8,000 square feet or less paid \$127, and owners of the properties larger than 44,000 square feet pay \$1,016. Under Measure B, however, this "tiered" system will be replaced by a flat amount.

A flat tax isn't unusual — the nearby Los Altos School District and Palo Alto Unified both have flat tax rates on all properties — but it was the subject of lengthy debate by the school board, with some members challenging a flat tax as unfair to smaller property owners. If Measure B prevails at the ballot box, most homeowners will be paying \$64 more to support the existing level of funding.

But moving to a flat rate was defended as necessary to avoid a lawsuit. A 2012 decision by the California Court of Appeals ruled that school districts can levy taxes on property owners only if they are applied uniformly to all taxpayers or all real properties within the district.

In 2013, the California Supreme Court denied the request for a

re-hearing, leaving in place the Court of Appeals ruling. As a result, a tiered system would be vulnerable to a court challenge if passed today.

But the ruling did little to clarify which taxes are legal and which are not, and left a cloud of uncertainty over what would constitute a "uniform" tax under the state Government Code. The Mountain View Whisman district's legal counsel and parcel tax consultant have repeated that a parcel tax based on square footage would almost certainly be challenged in court, and that it would be best to stick with a flat tax rate.

Since the ruling, the vast majority of the 70 or so parcel tax measures that have passed in the state have been flat taxes, attorney Phil Henderson told the board at its Dec. 8 meeting. Only a few school districts have gone for a per-square-foot parcel tax, he said, and the ones that are in the East Bay and are less likely to face a challenge.

"I think the risks of going with a parcel tax that does have a square foot differentiation ... carries with it some risk," he said.

Although some school districts were able to avoid a legal battle, others weren't so lucky. Alameda Unified's Measure B1 parcel tax, which has a tax rate of 32 cents per square foot, is currently facing a lawsuit by the same parties that sued the school district in 2008.

Charles Heath, the district's parcel tax consultant, said a per-square-foot tax measure could also prompt property owners to mount a strong opposition campaign to Measure B. In 2003, the district attempted a 5-cent-per-square-foot parcel tax, and the Tri-County Apartment Association fought the measure and helped defeat it, Heath said. Since then, the district has been careful to craft measures that large property owners would support or remain neutral about.

In January 2015, two board members — Greg Coladonato and Steve Nelson — commissioned a second opinion by attorney O. Shane Balloun, who concluded that a per-square-foot parcel tax would be legal under the 2012 appeals court ruling. Because four board members are needed to put a parcel tax measure on the ballot, the district mothballed the parcel tax renewal until December, after Nelson's term had ended.

Nelson, who authored the

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INVITATION TO BID

1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Mountain View Whisman School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project, ("Project" or "Contract"):
Graham Middle School Courtyard Renovations Project.
2. Sealed Bids will be received **until 2:00 p.m., April 25, 2017**, at the District Office, located at 750-A San Pierre Way, Mountain View, California 94043, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.
3. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.
4. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: **A - General Engineering Contractor License OR B - General Building Contractor License.** The Bidder's license(s) must be active and in good standing at the time of the bid opening and must remain so throughout the term of the Contract.
5. As security for its Bid, each bidder shall provide with its Bid form a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. This bid security shall be a guarantee that the Bidder shall, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.
6. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Project.
7. The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.
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9. A non-mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on **Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.** at 1175 Castro Street, Mountain View, California 94040. All participants are required to sign in at the Administration Building. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately 1 hour.
10. Contract Documents are available on **Friday, April 7, 2017**, for review at the District Facilities Office, or from the District's Construction Managers, Greystone West Company, 621 W. Spain Street, Sonoma, California 95476, 707-933-0624. You can contact them by phone at (707) 933-0624 or by email at courtney@greystonewest.com. A list of builders' exchanges who have the project documents is available at Greystone West Company.
11. The District's Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.
12. The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid amount only.

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: Dr. Robert Clark, Associate Superintendent / Chief Business Officer

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RENT CONTROL

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Council members unanimously agreed she deserved a position on the committee.

But other decisions of the evening weren't so amicable, especially as it came to culling the list down to six. Council members found common ground on the need for a diversity of viewpoints on the committee in terms of gender, race and housing status, but they still disagreed over whom to cut.

Councilman Lenny Siegel, the council's lone Measure V supporter, made an emphatic plea to his colleagues not to boot rent control supporters from the committee, particularly Ramos and Ortiz. Otherwise, he warned, the council would be seen as stacking the committee with members who sympathized more with landlords.

"I urge those of you who didn't support Measure V to work now to establish trust," Siegel said. "If we don't do that, I think there will be a lot of mistrust in the community that we're trying to undermine this."

That view wasn't shared by most of his colleagues. Councilwoman Lisa Matchak pointed

out there were plenty of applicants who rented homes and weren't immersed in the politics of rent control.

"I don't think it will undermine trust if we have people who are independent," she said. "I personally cannot support having two people (on the committee) who were very much involved with Measure V."

Another lightning rod was Means, a Libertarian who had written a guest opinion piece opposing Measure V that was printed in the *Voice*. Mayor Ken Rosenberg, Councilwoman Pat Showalter and Siegel voted to make Means the alternate member on the committee. But the rest of the council resisted, describing Means as an independent thinker who would benefit the new committee with his policy experience.

In turn, each council member announced his or her pick for an alternate member, and it became clear it would fall on either Ortiz or Ramos. Rosenberg voted with council members Chris Clark, John McAlister, Margaret Abe-Koga and Lisa Matchak to make Ortiz the alternate member.

Picking the right members for the new committee has clearly been a crucial concern for city

leaders. The process, which started in December, drew more than 25 candidates, most of whom were interviewed in person by the council, some more than once.

Last month, a thin majority of the council voted to reopen applications for the committee, based on concerns that Mountain View landlords weren't being adequately represented.

The new committee will wield significant authority, second only to the City Council. Among its duties, the committee can determine how rigorously to enforce Measure V's provisions and is charged with setting citywide rent limits based on increases in the local Consumer Price Index. Additionally, the committee can hire its own staff and levy fees on landlords to offset the costs.

That degree of power troubled most council members in the weeks leading up to the election. The council will not be able to remove committee members after they are appointed to a four-year term, and some council members expressed concern over what would happen if a committee member went "rogue," overzealously pursuing landlords and creating a legal quagmire on the city's dime. ▀

Baertsch expressed confidence that his system could be successfully implemented in the South Bay as a public-private partnership. But doing so would only make sense if a larger system was implemented with connections throughout Mountain View and nearby cities, he said.

SkyTran is currently finishing up a round of investment

fundraising with plans to be "commercial ready" within two years, he said. The technology is good to go, all the company needs is to start manufacturing at capacity, Baertsch said.

"It's going to revolutionize transportation," he said.

More information can be found at mountainviewagtfesibility.com. ▀

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VOTING ON INSPIRE MV GRANTS

With a pot of money ready to be doled out, local tech leaders are asking Mountain View residents to pick for their favorite ideas to improve the local community.

Launched in February, the new initiative Inspire Mountain View collected a stack of ideas for fostering compassion and equity in the city. The group is now looking to local citizens to choose the best ideas for funding.

