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COOL MOVES

Eagle Park's swimming pool was the place to keep cool during the heat wave that brought record-breaking temperatures to Mountain View. When a Voice photographer visited on June 20, local kids didn't just soak in the refreshing water; they made good use of the diving board on an unusually hot day.

What's a fair rent increase?

RENT COMMITTEE STRUGGLES TO BALANCE CONFLICTING INTERESTS

By Mark Noack

It was a painful slog for Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee on Monday night as they waded into the delicate issues of pricing and profit under citywide rent control.

At the June 19 meeting, the five-member committee worked to figure out how landlords of rent-controlled apartments would be guaranteed a "fair rate of return," as specified in the language of the rent control measure. But it soon became clear

that "fair" meant wildly different things to the people in the room.

Through a debate that stretched nearly to midnight, a split committee voted 3-2, with Vanessa Honey and Tom Means

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Former Army housing eyed for North Bayshore school

ORION PARK PERFECT SIZE FOR NEW CAMPUS, BUT AT WHAT PRICE?

By Mark Noack

Like manna from heaven, a school campus-sized site may have opened up in North Bayshore to serve the thousands of new households being planned for the area. But it will be no easy task for local officials to secure 30 acres of lucrative land located just a stone's throw from Silicon Valley's richest companies. And the land itself has one key drawback: contamination from TCE, a dangerous chemical.

The site is Orion Park, a U.S. Army-owned property bordering Moffett Field

that previously held 450 military homes. After a lease deal with a private housing developer fell through in 2005, the Army closed and demolished the housing in 2009, and left the site as an eerie pocket of vacant land amid a frenzied real-estate market.

Army officials recently published a request for proposals, offering to lease the site for the

next 75 years. According to the provided materials, Orion Park could be leased for commercial uses, tech offices or even a school campus.

For months, local school-district officials have warned that the rapid housing growth being pursued by the city of Mountain View was creating a crisis for local schools. Nowhere

is this problem more dire than in the North Bayshore, where the city is planning to eventually create a new neighborhood of about 10,000 new apartments.

That housing growth is estimated to generate up to 3,500 new students for Mountain View

Whisman and Mountain View-Los Altos school districts. Officials from both the elementary and high school districts say they lack classroom space for so many new students and they would need to build new school campuses. Administrators at both districts say the most immediate

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'Building schools on contaminated soil and groundwater usually doesn't go over too well in the community.'

MVLA ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT
MIKE MATHIESEN

School board approves new attendance boundaries

BOARD PRESIDENT OBJECTS, SAYS BOUNDARIES AMOUNT TO 'DE FACTO' SEGREGATION

By Kevin Forestieri

Rejecting a last-minute attempt to balance diversity at Mountain View's elementary schools, the Mountain View Whisman School District board approved new attendance boundaries that will take

effect in the 2019-20 school year. On a 4-1 vote, with board president Jose Gutierrez opposed, board members agreed to adopt what they called less-than-perfect attendance boundaries. School attendance boundaries determine which neighborhoods have enrollment priority for the

district's schools, which can impact property values.

On the plus side, the new boundaries unify families in the northeast region of the city by zoning the Whisman, Slater and Wagon Wheel neighborhoods for Slater Elementary, which will open in 2019. The

boundaries also shift the Shoreline West neighborhood from Bubb Elementary — one of the most crowded schools in the district — to Landels Elementary.

But the attendance boundaries aren't flawless. Schools like Theuerkauf Elementary are expected to lose a lot of students

in the shake-up, with enrollment expected to dip below 300 students in the 2019-20 school year. Opponents of the proposal argued that shrinking enrollment threatens the viability of schools, and that Theuerkauf

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos by Ana Sofia Amieva-Wang and interviews by Nathalie Camens and Amieva-Wang.

What would you be willing to sacrifice to fight climate change?



"I would stop buying plastic."
Cindy Astorga, San Francisco



"I would sacrifice pre-packaged food. Although, I don't know if that's part of my daily life, but that's definitely something to think about."
Levi Barringer, San Jose



"Time is one of the most precious resources that we have, and that's probably one of the most probable reasons as to why we're not doing anything for the climate. We're just too lazy."
Param Atwal, San Jose



"I'm pretty aware, but I don't know what I'd sacrifice. I guess I've been trying to drive less. I would try to just take Caltrain to work instead of driving."
Michael Bell, Redwood City



"I don't know if this is necessarily climate change, but, when California had the drought, I started (to use) this bucket to keep the water that was cold while my shower was heating up."
Miles Wada, Mountain View

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

BATTERY SUSPECT LATER ARRESTED IN MURDER CASE

A Los Gatos woman who was arrested on battery charges after she allegedly attacked a woman in Mountain View without provocation, was arrested two days later on suspicion of the murder of a 74-year-old Cupertino woman.

The suspect, identified as 39-year-old Suzanne Hernandez from Los Gatos, allegedly attacked the battery victim in Mountain View at the Bay Sleep Clinic just north of the Grant Park Plaza on Thursday, June 8, according to Mountain View police.

On Saturday night, June 11, Hernandez was arrested after a search for the suspect in the murder case. The victim, whose body showed signs of injuries, was found dead in her Cupertino home about 12 hours earlier, Santa Clara County sheriff's officials said.

Police had made contact with Hernandez on Friday, the day before the body was discovered, for a "mental health care" matter in the same general area of the home, according to Sgt. Rich Glennon of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office. She was not arrested or charged with a crime at the time, but she was later identified as a suspect based on what investigators found on the scene as well as Hernandez's own statements, Glennon said.

Hernandez was being held without bail at the county jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

■ POLICE LOG

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 800 block California St., 6/19

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 1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 6/15
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 300 block Oaktree Dr., 6/16
 300 block Castro St., 6/16
 200 block Castro St., 6/18
 1300 block San Damar Dr., 6/18

GRAND THEFT

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 2400 block Grant Rd., 6/15
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 600 block San Antonio Rd., 6/19

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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 400 block Barcelona Ct., 6/14
 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 6/15
 600 block Rainbow Dr., 6/17
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 400 block Bush St., 6/19

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MONTA LOMA SAFEWAY OPENS

A new Safeway supermarket opened for business Sunday, June 18, at the Monta Loma Plaza space formerly occupied by the Fresh & Easy grocery store. The new store at 580 N. Rengstorff Ave. is the fourth Safeway in Mountain View.