Among the 18 pitches submitted, the Community School of Music & Arts is seeking \$25,000 to host a three-day electronic music festival. Alta Vista High School wants \$50,000 to help finance a prototype that can 3D-print prescription eyeglasses as an educational tool. The Community Services Agency would like \$100,000 to feed up to 350 low-income families.

Inspire Mountain View is offering grant awards in each of the three funding levels. The grants come thanks to funding from LinkedIn, Symantec, Synopsis and Google.

Voting started on April 4 and will run through April 21. Winners will be announced on May 3.

Anyone interested in learning more about the ideas and casting a vote can do so at inspiremv.org.

—Mark Noack

DISTRACTED DRIVING

This month is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Reckless and distracted driving is the number one killer of U.S. teens, according to the California Highway Patrol.

It is illegal to hold or operate electronic devices, including smart phones, while driving. A phone must be mounted on the dash, the center console or one of the lower corners of the windshield to be legal, CHP officials said.

The phone must not impair the driver's ability to see or block the potential deployment of an airbag.

Only drivers 18 years old and older can use hands-free devices. Drivers under 18 years old cannot.

It's also illegal for drivers to text while driving, according to CHP officials.

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TRANSIT SYSTEM

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said, and only narrowed the field by looking for driverless systems that would need only a remote monitor. At this point, no price-comparison information for the options was available.

"In all of this, the goal would be to integrate it with what's happening in the community," she said. "This wouldn't be the end-all, be-all that solves every problem with commuter traffic congestion."

In a sign of a possible partnership, Cupertino Councilman Rod Sinks attended the meeting and voiced support for the concept.

"Our residents are growing so frustrated with transit that there's a backlash against growth," he said. "I'd love for you to succeed and succeed quickly, and I'd love to grow it to my city and beyond."

The consultant team would take those idea into consideration with the city's various long-term plans for growth to try and produce three or so alternatives, Baumgartner said. A final report is expected around September.

Also in attendance was Robert Baertsch, founder of SkyTran, a local player in the so-called automated-guideway transit field. His small five-person company at the NASA Ames Research Center has patented a magnetic rail technology that is currently being prototyped in Israel with plans to build a second system at an Abu Dhabi amusement park.

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HOUSING PROJECT

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be leased out to Google. The new proposed development includes 203 apartments in one structure directly facing the Highway 101 on-ramp, as well as 100 condominiums to the east of the office building.

In a letter to city staff with the initial proposal in 2015, the developer referred to the property as a “unique opportunity” for mixed-use office and residential development that follows the spirit of the draft North Bayshore Precise Plan transforming the jobs-rich area of the city with thousands of new housing units. By putting jobs and housing right next door, the developer expects the project to have a “self-mitigating” jobs-housing balance.

The property also appears to be a bad place for retail, park land and underground parking. Since the developers’ original gatekeeper proposal was submitted, 3,000 square feet of proposed retail has vanished, and the five-story residential buildings have grown to seven stories to make room for two levels of above-grade parking.

Although the city typically requires underground parking for nearly all of its residential developments, digging below the surface and removing groundwater could spread contaminated water from the nearby Teledyne Spectra-Physics Superfund plume north of the site.

It’s one of several Superfund sites in the city stemming from toxic chemicals, including carcinogenic TCE (trichloroethylene), that leaked or were dumped and



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A seven-story housing project proposed for 1001 North Shoreline is illustrated in this rendering.

which then contaminated the groundwater flowing underneath the area.

Council members quickly agreed at the April 4 study session not to require to developer to study underground parking. Council member Pat Showalter, who has worked as a geo-hydrologist, called the requirement “overkill” and that there’s a very low chance the developer is going to find underground parking to be feasible, given the proximity to the groundwater plume. Council member Lenny Siegel added that it would be difficult to prove in a study, without a reasonable doubt, that underground parking wouldn’t disrupt the plume, and that the developer could end up on the hook for the cleanup if the contaminated plume spreads as a result of the digging and groundwater removal.

“If they spread the plume

beyond its current boundaries they can be named as a potentially responsible party and be liable for the entire cleanup of the site if the other responsible parties aren’t able to do that,” Siegel said.

Council members also overwhelmingly supported allowing the developer to pay in-lieu fees instead of providing park space — acknowledging that it was a lousy location for a park — and agreed to study whether to allow the developer to provide fewer parking spaces than would normally be allowed for high-density housing. Under the city’s Model Parking Standard, the project would be required to provide 458 spaces for the homes, but Calvano’s proposal only provides for 364 spaces. Shared parking with the nearby office building could be one of the ways to off-load parking

demand in nearby lots.

Although the proposal before the City Council on Tuesday night called for setting aside 10 percent of both the condominiums and apartments for below-market rate (BMR) housing — which is typical — council members mostly agreed that all of the BMR units ought to be apartments. The developer could also shift some of the units from low-income to moderate-income families, expanding access to the affordable units to families making up to 120 percent of the Area Median Income. An additional package of community benefits will be developed during the formal review process for the project in the coming months.

Council members were split, however, when it came to requiring retail. Although the original gatekeeper proposal called for 3,000 square feet of ground-level retail on the project site, the developer has since dropped it from the proposal, claiming it wouldn’t thrive at the project’s location. The city’s Environmental Planning Commission last month agreed to recommend that Calvano stick to its original proposal, and council members John McAlister, Siegel and Mayor Ken Rosenberg said they were hesitant to lose valuable retail space.

“I think we’re going to have to develop the habit of requiring retail even at the risk that it might get subsidized,” Siegel said. “We’re losing too much retail in our community.”

Rosenberg said the claim that retail wouldn’t thrive in the project’s location doesn’t quite add up. The previous business in that location, Fiesta Del Mar, was one of Mountain View’s most popular restaurants before it shut down in 2015 to make way for the office development.

“I don’t want to accept that it’s not possible,” Rosenberg said. ▣

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CRIME BRIEFS

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vehicle and found property from a previous burglary in San Jose as well as drug paraphernalia, according to the press release.

The suspects have been identified as 33-year-old Michael Esayas Temesgen and 37-year-old Lyle Edward Peterson Jr., both transients from San Jose; 26-year-old Milpitas resident Ariel Kaye Kleefman of Milpitas, and 31-year-old Derrick Maurice Dixon II of Milpitas.

All four suspects were booked into Santa Clara County jail. Temesgen, who is on probation, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, evading officers, hit and run, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. Kleefman was charged with possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, possession of narcotics and possession of drug paraphernalia. Lyle Peterson Jr. was charged with charged with possession of stolen property, resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant. Derrick Dixon II, who is on formal probation, was booked on charges of possession of stolen property, resisting arrest and possession of drug paraphernalia.

KOHL’S ARREST

A 38-year-old Mountain View man was arrested Sunday after he was allegedly caught trying to use another person’s credit card at Kohl’s, and was later found to be in possession of multiple stolen identification cards and burglary tools.

Police received reports that security staff at the Kohl’s on Showers Drive detained a man, later identified as Noriel Bautista, for trying to make a purchase with a credit card that did not belong to him. Officers learned that Bautista had driven to the Kohl’s in a vehicle that was reported stolen out of Milpitas a few days prior, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Inside the vehicle, officers allegedly found stolen ID cards, a bank statement from someone in the Central Valley, drug paraphernalia, gift cards, shaved keys and items used to craft fake ID and credit cards, Nelson said.