Safeway signed a lease for the 28,100-square-foot space last summer after the Fresh & Easy grocery chain collapsed and quickly shuttered its hundreds of branches. Over the last year, Safeway officials have been working on remodeling the interior to include a deli, floral department and other features.

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■ CORRECTION

The story on Andrew Fraknoi's retirement in the June 16 issue of the *Voice*, "Bringing astronomy down to earth," contained an incorrect link. The shortened URL to Fraknoi's guide to viewing the Aug. 21 solar eclipse is <http://bit.ly/2bkGSvA>. The link is case sensitive, and the "A" in the story was lowercase.

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Rep. Anna Eshoo, right, talks about the importance of net neutrality alongside Gigi Sohn, a former FCC attorney, at Monday's roundtable held at Mozilla's Mountain View headquarters.

Startups push to preserve net neutrality

SMALL COMPANIES FEAR PROPOSED FCC CHANGE WOULD BE CRIPPLING

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's tech start-ups are girding themselves for a big political fight over the data vital to their businesses. Smaller web companies say they could be crippled by slower bandwidth if premium data service is reserved for the large tech giants.

The issue is net neutrality, the principle that all internet traffic should be treated equally. These rules prohibit internet service providers such as Comcast and AT&T from discriminating against certain types of data traffic.

But these protections are

now under attack by a new proposal being spearheaded by the Federal Communication Commission. Last month, the FCC launched a lengthy process

'I don't see this as a partisan issue at all.'

REP. ANNA ESHOO

to no longer classify internet service as an essential telecommunications utility, basically undoing protections put in place in 2015 under the Obama administration. Dubbed "Restoring Internet Freedom,"

this FCC action is being touted by internet service providers as a way to slice through burdensome regulation.

On Monday morning, Rep. Anna Eshoo met at Mozilla's Evelyn Avenue headquarters in Mountain View to convene a roundtable of start-up entrepreneurs and lawyers who have been closely monitoring the net-neutrality policies. Eshoo framed the issue as maintaining a level playing field for web companies.

"I don't see this as a partisan issue at all," she told the group. "I'm proud of the companies

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Georgia hospital executive tapped to lead El Camino Hospital

By Kevin Forestieri

El Camino Hospital's board of directors agreed to hire Dan Woods as the hospital's next president and CEO. Woods is a long-time hospital executive with experience leading hospitals in Chicago and



Dan Woods

the greater Atlanta area, and has briefly served as a health care consultant.

His start date is Sept. 1, according to the contract, unless an earlier date is mutually agreed upon.

Woods currently serves as the president of WellStar Kennestone Regional Medical Center, a hospital located in Marietta, Georgia with 4,700 employees and a mix of 1,100 employed and independent physicians.

Woods previously served in top leadership roles at the University of Chicago Medical Center and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, both located in Chicago, and worked a two-year stint as vice president of the health care consulting firm Verras.

Board members chose Woods on June 14 for his experience working in a broad range of

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Charter school board OKs housing allowance

EXTRA PAY FOR COST OF LIVING SCALES UP WITH EACH YEAR OF TEACHING

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling it much-needed relief for teachers struggling with the high cost of living in the Bay Area, Bullis Charter School's board of directors agreed to give its 50 or so teachers a big pay boost.

The board approved two initiatives at its June 5 board meeting that aim to help offset the explosive increase in housing costs over the last 10 years, something that's forced teachers to make longer commutes or leave the area entirely. The first is a \$1,000 annual stipend that increases by an additional \$1,000 each year, and the second is a pay increase — referred to as a "housing allowance" — that's rolled directly into teacher salaries and is calculated as a percentage of the teacher's base salary. The housing allowance automatically increases by 0.5 percent of the salary each year.

Bullis Charter School, like many school districts on the Peninsula, is searching for ways to hire and retain its teaching staff at a time when the high cost of housing and long commutes are pushing teachers out of the state or out of the profession altogether. Wanny Hersey, the school's superintendent, said it wasn't too long ago that teachers were able to live fairly close to Bullis, and could afford either a rental unit or a small house within a short drive of its two locations in Los Altos.

But now teachers are paying more and living further away, with some Bullis teachers traveling in from places like Walnut Creek, Santa Cruz and Watsonville each day, Hersey said. It's reached a point where three of the school's teachers are leaving Bullis and moving out of the state.

"It's sad to lose excellent teachers," Hersey said. "They leave not because they don't want to work at Bullis, but they simply can't afford to live here."

Starting salaries at Bullis range from about \$53,000 all the way to \$118,000 for elementary school teachers, with a

slightly higher pay scale for its middle school staff. Unlike contracts brokered between school districts and teachers unions — which include a rigid "step and column" formula for salaries based on tenure and education level — Bullis teachers are paid based on a performance-based model. The school reviews teachers' salaries each year based on their "expertise and growth in areas such as pedagogical expertise, data analysis, project-based learning instruction, leadership, and global education integration," according to a press release by the school.

The salary increases will be partially paid for by money from Measure GG, a \$223 parcel tax that Los Altos School District voters passed in November last year, Hersey said. The parcel tax was meant to replace the \$193 Measure E parcel tax, but the \$30 hike was added so that Bullis Charter School could share in the proceeds. The measure is expected to generate about \$300,000 in revenue for the charter school.

Bullis board chair John Phelps told the *Voice* in an email that while the high cost of living was a big factor in approving the pay bump, he said the charter school's teachers also deserve to be rewarded for their top-tier performance.

"BCS teachers are true professionals who are at the cutting edge of their craft," Phelps wrote. "We feel that should be rewarded and encouraged, and this is one way for us to recognize and honor the hard work that our teachers do every day."

On top of housing costs, school are competing for a shrinking pool of teachers. Reports from Stanford University's Learning Policy Institute last year shows that there was a national shortage of about 64,000 teachers in 2015, and by 2020 there will be an estimated 300,000 teachers needed to fill all the available positions. At the same time, fewer people are entering teacher training programs, and there's a shrinking

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risks a future closure if too few families choose to send their children.

Slater Elementary is facing the opposite problem, with projections showing the school could be packed to the brim from the day it opens.

The board's vote ultimately came down to a decision between two similar maps, which came from the district's Student Attendance Area Task Force (SAATF). Option A, which the board approved at the June 15 meeting, prioritized neighborhood unity and safe routes to school by re-zoning the North Whisman neighborhood for Slater. Option B sought to carefully balance enrollment in the city's northernmost schools by leaving the neighborhood in the Theuerkauf boundary.

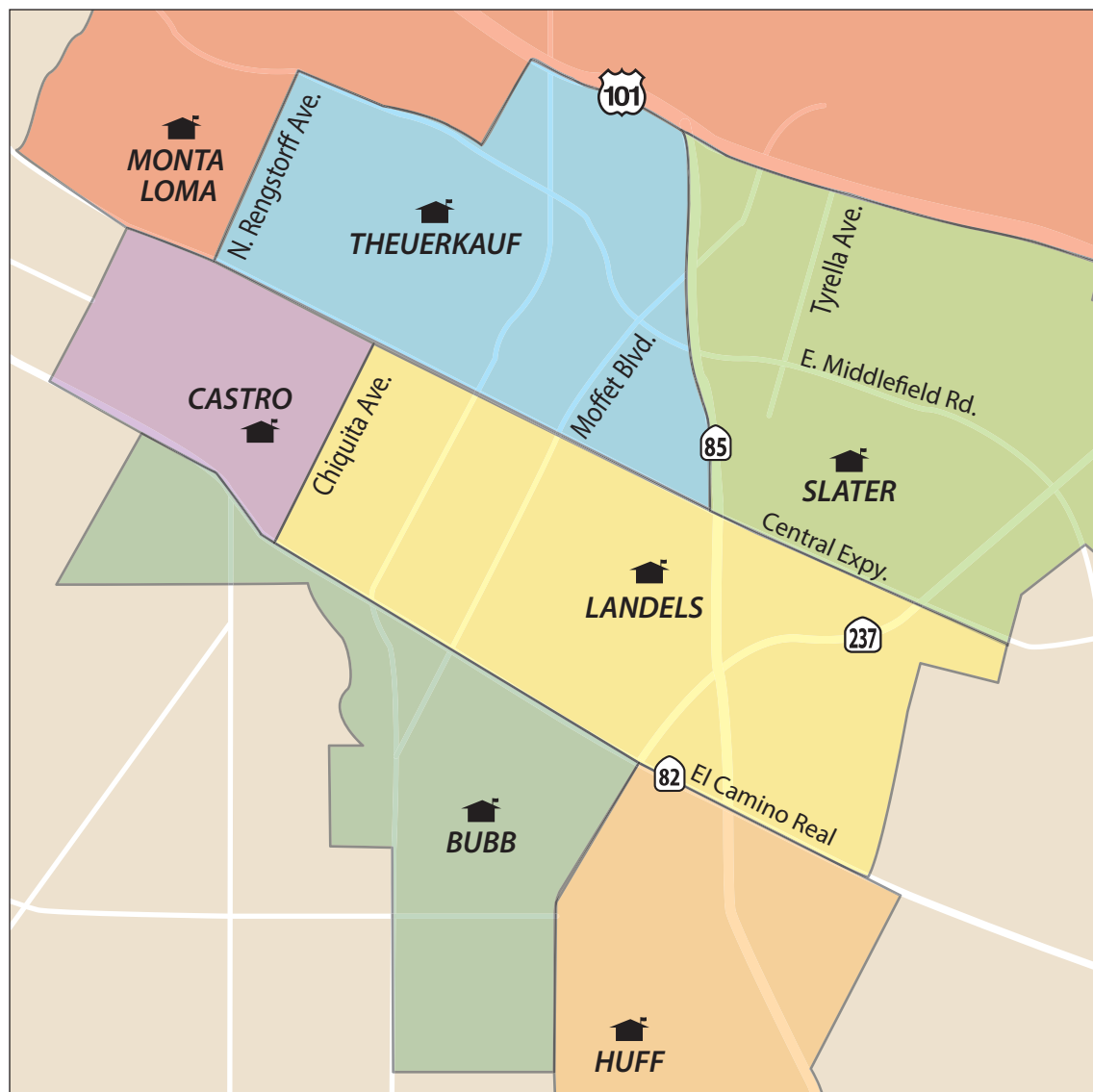
'Most impoverished school'

The biggest sticking point at the meeting, however, wasn't about options A and B, but a broader concern that the attendance boundaries will worsen the sharp socio-economic divides in the district's elementary schools. In both scenarios, Castro Elementary ends up with a disproportionately high number of low-income and minority students, leaving it "the most impoverished school" in the district, according to the staff report.

The concerns were enough to prompt board members Gutierrez and Laura Blakely to ask staff, at the eleventh hour of the lengthy boundary-drafting process, whether some spot changes could be made around the Castro Elementary area to increase diversity. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph presented a third map at the June 15 meeting where Castro's boundaries were stretched to include parts of the Monta Loma, Gemello and Shoreline West neighborhoods, which would have made modest improvements to the school's income diversity.

This newly drafted map, however, drew the ire of several Shoreline West residents who urged the board to follow its own process, reject the newly cooked up map and make a final decision on either options A or B. Residents in the neighborhood have argued for months that it's bad enough Shoreline West is losing its priority enrollment at Bubb Elementary. Splitting the neighborhood vertically between Castro and Landels would simply be too much.

"I understand it may be tempting to hold out for something better or keep tinkering with these options," said Shoreline



New attendance boundaries were approved by the Mountain View Whisman School District's board, but not without complaints about its unfairness and what the board president called its "de facto segregation."