Bautista was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail on charges of attempted petty theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, misappropriation of property, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.

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City awaits judge's rent control decision

By Mark Noack

It was a bit of a letdown Tuesday morning as a standing-room-only crowd packed a San Jose courtroom to see if Mountain View's new rent control law could withstand its first major legal challenge.

But that question will have to wait for another day. After hearing arguments from both sides, Superior Court Judge William

Elfving indicated he wouldn't issue an immediate ruling, leaving the voter-approved Measure V in limbo.

"I will take this matter under submission," Elfving announced at the April 4 hearing. "I will consider (these arguments) and do the best I can to get it right."

The hearing focused on a request by landlord advocates for a preliminary injunction, which would continue blocking

enactment of the rent-control law until a final judgment is made in the lawsuit. Up until this point, Measure V has been halted under a temporary restraining order, but that hold will be expiring soon.

For attorneys in the case, the lack of decision on Tuesday wasn't a big surprise. Elfving had declined to issue a tentative ruling prior to the hearing, an indication that he wanted more

time to consider his decision, said Jannie Quinn, Mountain View's city attorney.

Quinn said it would probably take a week for a decision to be handed down, although the judge was certainly entitled to take longer.

The delay in ruling capped a heated round of arguments from both sides. Lawyers representing the plaintiff, the California Apartment Association, said they

had found 58 deficiencies in the language of Measure V. In sum, attorney Stephen Pahl said the measure "tramples on the rights of a minority" — landlords — who would be restricted from participating in a future rental housing committee. Measure V limits the number of landlords or real estate professionals on the five-member committee to no more than two.

"There's a permanent underclass being created where solely by virtue of occupation you're prohibiting them from maintaining a position on the (rental housing committee)," he said. "While you can patch a few holes, at some point there's so many holes that the boat will sink."

The CAA lawyers included four declarations from landlords testifying they would suffer damages if Measure V were implemented, particularly its provision to roll back rents to 2015 rates.

Defending the measure, attorneys for the city and its allies argued that the court had a duty to exercise extreme caution in blocking Measure V, since it was a voter-approved ballot measure. Attorney James Harrison said the landlords failed to show that the text of Measure V was explicitly in conflict with established law or that it would cause irreparable harm.

"The right of initiative is one of the most precious in our democracy and the court has to jealously guard that right," said attorney James Harrison.

"For all the criticism leveled at this measure ... it was carefully drafted to control excessive rents and arbitrary eviction," he said. "This measure is consistent with other laws that have been approved over and over and over again."

Updates on the court case will be posted to mv-voice.com.

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Support for new housing expands in Bay Area

Older voters who have lived in the Bay Area the longest and own their own home are less likely to want new housing built in their neighborhood than younger voters who rent and have lived in the area for a shorter time, according to poll results released on Sunday, April 2.

The poll conducted for the Bay Area Council, an organization sponsored by businesses, showed that 70 percent of voters 18 to 39 years old support the construction of new housing in their neighborhood.

That's less than the 57 percent of voters 40 to 64 years old and a similar number of voters 65 years old and older who support new housing construction in their neighborhood.

Seventy-six percent of voters who have lived in the area five years or less and 75 percent who have lived in the area between six and ten years support new housing construction in their neighborhood.

That's more than the 55 percent who have lived in the Bay Area 20 years or more and support construction of new housing in their neighborhood.

"We're shutting the door on future generations — sons, daughters, grandchildren," Jim Wunderman, president and CEO of the council, said in a statement.

He said the housing supply needs to grow "dramatically."

While the poll showed generational differences in support for new housing, it also showed growing support among all voters.

This year, 62 percent said they support building new housing in their neighborhood, up from 56 percent in 2014.

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Maundy Thursday Service
 April 13, 7:30pm, Sanctuary

Good Friday Service
 April 14, 7:30pm, Creekside Center

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
 April 15, 7:30pm, Creekside Center

Easter Sunrise Service
 April 16, 6:30am,
 Sanctuary Garden

Easter Morning Services
 April 16, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:15am, Sanctuary

Easter Contemporary Service
 April 16, 5:00pm, Creekside Center



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 April 13 | 7:00 pm

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 April 14 | 12:00 & 7:00 pm

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Bull Cover (detail), Indian Textile from the collection of Carol Sumner, 39" x 56 1/2"

COURTESY OF CMSA

Indian textiles will be on display at the Community School of Music and Arts as part of the "ArtWorlds: India" exhibition and event.

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The Palo Alto Philharmonic will premiere a trumpet concerto by composer-in-residence Lee Actor and performed by trumpet soloist Guy Clark, at a performance on Saturday, April 8, at 8 p.m. at Cubberley Theatre, 400 Middlefield Road. Actor is the recipient of several composition awards and has released a number of albums. He previously worked as a video-game developer. The concert will be preceded by a discussion at 7:30 p.m. Also featured in the program will be Carl Nielsen's "Maskarade Overture" and Jean

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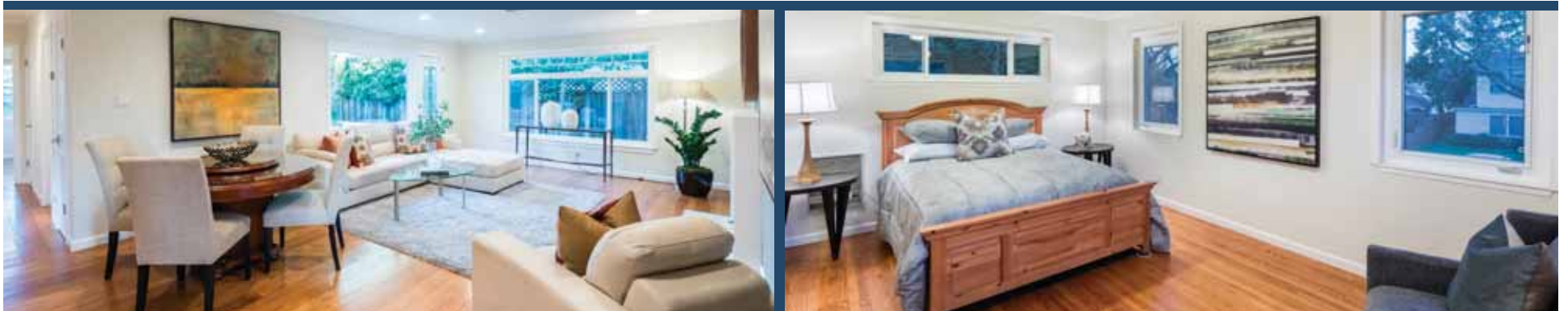


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Crowd chases indecent exposure suspect

By Kevin Forestieri

A Redwood City man was arrested over the weekend after he allegedly exposed himself to a woman in the parking lot of an Orchard Supply Hardware in Mountain View, according to police.

The victim told police that she was sitting in her car in the parking lot of the hardware store at 2555 Charleston Road around 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, when the man, later identified as 31-year-old Brandon Yamagata, pulled up beside her. Yamagata then allegedly walked to the victim's car, mumbled something to her and then exposed himself, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.