West resident Aaron Phillips. "Don't hold the community in continual anxiety."

Priscilla Taylor, also a Shoreline West resident, said she felt the new map derails the district's clear and transparent process for approving new boundaries. The task force worked for 18 months to come up with the final two options, and she and other residents were given a chance to weigh in and voice concerns. A map that makes significant changes to improve diversity should go through the same process, she said.

Board members rejected the revised, diversity-balancing boundaries. Blakely said she had a hunch that minor tweaks around the Castro area could balance out diversity at the school, but the spot changes presented at the meeting didn't move the needle far enough.

Gutierrez, the sole dissenting vote, said he was uncomfortable with what he saw as a "double standard" being set by the attendance boundaries. The school board and task force members put a great deal of importance on creating neighborhood schools and campuses that students can walk to, but he said the criteria was selectively applied.

Slater was given far-reaching boundaries because it gave kids

in the Whisman and Slater area a close, safe route to school. But when it comes to Castro Elementary, he said the objective is reversed: Students in the Shoreline West neighborhood, some of whom live just a block away from Castro, are clamoring to be zoned for Bubb or Landels and are willing to travel a mile and a half in order to avoid going to their neighborhood school.

"You do everything you can not to go to the closest school that just happens to be an impoverished school," Gutierrez said. "From an (Office for Civil Rights) perspective or a legal perspective, you call that de facto segregation, and I don't want to be put in that situation."

Parents opting out

Rudolph acknowledged that not every school has the same "drawing power," and that too many parents are choosing not to send their children to the nearest school because of the performance or reputation of a school. Kindergarten enrollment requests in past years showed that only about a third of families living within the Theuerkauf, Castro and Monta Loma boundaries requested their own neighborhood school, compared to 86 percent for Huff Elementary. Although it's a problem he

inherited, Rudolph said he's not proud of it.

Shannon Gutierrez Brown, a parent of students at Mistral and Graham, said it sends a bad message to the members of the Castro community that their own neighbors would rather go all the way across town than attend the same school. By accepting the boundaries, the board would be enabling flight from the school.

"I want you to think about respecting the people in my neighborhood," she said.

The new Landels attendance boundary rides up right against Castro Elementary for a few reasons. Shoreline West residents requested that the entire neighborhood, which extends from Shoreline Boulevard all the way to Chiquita Avenue, be zoned for one school, and made clear at past board meetings that they preferred Landels. District officials also warned that Castro may not have the capacity to handle the influx of students.

Mountain View's list of neighborhood associations suggests that the western boundary for Shoreline West is actually Escuela Avenue. If Shoreline West was zoned for Landels by that measuring stick, Castro Elementary would actually lie outside of its own attendance boundaries.

Board member Greg

Coladonato said his goal is to reach a point where all of Mountain View's schools are seen as academic heavyweights, and families in every part of the city will be willing to send their kids to the closest school. But getting to that goal, he said, should come from measures like staff development and intervention strategies rather than altering attendance boundaries.

"I'd like to see us do everything we can in that regard before we try to get people to go to schools that they are currently are skittish about, for whatever reason," Coladonato said.

The decision by board members to move forward with Option A also came in spite of concerns by residents of the Willowgate neighborhood — a small triangular-shaped wedge of the city between Central Expressway, Highway 85 and Moffett Boulevard — who argued they were being pushed out of Landels and into Theuerkauf against the district's own zoning criteria.

Willowgate resident Lloyd Dunckley said families can make it to Landels on Stevens Creek trail in a short 0.6-mile jaunt. But both options A and B force students to go to Theuerkauf, traveling further on city roads to a school that's farther away than both Landels and Slater. Earlier this month, Willowgate residents argued that the boundary-drawing process was plagued with politics, and appeased neighborhoods that were the loudest and most involved in the process from the start.

With new boundaries officially on the books, the next step is to adopt new enrollment priorities that will go into effect alongside the opening of Slater, including a verdict on whether to allow grandfathering. An enrollment priorities task force will be created and begin meeting sometime in the fall.

So-called grandfathering, or allowing students to remain in their schools where they're currently enrolled despite the changed attendance boundaries, will have a big influence on how quickly the new boundaries will alter enrollment at each school. Parents in the southern end of the city, whose attendance boundaries include Huff and Bubb, name grandfathering and enrollment priorities a top concern, according to a district staff report. The schools have been massively popular and at full capacity for years, at times forcing incoming kindergartners who live right next door to Bubb and Huff onto waiting lists due to lack of space. ■

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City, school districts boost funding for mental health services

PUBLIC AGENCIES PITCH IN \$242K MORE FOR NONPROFIT CHAC

By Kevin Forestieri

With little discussion and no opposition, two Mountain View school districts and the city of Mountain View all separately agreed to ramp up funding to mental health care provider the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC). The combined funding increase adds up to nearly a quarter-million dollars, and brings a much-needed injection of cash in the nonprofit's tight operating budget.

Last week, the Mountain View Whisman School District's board of trustees agreed to more than triple the school district's contribution to CHAC, increasing it from \$73,197 in the 2016-17 fiscal year to \$238,000 for the upcoming year. The decision comes just one month after Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board members also approved a new contract agreement with CHAC that doubles the district's contribution from \$51,081 to \$104,500.

Mountain View City Council

members made a similar — albeit smaller — gesture with the approval of the city budget at the June 20 council meeting, which includes a \$9,500 increase in CHAC funding for a total of \$104,500 in the 2017-18 fiscal year.

These collective decisions mark a big change of direction for local cities and school districts in Mountain View and Los Altos, which have had a decreasing role in helping the nonprofit pay for its counseling and mental health services. When CHAC

was founded in the 1970s, the nonprofit relied solely on these government agencies that make up CHAC's Joint Powers Authority (JPA). In recent years, contributions from these JPA partners sank to less than 10 percent of CHAC's operating budget.

In a letter requesting additional funding from the Mountain View Whisman School District, CHAC Executive Director Marsha Deslauriers pointed out that the school district received a total of 6,600 hours of one-on-one counseling services for 652

students in the 2015-16 school year. Other services include education classes, parent consultation and the "Village Wellness" program at Landels, Castro and Mistral elementary schools, which teaches students social skills, conflict resolution, anger management and how to cope with behavioral health issues like grief, trauma and anxiety.

More than one-fifth of the cases involved CHAC clinicians helping students with problems

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opposed, to develop a basic system to allow landlords' profits to increase only by inflation. The system — dubbed the Maintenance of Net Operating Income (MNOI) standard — received strong endorsement from tenants' advocates as well as city staff, who described it as the least risky option.

Even the supporters were lukewarm. Committee member Evan Ortiz championed the MNOI standard even as he acknowledged its flaws. But he urged his colleagues to get an imperfect system in place so that it could be tweaked as needed in the future. He pointed out repeatedly that nearly all California cities with rent-control laws also followed

the same MNOI standard.

"If this is part of the growing pains of implementing the law, so be it," Ortiz said. "If we were to pursue something that no one else has done that would open us up to litigation and more uncertainty and ambiguity."

It was a complex debate, and the city's team of three attorneys often had to re-explain how the rent-control system would operate. Under the measure, landlords would typically only be allowed to raise rents according to annual inflation, as determined by the Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI). For the upcoming year, the amount has been set at 3.4 percent.

The law gives some wiggle room for special cases, such as when extra repairs or maintenance issues pop up in decades-old apartments. For those cases, landlords can seek to raise

rents higher, but they have to go through a petition process and provide an itemized list of expenses to a city hearing officer. This same petition process is also supposed to be used by landlords if they need to raise

'If this is part of the growing pains of implementing the law, so be it'

EVAN ORTIZ

rents because they aren't turning a profit from their investment.

Exactly how much profit was fair? In talks prior to the meeting, landlords insisted they should get a fixed return of 12 percent on their investment. As in other recent similar meetings, a large group of apartment owners came to the meeting to highlight their challenges under the new law. All of them warned that simply tying profit to inflation would be disastrous.

"If the return isn't adequate then our alternative is to

redevelop," warned apartment owner Elizabeth Lindsay. "It makes no sense to remain in an area that's not fair market, and we'll have to relocate to another area."

It remains unclear whether city officials would allow property owners to redevelop rent-controlled apartments as a way to circumvent the new rules. Any apartments first occupied after February 1995 are immune from rent control measures due to the Costa Hawkins Act. But tenant advocates say the city could force developers who demolish rent-controlled apartments to include just as many price-restricted units in a new housing project.

Some on the committee sympathized with landlords dealing with the new rules. Honey and Means both insisted that landlords deserved to increase their rent by more than the annual CPI because their investment was riskier. Ditching the staff suggestions, Means tried to craft his own fair-rate standard based on apartment owners routinely reappraising their buildings. He warned that the petition process would be too cumbersome for landlords

since they would have to present invoices and expense summaries to justify their rent increases.

"That's a high burden of proof," he said. "I'd like to take the assessed value and add in a fixed rate of return, rather than going through this morass."

City attorneys urged the committee not to jury-rig a new system on the spot. Other red flags appeared when attorneys from tenant groups hinted they would sue if the committee veered too far from the spirit of the rent-control law.

The swing vote of the night was committee member Matthew Grunewald, who originally wanted to split the difference and meld multiple systems. As the night went on, he sided with Ortiz and committee member Emily Ramos in supporting the MNOI standard, but he indicated he wanted a "generous" list of capital improvements that would be covered under the petition process.

The committee's 3-2 votes directs city staff to draft a full policy for a fair-rate of return standard. That draft will be brought back to the committee in early July. ▀

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Navy hits pause on disbanding Moffett RAB

By Mark Noack

Following pushback from local residents and political leaders, U.S. Navy officials announced last Friday they would hold off on plans to disband the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

In a message sent to RAB members, Navy spokesman Jim Sullivan said the group would remain in place for the time being.

Last month, Navy officials blindsided RAB members by announcing they were

beginning the process to disband the group.

As part of that process, the Navy was obligated to wait 30 days to collect public comments on disbanding the group. In Friday's announcement, Navy officials said they would extend the public comment period, but they did not specify for how long.

The RAB was formed in 1994 to monitor the cleanup of toxic groundwater contaminants left after the Navy exited Moffett Field as part of the base closure. More recently, the group has

expanded its scope to preserving Hangar One and tracking development on Moffett Field by Google's affiliates.

The Navy's plan to disband the RAB provided just 30 days to collect public comments before a final decision would be made.

In response, RAB members urged the Navy to hold off for at least six months so they had time to organize some kind of successor panel. That request was later echoed by community members and U.S. Reps. Anna Eshoo, Zoe Lofgren and Ro Khanna. ▀

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different hospital facilities — everything from academic medical centers to not-for-profit public entities — and his leadership overseeing “multi-year improvement strategies” to improve both efficiency and quality of care at hospitals, according to a statement by the hospital.

“(Woods) has a wealth of experience, having worked across a variety of healthcare settings where he developed relationships with physicians and partners to support the strategic growth of those organizations,” said board chair Neal Cohen in a statement Thursday.

In the statement, Woods said he didn’t hesitate to take the opportunity to lead El Camino Hospital, and that he was

honored to be CEO of a hospital that serves residents in the heart of Silicon Valley.

“The decision to come here was easy for me after meeting with the talented medical staff and management team,” Woods said. “As I listened to them talk about their work with patients and families, it was inspiring to hear their words of commitment and dedication. Together, we will achieve great success for the long-term health of the organization and our communities.”

Board members voted 7-0 in favor of the appointment, with board member David Reeder absent. Immediately after the vote, the El Camino Healthcare District’s board of directors met in a late-night meeting to unanimously approve Woods as the new president and CEO. The health care district’s five elected

board members also serve on El Camino Hospital’s board, but get the final say over hiring the next hospital CEO.