Brandon Yamagata

The woman fled the vehicle through the passenger side and yelled for help, causing Yamagata to get back in his car and drive through the parking lot, Nelson said.

Shortly after that incident, Yamagata allegedly confronted a second woman leaving the parking lot of the nearby REI store and tried to get a ride in her vehicle. The woman called for help and Yamagata tried to run away, Nelson said, but several people nearby ran after him. A police sergeant saw the crowd following Yamagata, pulled over and detained him.

Officers searched Yamagata's vehicle and said they found a methamphetamine pipe and an ID card for a teenager, a minor who lives in the area. After interviewing Yamagata, police believed that Yamagata was having an inappropriate relationship with the teenager, Nelson said.

Yamagata was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on a long list of charges including indecent exposure, annoying or molesting a child, unlawful sex with a minor, furnishing a controlled substance to a minor, child endangerment and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail is set at \$100,000.

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TAX MEASURE

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ballot argument against the measure, vented about the board president leaving the parcel tax off the agenda until after he was off the board, and said the flat tax rate would mean wealthy landowners would have to pay less to support public schools.

With Measure C set to expire in just a few months, board members took the conservative approach with the \$191 flat tax, which board member Ellen Wheeler called a “pragmatic” decision in the face of so much uncertainty.

The campaign trail

Since the board’s January approval of placing the measure on the ballot, current and former district parents have been moving fast to support the Measure B campaign effort with phone banking, mailers, precinct walking and introducing the parcel tax to as many parents as possible.

“We’re trying to get people door-to-door as well as by mailbox and every avenue that’s available to us,” said Fiona Walter, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board member and former Mountain View Whisman trustee.

Cleave Frink, a district parent and a Measure B campaign leader, said a key argument that resonates for voters is that all the money raised through the tax will remain in the community and go toward improving district schools. Over the next eight years, the money would maintain a wide range of programs and services that have improved the district’s 10 schools in recent years, he said.

The tax authorized by Measure B would be relatively small compared with those in neighboring school districts. Los Altos School District residents pay \$820 with two measures in place — the larger of which never sunsets — and Palo Alto Unified School District residents voted in favor of a \$758 measure last year.

Organizations supporting Measure B include the Santa Clara County School Boards Association, the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association, the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, Silicon Valley Leadership Group and the local chapter of the League of Women Voters.

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District’s board of trustees voted to endorse the measure last month, and all of the Mountain View Whisman district PTAs have endorsed the measure as of Tuesday, according to board member and parent Laura Blakely.

All Mountain View City

Council members have come out in favor of the measure, as well as State Sen. Jerry Hill, Assemblyman Marc Berman and county Supervisor Joe Simitian.

The campaign has received support from both current and former district parents as well as current and retired school employees, who have volunteered to phone bank for Measure B. It takes some time to build momentum and remind people that campaigns don’t just happen by themselves, Walter said, but after weeks of recruitment she thinks the campaign is going well.

“Momentum is really on our side at this point,” Walter said.

Ballots were mailed out to district residents on April 3, and voters have until election day on May 2 to vote.

Drop-off sites include Mountain View City Hall at 500 Castro St. and the Santa Clara County Government Center on the first floor of 70 W. Hedding St. in San Jose. The Mountain View Public Library at 585 Franklin St. has an outside drop-box available 24 hours a day. ■

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Stanford University's Memorial Church will host a benefit concert in support of the humanitarian organization International Rescue Committee (IRC), which helps those affected by the global refugee crisis, on Saturday, April 8, from 7-9 p.m. Led by poet Farhan Kathawala (of Stanford's Spoken Word Collective), the event will include performances by campus a cappella group Talisman, the 10-piece Stanford Middle East Ensemble (playing a blend of traditional and classical music from Egypt, Syria, Iran and Turkey), plus individual student performers of music, dance, comedy and poetry. Tickets are \$5-8 and all proceeds go to IRC. The event is sponsored by Stanford's Muslim Student Union in partnership with Markaz: Resource Center, the Office of Religious Life, the Iranian Studies Program, the Haas Center for Public Service, the Arab Students Association, the Bechtel International Center and the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies. Go to events.stanford.edu/680/68075/.
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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Endorsement: Vote yes on Measure B

Voters in the Mountain View Whisman School District should be receiving ballots this week to decide whether district property owners should be taxed at a rate of \$191 per parcel annually for the next eight years to support programs in the district's 10 elementary and middle schools. We urge you to support this tax — Measure B — which would continue the flow of needed revenue that is now generated by the parcel tax that expires June 30.

Under the existing tax, Measure C, property owners with parcels 8,000 square feet or smaller pay \$127 annually, with the tax rising from there on larger parcels. In the minds of most people, this tiered system of taxing is fair. Unfortunately, a 2012 state appeals court ruling declared it illegal. So the district crunched the numbers and concluded that if all property owners were to pay a flat amount, which raises the tax by \$64 annually for those paying the least now, tax revenue would remain at the same level. That's close to \$3 million each year.

Parcel tax revenue would help fund smaller class sizes, music and arts programs, enhanced STEM programs, support for English language learners and students who are struggling academically, and other vital programs. Those are features

in this school district's program that no one who cares about education should want to see diminished or eliminated.

The tax itself is low compared with those of neighboring school districts. In the Los Altos School District, property owners pay \$820 per parcel each year; in the Palo Alto Unified School District, that figure is \$758. Earlier this year, Menlo Park City School District voters approved a new parcel tax that combines with existing measures for a total tax bill of more than \$1,000 per parcel annually.

Former school board member Steve Nelson continues to oppose the tax on the principle of fairness. His ballot argument against Measure B complains that "large wealthy landowners pay less than before" under its terms. But does the district want to put itself in a position of vulnerability to a court challenge by continuing with a tiered system? Do voters want to see money that could fund classroom programs that directly benefit kids directed instead to cover legal costs for such a battle? We think the answer is clear.

Support Measure B to keep funding to the school district flowing at its current level and avoid cutbacks in programs and staffing. And don't forget to return your ballots or vote in person by May 2. ▣

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

SOLUTION NEEDED FOR VEHICLE HOUSING

The following letter was sent to our City Council members, and at this point I have not received a reply from any one of them:

I want to contact you about an issue that I see problematic from my point of view as a taxpayer and longtime resident.

I am very empathetic to the situation of escalating home and rental prices in our city. I was extremely fortunate — I bought a house 30 years ago. I understand that it is so very expensive to live in our community.

The problem is, I am witnessing people squatting on our streets and neighborhoods. This is definitely happening on Crisanto Avenue near Rengstorff Park, on Latham Street near Target, on Shoreline Drive north of El Camino near Eagle Park, and even on Miramonte, close to my home.

People are parking campers, RVs, and panel trucks on these streets and living there, without any safety nets — sanitation, running water, refuse removal, utilities — and endangering people and children living in their places. They are working on

their vehicles, using trash facilities they do not pay for, leaving trash and cigarette butts in the street, and are parking on streets with vehicles that block sight-line of traffic, and block bike lanes, causing bicyclists to swing into traffic to move by safely.