Woods’ contract includes an annual base salary of \$850,000. In addition, board members can vote to increase the CEO’s compensation each year based on his performance, as part of the hospital’s “Executive Performance Incentive Plan.” The “target” compensation increase is 30 percent of the base salary, according to the contract.

At the same meeting, board members agreed to set the base salary range for the hospital CEO between a minimum of \$812,800 and a maximum of \$1,219,200, which was determined to be a fair range by an outside research firm, according to hospital spokeswoman Kelsey Martinez.

Other perks in the contract include a \$100,000 allowance for relocation expenses, including travel, moving and storage. The hospital will also pick up the bill for temporary housing for up to six months at a maximum of \$7,000 a month, and is offering Woods an interest-free loan of up to \$400,000 for a mortgage. The loan will only be granted if the home is purchased within 12 months of his start date and it’s located within the El Camino Healthcare District. He and the hospital will work out a written agreement for how Woods plans to pay the money back if he sells the home or is fired.

If the board fires Woods without cause, or chooses not to renew his contract, he’s entitled to up to 12 months of his base pay as severance payments. If he gets a new job within a year, his

new earnings will be subtracted from the amount of the severance payout.

The selection of Woods comes 10 months after El Camino Hospital’s board of directors voted in a closed-session meeting to oust its former CEO, Tomi Ryba, without publicly revealing the reason for the firing. The only explanation, at the time, was that Ryba and the board were “in agreement” not to renew her five-year contract.

Ryba was replaced by acting President and CEO Donald Sibery, who began serving a temporary role as the head of El Camino Hospital in late October. His contract spanned for six months, but left room for extensions until a search for a permanent CEO was completed. ■

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CHARTER SCHOOL

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number of incoming college students who show an interest in teaching as a profession.

In order to attract and keep teachers in an increasingly competitive market, school districts are finding ways to sweeten the deal, including better health benefits and big salary increases. Last year, the Mountain View Whisman School District agreed to an 8 percent pay raise for its entire teaching staff. Late last year, the Santa Clara Unified School District agreed to a 9.5

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percent salary increase for its more than 800 teachers.

Data from the California Department of Education shows the average salary paid out to elementary school teachers in Santa Clara County in the 2015-16 school year was \$80,461 which is considered “very low income” for a family of four. Unified school district teachers didn’t fare much better, with the average salary amounting to \$82,720. ■

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Eight arrested at Brad Paisley concert

NEARLY ALL OF THE MEN ARRESTED WERE SUSPECTED OF BEING DRUNK IN PUBLIC

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View police arrested eight people at the Brad Paisley country concert at Shoreline Amphitheatre over the weekend, seven of whom were arrested for public intoxication.

The arrests began on Saturday, June 17, shortly before 7 p.m. and continued until just after midnight. All of the concert attendees arrested for public intoxication were also suspected of being aggressive toward police and concert staff, trying to get into the concert after being denied access, or being too intoxicated to take care of themselves.

Around 7:10 on Saturday, officers said an Alamo resident, identified by police as

19-year-old Christopher Taverite, fell over while waiting to get into the concert, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Officers said Taverite was "heavily intoxicated," and tried to find someone who could drive him home, but he refused to help them find friends or family at the show, Nelson said. Taverite was arrested on public intoxication charges and transported to Santa Clara County jail.

About 20 minutes later, another 19-year-old attendee was denied access to the concert on account of being heavily intoxicated. Officers escorted the man, identified as Ryan Racer of Pleasanton, away from the area, and arrested him public intoxication charges. He was booked into Santa Clara County jail.

In two separate incidents, 21-year-old Redwood City resident Adam Winnen and 26-year-old Walnut Creek resident Blakeley Haisley, were arrested on suspicion of public intoxication after they allegedly tried to get back into Shoreline Amphitheatre after being ejected for intoxication. Winnen, according to police, had yelled at concert staff after being kicked out, while Haisley reportedly tried to force his way back in, Nelson said.

At around 10:40 p.m., police arrested a Hercules man after he allegedly tried to start a fight with an officer. Antonio Landaverde, 27, was reportedly seen yelling at concert staff shortly after he had been escorted out for being intoxicated. Landaverde initially walked away from officers when

they tried to talk to him, but turned around and allegedly attempted to start a fight, Nelson said.

The final arrest was on Sunday at around 12:05 a.m., when a Fresno man approached police and said he could not find a friend who attended the concert with him. Officers suspected the man was heavily intoxicated, and made "repeated attempts" to find him a ride home or a hotel to stay in, Nelson said. Officers said he was not able to answer questions or care for himself. Police arrested the man, identified as 28-year-old Michael Wells, for public intoxication.

Before the spree of alcohol-related arrests, officers arrested a parking attendant who allegedly got aggressive with one of the concert-goers and hit him with a flashlight. Police received reports of a fight at around 6:50 p.m. on Saturday in parking lot "E," northeast of the venue, and

were told by the driver that he got into an argument with the parking attendant, later identified as 48-year-old Alfred Chavez, over where he was supposed to park the car.

During the argument, both the driver and his adult son approached Chavez, and Chavez allegedly responded by striking the son with a flashlight before running, Nelson said. Chavez was later found to have two outstanding warrants from a neighboring law enforcement agency. Chavez was arrested on suspicion of battery and for the warrants, and was transported to Santa Clara County jail.

Nelson said she did not know how many officers were monitoring Shoreline Amphitheatre on Saturday, but she said it's not unusual for police to keep up a presence past the venue's 11 p.m. curfew. Part of that has to do with the big bottleneck of people trying to leave the area, she said. ■

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that were grown here and are now recognized as giants, but we have to allow new companies to be born."

Absent from the meeting were the obvious Silicon Valley tech juggernauts such as Google, Netflix and Facebook. Instead, the room was packed with folks from nascent companies including Arch Systems, rollApp and VersaMe. The meeting specifically focused on stakeholders from small start-ups that wouldn't have a large advocacy presence in Washington, D.C., according to Eshoo's staff.

If the proposed changes go forward, the internet as we know it would come to resemble cable TV, said Gigi Sohn, a Mozilla fellow who previously served as an FCC attorney. Like cable TV, service providers would offer different cost tiers for service, and companies with more money could pay for faster bandwidth, putting them at an advantage, she said.

Earlier this month, Netflix's CEO Reed Hastings admitted as much at the Recode tech conference. Hastings said net neutrality wasn't a big priority for Netflix since the company is large enough to negotiate the deals it needed. About a week later, the company issued a statement that emphasized its commitment to

net neutrality protections.

"The internet has been the most democratic of services, but all of that is under threat if the big guys or gals can pay for faster service," Sohn said. "This is really about whether the FCC will maintain control over the internet, the most important thing in our lives."

Exactly what these rule changes would mean for smaller start-ups is unclear. It could mean a slight increase in latency, like a couple milliseconds when loading a webpage, said Andrew Scheuermann, CEO of Arch Systems. But that slowdown could snowball into clear lag for services that require pulling data packets from a variety of sources, he said. Others at the meeting worried the rule-change would have a chilling

effect on investors.

Right now, the FCC's proposed action remains in a public-comment period, which is set to close on July 17. So far, the public interest in the issue is unprecedented — the FCC has reportedly received about 5 million comments, leading some to believe it may be the largest example of citizens contacting their government in U.S. history.

Net neutrality advocates are planning a "Day of Action" on July 12 to protest the planned deregulation. ■

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Foothill to offer free tuition to first-generation students

By Elena Kadvany

Local students who are on track to become the first in their families to graduate from high school can get a jumpstart on their college careers by taking free classes at Foothill College through a new program.

The Early College Promise program, which Foothill announced recently, is aimed primarily at high school students who participate in their schools' Advancement Via Individual Determination or AVID programs, a college and career readiness initiative for low-income, minority, first-generation and other under-represented youth. Foothill will

cover the cost of eligible students' tuition, fees, textbooks, instructional materials and public transportation while they're in high school, making it possible for students to finish two full years of college, the Los Altos Hills community college said in an announcement this week.

Foothill partnered with the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District and the Palo Alto school district to launch the program.

The program's creation was driven by research that shows high schoolers who participate in dual enrollment programs enter and succeed in college at higher rates, according to Foothill.

"Early exposure to college courses prepares high school students for the rigors and expectations of college coursework," the program's website states.

Several courses offered through the program are focused on specific career pathways, such as a law pathway for students interested in legal- or justice-related professions. Other courses allow students to meet general-education entrance requirements for the California State University and University of California systems.

Foothill believes the program to be "the first college promise program of its kind in the state solely aimed at high school students," the announcement states.

In a statement, Mountain View Los Altos High School District Superintendent Jeff Harding said the new program "removes the economic barriers that often prevent students from receiving their college degree and achieving their highest potential."

"This new program paves the road to more degrees and bright futures," he said.

Palo Alto Unified School District Superintendent Max McGee commended Foothill for starting the program, which he said aligns with the district's own goal of increasing access and equity for low-income and minority students.

Foothill is currently accepting

applications from students enrolled in AVID programs at Palo Alto High School, Mountain View High School, Los Altos High School and Alta Vista High School. Alta Vista students are eligible to enroll regardless if they are in the school's AVID program. Gunn High School offers Focus on Success instead of an AVID program. Students can start the program as early as this summer.

Interested students and families can attend an orientation on Tuesday, June 20, at 6 p.m. in room 8330 at Foothill, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. For more information about the program, go to foothill.edu. ■

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obstacle is finding suitable land for future schools. Mountain View Whisman officials recently reported they would need about 50 acres in total for three new elementary school campuses and one middle school. The Mountain View-Los Altos district, which would need a new high school campus, pegged its land needs at a little over 30 acres.

The possibility of a school at Orion Park was first brought up publicly during a City Council discussion that wasn't on the agenda at the June 21 meeting. Councilman Lenny Siegel asked whether the rest of the council was interested in getting involved and advocating for the site to be used as a school or perhaps for

homeless services. He pointed out that the city could have considerable leverage, especially since any prospective development at Orion Park would likely rely on city utilities and services. Mountain View council members unanimously agreed they wanted to be involved.

"I think everyone's at the brainstorming phase right now on this," Siegel said to the *Voice* following the meeting. "We want to be part of the process here, and that includes having input on the use."

But it may be difficult to persuade Army officials that a public school would be the best fit for Orion Park. Federal agencies have a wide variety of authorizations they can use to dispense with unneeded property, and many of those avenues give significant priority to public

uses. But City Manager Dan Rich warned the Army's lease package instead seemed to be designed to net as much money as possible.

"They're trying to get the best deal they can get," he said to the council. "We brought this to the attention of the school districts, but they'll have to meet the RFP process."

The Army's materials for Orion Park stipulate that representatives can give extra consideration to an offer from a public school district that is below the fair-market value of the lease. But this clause appears to be entirely optional for military officials. That could mean the main criteria for Army officials who are reviewing proposals, whether for a public school or a new Google office complex, will be how much money is offered.

Army officials did not

immediately respond to the *Voice's* request for comment.

The market value for North Bayshore property remains in the stratosphere after years of high demand from tech developers. Mountain View Whisman administrators estimated that land costs for a new school could run as much as \$15 million per acre.

Councilman Siegel said he believed the cost wouldn't be quite so high for Orion Park, since it has limited road access and considerable toxic contamination that would need to be addressed by any new development.

Both school districts have been notified of the lease opportunity as well as its challenges. Mountain View-Los Altos Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen told the *Voice* the district would

likely give the Orion Park property a pass due to its challenges.

"In reviewing the details, it looks as if the Army is looking for market-rate lease and we are not in a financial position currently to pay market rate," Mathiesen wrote. "Building schools on contaminated soil and groundwater usually doesn't go over too well in the community."

Mountain View Whisman officials were non-committal in a brief comment sent via email.

"We appreciate the attention and forethought the city is devoting to this issue," wrote Mountain View Whisman spokeswoman Shelly Hausman. "Looking at all options and collaborating for student growth will ensure our schools are not caught off-guard in the future." ■

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related to social relationships, followed by social anxiety (19 percent), defiance and aggression (19 percent), self-harm and self-esteem (11 percent) and inattention and hyperactivity (10 percent).