As a property taxpayer to the city, though empathetic, this is not right. I surely do not have an answer, but allowing this to take place on our streets is extremely unfair to those residents living here and paying taxes for our city services. In light of homes that have become multi-million dollar homes, this does not look good for our community.

The idea that some developer is going to build, sell or rent affordable housing is laughable in this market. Maybe the city needs to purchase or create a mobile park for transient residents — with a time limit and low-cost rent for utilities and facilities there.

I know that one of the current city statutes, the 72-hour abandoned car law, just really doesn't cover this issue. Residents are not allowed to park their own RVs and campers on their own property without proper space and easement, so why are homeless people, who do not pay

property tax, being allowed to park vehicles on our streets?

When I contact the Mountain View Police Department, they quote the 72-hour abandoned car statute, and they appear to be frustrated and powerless to enforce our city's laws — most frustratingly by the City Council's unwillingness to do anything about this issue. That's just not good enough. People should not be living in vehicles on Mountain View's streets, period.

This is an issue that needs immediate attention; it is getting worse by the moment, and without any enforcement, this only emboldens or encourages more people to try this.

*Marc Shaw
Trophy Drive*

are hard and spiked and cover the streets near Sylvan Park after every rain and wind storm.

My wife and I have been walking our dogs two miles every day for the last 25 years. During that time I have tripped, fallen and twisted ankles from stickerballs endlessly. There is a stretch of Hedgerow Court called "Ed's gutter" due to the frequency of my tripping and landing therein.

I would like to ask the city of Mountain View to "repeal and replace" all of the miserable stickerball-producing trees in Mountain View and put less malign, non-human-hating trees in their place.

*Ed Taub
Devoto Street*

REPEAL AND REPLACE THE DEVIL'S CRUEL TOYS

I have written many letters to the Mountain View Voice, mostly about global and national issues. However, I have a new issue, one much closer to home: stickerballs.

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The chicken breast kebab is served with basmati rice and a simple salad at Kabobs and Pupuseria in Mountain View.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Chicken soup is served Salvadoran-style, with the chicken on the side, at Kabobs and Pupuseria.

By Alissa Merksamer | Photos by Michelle Le

Once upon a time, about 30 years ago, there was a doughnut shop in a strip mall in Mountain View. The people of the town were happy with it, but then they started to crave something savory. Many customers were of Salvadoran descent and they began requesting pupusas, those thick griddled masa cakes stuffed with melted cheese and other ingredients. Why not use the kitchen during the day to make pupusas, suggested a customer, since the doughnuts were always made in the wee hours? The owners readily agreed.

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Rashami Mulge, the owner of Kabobs and Pupuseria, sets a table on April 4.

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KABOBS

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The townspeople were happy, but then the neighborhood started to change. Many of the Salvadoran customers moved away. Nobody seemed to want doughnuts either. Business was slow and new owner Rashami Mulge, who'd taken over from his aunt and uncle, needed to make a change. About eight months ago, a customer had an idea. He was a chef who used to work at a Persian restaurant, and he offered to make kebabs. Mulge liked the proposition, so he took doughnuts off the menu and set up his kitchen with one chef preparing Persian kebabs and the other chef preparing the Salvadoran dishes. He renamed the space Kabobs and Pupuseria.

Good news apparently travels slowly because the restaurant was nearly empty during my visits over a few weekends. That's unfortunate because the pupusas are excellent and the kebabs are just as good as the ones served at a sit-down restaurant but for half the price.

Maybe people are having trouble finding it? A behemoth Cost Plus World Market a few doors down dwarfs the restaurant. When you do walk inside, you might not immediately notice that it has some nice aesthetics. That's because two giant self-serve refrigerators command your focus. They're filled with bottled drinks, including Mexican sodas and horchata. Look beyond these eyesores to discover two-toned wooden tables that complement brown and cream striped walls.

Walk up to the a beige mock-marble counter to place your order. Behind the smudged

Cassio register, a large menu has been tacked to the wall, flanked on both sides by pictures of nearly every item. Stop yourself from making any negative judgments about a restaurant that shows pictures of its food. As you scan the menu, ask yourself: "Am I in the mood for Persian kebabs or Salvadoran food?" It's a trick question because the answer is both. Order a medley of items for your table to share, made easy because pupusas and kebabs are available a la carte or as a plate with rice.

Try the chicken thigh kebab (\$12.99), its bone-in meat is succulent with blistered edges that hint of citrus. A yogurt marinade keeps it moist. The Cornish game hen (\$14.99) and chicken breast kebab (\$12.99) suffer from a bit of dryness, just in their end pieces, but a quick squeeze of the lemon wedge will solve the problem. Soft basmati rice, tinted yellow from saffron, comes with your kebab, as does a forgettable salad of iceberg lettuce, tomato and raw onion. In typical Bay Area style, you can also order your kebabs wrapped in a tortilla as a burrito (\$6.99).

Chicken also proves to be a great choice on the Salvadoran side of the menu. What's listed as a chicken stew (\$11.99) is actually a chicken thigh lounging in a rust-colored gravy that's a bit thicker than enchilada sauce. The chicken flakes off the bone effortlessly, ready to be dragged through the sauce that's flavored with dried red chiles. Like all the Salvadoran plates here, this one comes with rice speckled with a few carrot and green pepper bits and refried beans that tend toward the runny side.

A chicken soup (\$12.99) is not as satisfying as the stew, namely

because of the lack of vegetables in your huge bowl of broth. As is the Salvadoran custom, the chicken comes on the side where most people order it grilled, though you can also opt for it fried. You can eat it separately or shred into the soup. At some restaurants, you need to add it to the soup because the chicken is too dry on its own. Not here. The grilled version is perfectly tender. Both the soup and stew come with a stack of earthy Salvadoran tortillas. These are just like pupusas without the filling. Somehow each one manages to stay hot from the top of the stack to the bottom.

Definitely order some pupusas (\$2.75) for the table. There are seven types to choose from, filled with melted Monterey Jack cheese and ingredients like zucchini, beans or locoro, a type of edible flower. Unlike pupusas found elsewhere, these ones don't leave an oozy pile of cheese grease on your plate. (Don't mistake these for diet food either. Pupusas are naturally heavy.) Eat them with the accompanying curtido, a cabbage slaw whose vinegary bite will vary slightly depending on when you visit, but does its job of cutting the grease. You'll also receive a bowl of thin watery salsa that never seems to taste like much, no matter where I've tried it, but always accompanies pupusas.

The person working at the counter may offer you a bottle of chutney with your food. Owner Mulge is Indian, and his aunt makes a murky chile-infused oil that will burn off your tongue should you try more than a drop. But you absolutely should try a drop. It has a touch of sweetness despite all the fire, and goes beautifully with the pupusas and chicken soup, since the Salvadoran food is characteristically mild.

If your palate runs salty, try an order of fried yucca with chicharrones (\$9.99) for the table. Yucca is a starchy vegetable similar to a potato. The chef cuts it into squat pieces, thicker than a steak fry, and deeply fries them until they turn light gold. The texture is starchier, firmer and not as buttery as a potato, but this is much softer than some other versions. Scattered around the yucca are soft, moist pieces of pork just the right size for popping into your mouth. The pork is too salty to eat on its own and must be combined with the yucca and curtido.

A side of sweet fried plantains (\$6.99) can also counteract the sodium. These pan-fried relatives of the banana are creamy inside and even better when you dip the slices into your cooling dish of crema (similar to sour cream).

Despite serving two cuisines



Pupusas, griddled cakes of corn masa stuffed with melted cheese and beans, come with a salsa for dipping, tangy curtido slaw and rice.

very well, Kabobs and Pupuseria doesn't always hit the mark. Falafels (\$8.99), which are actually Arabic and not Persian, taste

as if they've been microwaved rather than fried. A Salvadoran chicken tamale (\$2.50) steamed in banana leaves was mushy with

almost no chicken inside.

Aside from a few misses, this doughnut shop turned pupuseria and kebab restaurant produces

remarkably good food despite an unlikely concept. "Everybody is so skeptical until they come and try it, and they love it," says Mulge. I believe him. ▣

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

BOSS BABY ★★1/2

Loosely adapted from Marla Frazee's 2010 children's book, "The Boss Baby" constructs an elaborate fable of hard-fought sibling rivalry overcome. The shortest distance between the two points of a child's fear and jealousy at a baby sibling's arrival, and acceptance and love of said sibling would probably look a lot more like a "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" talk-it-out, perhaps gussied up with a gentle song. But this version takes a wild ride on corporate chutes and ladders to get where it's going. Like last fall's "Storks," "The Boss Baby" begins with an alternate-reality depiction of where babies come from. Heaven happily dispenses babies from an assembly line. A few are singled out for the executive track, and hence the Boss Baby (voiced

by Alec Baldwin), a cubicle dweller who dreams of one day taking the top office in the baby biz. After a strong start, "The Boss Baby" turns out to be fairly one-note in its humor, and not as lively as you would assume it would be. But the animation charmingly evokes an earlier era (despite some fresher references, the style is 1950s-ish), and Oscar winner Hans Zimmer turns in a winningly John Williams-esque score. *Rated PG for some mild rude humor. One hour, 37 minutes.* — P.C.

THE LAST WORD ★★

In what's likely to be AARP's movie of the year, the Mark Pellington dramedy "The Last Word," Hollywood legend Shirley MacLaine gets top billing as a spiteful dowager — but one who's eminently redeemable. The star plays Harriet Lauler, a retired businesswoman with obsessive-compulsive personality disorder and a death wish. After a failed



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Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman and Alan Arkin star in "Going in Style."

No points for 'Style'

THREE OSCAR WINNERS SERVE COMFORT FOOD

★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

It's tempting to refer to "Going in Style," the 2017 remake of Martin Brest's 1979 bank-caper comedy-drama, as "pabulum," in the sense of being "insipid, simplistic or bland." The irony, though, is that pabulum primarily refers to a nutritious (if unappetizing) foodstuff, and the new "Going in Style" has precisely the opposite character, since it qualifies as comfort food with no nutritional value.

In this polished but hollow remake, written by Theodore Melfi ("Hidden Figures") and directed by Zach Braff ("Garden State"), three old codgers often kibitz about how they've earned the right to be able to enjoy their pie in their old age (and be able to afford it whenever they wish). The pie serves as a more suitable metaphor for "Going in Style" 2017: a tasty treat of empty calories, enjoyable in the moment but hardly healthy. On that level, "Going in Style" proves short-term functional.

A heavyweight trio of Oscar winners play the codgers, which gets this "Going in Style" as far as it was going to go. Joe (Michael

Caine) faces foreclosure on the home he's bought for his daughter (Maria Dizzia) and granddaughter (Joey King of Braff's "Wish I Was Here"), while his buddies Willie (Morgan Freeman) and Albert (Alan Arkin) share a house by financial necessity. At the film's outset, they all become victimized by the new economy, when their pension dissolves following the acquisition of the steel company where they worked for decades.

Add to this Willie's late-stage renal failure, and you have the recipe for desperate urgency that enables Joe to hatch a crazy plan. The trio will rob a bank that, in a twist of ethical convenience, has some responsibility for enabling their financial plight (and, in a broader sense, that of many middle- and working-class Americans). Given modern security measures, this plot makes for an even harder sell in 2017 than in 1979. And so the trio must enlist a "lowlife" (John Ortiz) to plan the heist in exchange for a no-risk cut.

As for the risk facing the old friends, Joe points out that, in

the worst case, they'll wind up with "a bed, three meals a day, and better health care than we get now." So far, so tolerable for this "Grumpy Old Men" with guns, complete with star chemistry and Ann-Margret as the aging but desirable sexpot (here paired with the grumpiest, Arkin). But Melfi and Braff turn down a blind alley when they stage an insultingly stupid grocery-store robbery for cheap laughs at the expense of our heroes.

This tenaciously populist, unreasonably optimistic feel-good fantasy fully embraces comedy, covering its ears and braying to drown out the original film's darkness and realism and genuine emotion. It's another sign of the times that Hollywood thinks we can no longer handle the original story line. Quippy old farts, okay. Bank heist, hell yes. Interpolated pot-dispensary sequence, of course. Consequences? Fuggedaboutit.

Rated PG-13 for drug content, language and some suggestive material. One hour, 36 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

suicide attempt, Harriet decides that she ought to see to one last project: her legacy. And so she marches right down to the local paper and hijacks the one-woman obituary department, Anne (Amanda Seyfried). Harriet tells Anne, "You are going to help shape a legacy instead of just transcribing it." Lauler lays out four elements to a really great obituary: The deceased should be loved by their families; admired by their coworkers; have touched someone's life unexpectedly; ...And the fourth, that's the wild card. Using that outline, "The Last Word" pretty much writes itself. In spite of its heart-tugging ruthlessness, I'd be lying if I said "The Last Word" were without its simple pleasures. It's still fun to watch MacLaine ply her trade.

Rated R for language. One hour, 48 minutes. — P.C.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

★★

Disney's live-action animated remake of its 1991 classic "Beauty and the Beast," proves dispiriting. Director Bill Condon ("Dreamgirls," "Mr. Holmes") only manages to breathe life into the material when he diverges from the original film, as in the sumptuous bookends set in the pre- and post-curse castle of the French prince of swell hair (Dan Stevens). There, Madame de Garderobe (Broadway goddess Audra McDonald) sings a new number as the screen fills with gloriously costumed waltzers. Once

the prince is cursed to live as a beast, his castle enchanted, and his attendants turned into furniture, not much changes about "Beauty and the Beast," except our enjoyment of it. The story's intact, Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's songs remain (with four nice-enough but narratively unnecessary new songs by Menken and Tim Rice), and there's still plenty to look at it. But the tone is all wrong: the warmth is gone, and Condon's version of the spectacle feels cluttered, claustrophobic, and hurried in ways the original doesn't. So why should anyone see the remake? Beyond curiosity, I can't think of any compelling reasons. *Rated PG for some action violence, peril and frightening images. Two hours, 9 minutes.* — P.C.

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HIGHLIGHT

'RAGS'

This musical about the struggles of immigrants focuses on a Jewish European mother and her son who arrive in New York City in the early part of the 20th century — an introduction to America that, for some, included working at sweatshops like the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. April 5-16, times vary. \$20-\$43. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

THEATER

EarFIlms "To Sleep to Dream" is an EarFilm, an immersive audioplay with narration, acting and music within a three-dimensional listening environment customized for the Bing Studio. The plot involves a rebel who fights against a futuristic, totalitarian government that outlaws dreaming. April 8 and 9, 4:30-7 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford.

'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest' The Los Altos Stage Company presents the drama about a felon who thinks he's pulled a fast one by feigning insanity to get out of a prison sentence. Instead of resting at the hospital, he finds himself leading an insurrection, landing him in the crosshairs of a nurse. April 13-May 7, times vary. \$15-\$18. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

'The Wild Party' Inspired by a 1928 poem by Joseph March, this production of Andrew Lipka's "The Wild Party" is intense, jazzy, and thrilling. It follows a glamorous, frustrated couple that decides to throw a party to defuse tension after a fight; things spiral out of control. April 14-15 and 20-22, 8-10:30 p.m. Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. musical.stanford.edu

CONCERTS

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Concert on the Plaza All are invited to join friends and neighbors and bring a blanket or lawn chair to the Civic Center Plaza for a variety of musical performances. There will also be food trucks, a "Pop Up Park" area for children and, for adults, beer and wine. First Friday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/plazaevents

Fortnightly Music Club Concert The Fortnightly Music Club will present a chamber music concert that is free and open to the public. Following the program, refreshments will be served, and there will be an opportunity to meet with the performers. April 9, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto.

Palo Alto Philharmonic 'Actor World Premiere' Orchestra Concert Award-winning composer-in-residence Lee Actor will unveil another work, this time featuring Palo Alto Philharmonic's principal trumpet player, Guy Clark. There will be a pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m. April 8, 8 p.m. \$22, general; \$18, senior; \$10, student. Cubberly Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org/pages/concerts/orch4.php

SF Mandolin Orchestra Performs Pergolesi's Stabat Mater The San Francisco Mandolin Orchestra's Spring 2017 features the Stabat Mater by Pergolesi, as well as Adagio for Strings by Samuel Barber. Achille Bocus will conduct the orchestra, and the performance will feature two renowned Bay Area singers, soprano Susan Gundunas and alto Twila Ehmcke. April 9, 4-6 p.m. \$18, general; \$10 students and seniors. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. sfmandolin.org

St. Lawrence String Quartet Good Friday Concert In this seven-section work, lasting just over an hour, Haydn is at his most reflective. Evoking the last hours of Christ's life, the work's individual sections carry tempo markings of Largo, Adagio, Lento and Grave. In this performance, and as it was written, Seven Last Words will be punctuated with readings from the Good Friday service. April 14, 5 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

MUSIC

An Evening with Andy Narell feat. Cardinal Calypso Andy Narell, a jazz musician and composer, took the steel pan out of the steel band and brought it into the jazz band. This concert features Andy Narell, along with with Stanford's steel pan group, Cardinal Calypso. April 9, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10, in advance; \$15, at the door. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. cardinalcalypso.eventbrite.com

ArtWorlds: India ArtWorlds is a celebration of art from around the globe, featuring traditional arts of India and an Indian classical dance performance. There will be a Kathak performance by Soyali Goswami and Kathakars School of Dance as well as a reception with Indian cuisine and wine. April 14, 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/

Blues Good Friday Service This event features blues-style Christian music by artists like J.J. Cale, Blind Willie Johnson and Kelly-Jo Phelps performed by St. Tim's musicians and friends. April 14, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2094 Grant Road, Mountain View. sttims.org

Maudy Thursday Service This traditional Anglican mass celebrates Maudy Thursday (the memorial of the Last Supper), followed by the stripping of the altar. A professional choral sings the liturgy. All are welcome. April 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. St. Anne Chapel, 541 Melville Ave., Palo Alto. saintannchapel.org/

Teal Crane Trio Teal Crane Trio returns to Teteuchi Hall for an evening of storytelling through music. Using creative narration, stage lighting and film, the group will feature popular and classical genres with a mosaic of sounds. April 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/

Teen Open Mic Night The City's Youth Advisory Committee is proud to present its first Teen Open Mic Night of the school year. All are invited to come out and enjoy an evening of teens showcasing their talents. April 7, 7-9 p.m. Free. The View Teen Center, 263 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/theviewteencenter

Traditional Tenebrae Choral Liturgy A traditional Tenebrae service will be sung by the St. Ann Choir. The choir performs medieval and renaissance polyphony and polyphonic masses of the renaissance for holy days and other feast days. April 9, 8-9 p.m. Free. St. Ann Chapel, 541 Melville Ave., Palo Alto. saintannchapel.org/

TALKS & LECTURES

Astronomy Club Lecture and Meeting This monthly meeting of the Peninsula Astronomical Society includes a talk in Room 5015 of the FORUM Building. The speaker for April is Rob Hawley on "Narrow Band Astrophotography." Afterwards, attendants can visit Foothill Observatory, open from 9 to 11 p.m. April 14, 7:30-9 p.m. \$3, parking fee. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. pastro.org

Information Session on Immigration / Foro Informativo de Inmigración Join us for an information session from the Bay Area chapter of SIREN: Services, Immigrant Rights and Education Network. This info session will cover recent developments in immigration and how to protect and prepare oneself in case of an immigration raid. April 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

James Wright at Books Inc. James Wright, President Emeritus and Eleazar Wheelock Professor of History Emeritus at Dartmouth College, discusses his new critically-acclaimed work, "Enduring Vietnam: An American Generation and Its War." "Enduring Vietnam" recounts the experiences of the young Americans who fought in Vietnam and of families who grieved those who did not return. April 12, 7-9

p.m. Free. Books Inc., 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/

Medicare Information Session Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities and people with End-Stage Renal Disease. Whether one is new to Medicare or has been using Medicare for some time, now is a good time to learn about it. April 8, noon-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Mountain View Working Scholars Information Session This session will cover the Mountain View Working Scholars program. The Mountain View Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with Study.com to provide anyone who lives or works in Mountain View an ultra-affordable, accredited bachelor's degree program designed to fit into the life of a working adult. April 10, 7-7:45 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Poetry Reading and Open Mic Night April is National Poetry Month, and all are invited to gather for some soothing harp music followed by readings from six featured poets from the best-selling anthology, "River of Earth and Sky: Poems for the 21st Century." An open mic will follow. There will be a one poem/page per person limit. This event is for ages 13 and up. April 12, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Jessica Su, Stanford CS Ph.D. student, describes an experiment to determine if individuals could be identified based on their anonymous web browsing history and information about their Twitter usage. She will describe the technology used, review the results and comment on privacy vulnerabilities on the web. April 11, noon-1 p.m. \$12, cash only, free for non-eaters. Hangen Szechuan Restaurant, 134 Castro St., Mountain View. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

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FootHill College Annual Plant Sale This annual plant sale features native plants, shrubs, trees, grasses, succulents, ground covers, tomatoes, tomatillos, peppers and eggplants as well as garden decorations, amazing prices and more. April 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$3, parking free. Lath House at Foothill College, Foothill College on Moody Road, Los Altos Hills.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Gallery 9 Exhibit: 'Space and Dimension' Gallery 9 is featuring an exhibit of Mixed Media art, "Space and Dimension" by the artist Rachel Tirosh. The exhibit includes a new collection of polymer clay functional art and new works of mixed media abstract paintings. A reception for the artist takes place Friday, April 7, 5-8 p.m. at Gallery 9. April 4-30, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos.

Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture New York-based artist Hope Gangloff has been invited to mine the museum's permanent collection and select key works to hang alongside her own contemporary paintings. This exhibition will create a conversation between past and present. April 4-Sept. 24, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Off the Grid: Mountain View @ The Computer History Museum Off the Grid: Mountain View @ Computer History Museum returns in partnership with Computer History Museum. There will be 10 food trucks, live music and additional amenities. This is a kid-friendly event. Fridays, ongoing, 5-9 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View.

Weapon on the Wall: American Posters of WWI "Weapon on the Wall: American Posters of World War I" marks America's entry

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LESSONS & CLASSES

Design_Code_Build Level 1: Introductory This program provides hands-on STEAM learning opportunities to middle schoolers. Level 1 introduces concepts of computer programming, like Raspberry Pi technology, instruction sets to "program" a partner through a life-size maze and the relevance of computer history. April 8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/education

Design_Code_Build Level 2: Intermediate This program provides hands-on STEAM learning opportunities to middle schoolers. Level 2 builds on the introductory program, exploring the engineering design process as students work in small teams to solve a tech challenge using Raspberry Pi technology. April 9, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$15. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/education

Health Care Programs Orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. April 7, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlvae.net/

LinkedIn Profile Review Sessions During this 20-minute session with LinkedIn evangelists Connie and Sankar, participants will get their profile reviewed by professionals. Attendants are asked to bring their laptop. If they do not have a laptop, they should make a note of this in the "Notes" portion of registration. April 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free, but registration is required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Heartfulness Meditation Participants will learn relaxation and meditation techniques with Heartfulness Certified Instructor Radhalakshmi Ramakrishnan. Visit en-us.heartfulness.org/ for more information. Mondays through May 22, 10-11 a.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scccl.org/losaltos

Mindfulness and Meditation Circle During this time, participants will explore mindful meditation, mindfulness in everyday activities, breath and body awareness, emotional awareness and regulation and self-compassion. Sundays, April 9-30, 3:30-5 p.m. \$17.50-\$25. Wellness by Design, 2495 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Register at goo.gl/forms/F68fRZlJKqt2XfKO2

HOME & GARDEN

Foothill College Tree Walk and Hort Dept. Annual Plant Sale Mountain View Trees arborists lead a tree walk in the heart of Foothill College, which is graced with a wide variety of trees. Native oaks share the space with she-oak, bamboo and many other tree species. April 8, 10-11:30 a.m. Free, though tax deductible donations are welcome. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. mountainviewtrees.org

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Community Passover Seder The OFCC holds its annual Community Passover Seder. This interactive, warm and welcoming event is perfect for the whole family and will feature a kosher meal for Passover, singing and an Afikomen treat-bag hunt for the kids. April 10, 5-7:30 p.m. \$18. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/communityseder

David Goldberg: A Family History Art Exhibition & Reception David Goldberg uses historical family documents and his own photographic images to reflect on the immigration of his family, a community and their assimilation into American life. Goldberg's work will be on display in the Koch Gallery in the Schultz Cultural Arts Hall Lobby April 4-May 10. April 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/visualarts

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

CARRIER ESSENTIALS AND MORE FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN627419

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Carrier Essentials and More, located at 600 Akron Street, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): HEATHER BURGGRAFF 600 Akron Street Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 10, 2017. (MVV Mar. 17, 24, 31; Apr. 7, 2017)

MARIANNE BERKOVICH CONSULTING FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN627675

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Marianne Berkovich Consulting, located at 365 Oak St., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARIANNE BERKOVICH 365 Oak St. Mountain View, CA 94041

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/06/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 17, 2017. (MVV Mar. 24, 31; Apr. 7, 14, 2017)

BAY AREA SHADING SOLUTIONS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN627849

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Bay Area Shading Solutions, located at 625 Mariposa Ave., Apt. 1, Mountain

View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: A General Partnership.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): SEAN ALAN MANSON 625 Mariposa Ave. Apt. 1 Mountain View, CA 94041 DENNIS ALAN MANSON 625 Mariposa Ave. Apt. 1 Mountain View, CA 94041 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/17/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 21, 2017. (MVV Mar. 31; Apr. 7, 14, 21, 2017)

CARMEN'S CLEANING SERVICES FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN627740

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as: Carmen's Cleaning Services, located at 1006 Colusa Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: Married Couple.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): MARIA DEL CARMEN CAJERO 1006 Colusa Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94085

JORGE BALLINAS 1006 Colusa Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94085

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/01/2003.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 17, 2017. (MVV Mar. 31; Apr. 7, 14, 21, 2017)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Josephine Antonia Manoli Case No.: 17PR180180 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JOSEPHINE A. MANOLI; JOSEPHINE ANTONIA MANOLI.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: VICTOR R. MANOLI in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: VICTOR R. MANOLI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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 May 1st, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

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

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

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of

any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner: Victor Manoli 627 Morse Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94085 (408)314-1637 (MVV Mar. 31; Apr. 7, 14, 2017)

NOTICE OF BULK SALE (subject to Com. C. 6106.2)

The following definitions and designations shall apply in this Notice without regard to number or gender: SELLER: Yoosone, Inc. 24125 Dawnridge Drive, Los Altos, CA 94024-5237

BUYER: King & Avanti, Inc. 19378 Sakura Way, Cupertino, CA 95014 BUSINESS: SUBWAY SANDWICHES (3 Locations)

1. #911, 20916 Homestead Road, Cupertino, CA 95014
2. #5833, 235 E. Middlefield Road, #2, Mountain View, CA 94043
3. #31209, 809 Cuesta Drive, #C, Mountain View, CA 94040


DATE OF CONSUMMATION: April 25, 2017

LAST DAY TO FILE CLAIMS: April 24, 2017 ESCROW HOLDER: WILLIAM H. DUNN, Attorney at Law, 1350 Dell Avenue, Suite 204, Campbell, CA 95008

Notice is hereby given that Seller intends to make a bulk sale of the assets of the above described Business to Buyer including all stock in trade, furniture, and equipment used in said Business, to be consummated at the office of the Escrow Holder at the time of consummation or thereafter. Creditors of the Seller may file claims with the Escrow Holder on or before the last day to file claims stated above. This sale is subject to California Commercial Code 6106.2.

Seller has used the following other business names and addresses within the last three years so far as known to Buyer: Subway Sandwiches 1) 704 S. Wolfe Rd, Sunnyvale; 2) 451 W. El Camino Real, Mtn View; 3) 605 E. El Camino Real #4, Sunnyvale; 4) 176 Ranch Dr, Milpitas; 5) 6199 Santa Teresa Blvd #C, San Jose; 6) 19998 Homestead Rd, Cupertino King & Avanti, Inc.

BY: WILLIAM H. DUNN Agent for Buyer 4/7/17 CNS-2993342#



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