Paying for thousands of hours of counseling doesn't come cheaply, and for years school districts in Mountain View have paid a small fraction of what it actually costs CHAC for its services. In a letter to the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, Deslauriers estimated that the school district's contribution only added up to \$11 per hour for mental health counseling, compared to the \$77 per hour it costs CHAC.

CHAC's 2015-16 annual report, which was released last month, shows that 83 percent

of the nonprofit's roughly \$3 million operating budget goes straight into its program services, with 10 percent going to administrative costs and 7 percent to fundraising. This tight budget leaves little left over for critical capital improvement projects, including a HIPAA-compliant electronic medical records system, laptops for clinical staff so they don't have to use their own equipment, and replacements for CHAC's failing roof and HVAC system, according to a March 31 letter to the city.

The three newly signed contracts with CHAC increases the nonprofit's revenue annual revenue for the 2017-18 fiscal year by \$242,000, close to an 8 percent overall increase in its budget. That adds up to about an 80 percent increase in overall contributions from CHAC's JPA partners in just one year. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Grocery stores in Mountain View have been of great interest as city officials pursue plans to grow neighborhoods. Customer services and checkout lines at local supermarkets have also spurred some fierce social media debates.

The Sunday launch was considered a "soft opening," according to a company flier. A formal grand opening ceremony with city and business officials took place at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21.

KEPLER DETECTS 219 NEW PLANETS

In a single patch of sky, the NASA Kepler space telescope has detected signs of 219 new planets, about 10 of which are believed to bear strong similarities to

Earth. The new findings were announced Monday morning at the Kepler Exoplanet Week conference held at NASA Ames.

NASA officials hailed the new findings as a milestone in understanding the formation of planets, with possible implications for the search for extraterrestrial life.

The latest results come from the space telescope's scan of the Cygnus constellation. Like its previous phases of planet-hunting, the Kepler telescope conducted its search by looking for tiny fluctuations in a distant star's brightness, which could indicate an orbiting planet passing by. Over the years, NASA researchers say more than 200,000 stars have been observed by Kepler.

Since it began, the Kepler telescope has detected about 50 near-Earth planets, meaning they approximately match the Earth's size and orbital distance. Thirty of those planets have been confirmed.

Researchers are particularly

interested in finding planets located within what is known as the habitable zone, the distance from a star where liquid water could pool on the surface of a rocky planet.

Originally launched in 2009, the Kepler telescope has now found a total of 4,034 candidate planets, of which 2,335 have been confirmed. Initially, Kepler's mission was expected to last three and a half years, but NASA engineers continued to extend its operations based on the huge amount of data it was producing.

More information about the new findings can be found on the Kepler page at nasa.gov.

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School districts' tax-exemption flaws are fixable

Most school districts that ask voters to approve parcel taxes to help fund their educational programs promise senior citizens and disabled people exemptions from the tax, recognizing that both groups are often on a fixed income and a new tax could be burdensome. The exemption is frequently highlighted during a parcel tax campaign, and it's likely that the strategy helps win a significant number of votes.

The Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury reviewed exemption policies and processes of 22 school districts in the county, and last month released a report of its findings that in a number of districts, it's anything but a cake walk for eligible people to sign up for a parcel tax exemption. The jury found "no intentional wrongdoing" by school districts in administering the exemptions. But there's much room for improvement, the report made clear.

The jury made nine findings detailing shortcomings found in the exemption process in place in most of the districts reviewed. Both the Mountain View Whisman and the Los Altos school districts were among those districts found lacking in a number of areas.

The grand jury's report is welcome for several reasons. Rather than accusing districts of intentionally trying to prevent eligible taxpayers from filing for exemptions, the report in effect acknowledges the complexity of the process involved in informing the public about eligibility rules, creating an effective mechanism for people to apply, and confirming the eligibility of applicants.

The report also shines light on problems the grand jury found that might not have been apparent to district administrators, and puts forth a list of 15 recommendations to fix those problems.

The Los Altos district, which is still reviewing the findings,

is already putting some of the recommended changes in place, according to Superintendent Jeff Baier. The district will complete the legally required written response to the grand jury report in August.

The Mountain View Whisman district acted more hastily, with the board on June 15 approving responses to each finding that, in some cases, don't seem to address the issue in a helpful way. For example, one recommendation urges the districts to have a link on their website home pages directing users to parcel tax information, exemptions, and instructions and forms to apply for those exemptions. The link, the report recommends, should include the words "parcel tax."

In its response, the district disagrees with the recommendation, saying it already has an easily accessible link to the necessary information and forms. But a look at the district's website doesn't support that claim. In fact, the "Measure B" link, which a user might assume would lead to information about the new parcel tax passed last month, actually leads to information about Measure C, which expires next week. What's more, although the information says that seniors, the disabled and property owners with contiguous properties used for a single business are eligible for exemptions, there is only one form available, and that's for seniors.

The grand jury report gives school districts an opportunity to carefully review their own process for exempting eligible property owners from their parcel taxes, using the report's findings and recommendations as tools. We hope to see improvements to the process in both Mountain View Whisman and Los Altos so that eligible property owners are better served. ▀

Enrollment growth: Find best solution, not quickest

by Robin Abrams

Enrollment growth is a long-term issue that warrants a lasting, thorough solution to benefit current and future generations of Los Altos School District students. It takes trust and patience, but our students and residents are worthy of a comprehensive resolution that serves our community well for decades to come. Let's not jump at the quickest or easiest answer, but work together toward the best one.

This decision is about what is best for our children and our children's children. Our students need a place to continue thriving under the fantastic conditions that have long supported our community. Research has shown that smaller schools strongly support the academic, social and emotional growth of children. Smaller schools also help mitigate traffic issues that larger schools foster.

For these reasons, we, as members of the LASD community, encourage the district to continue diligently seeking a tenth school site as it is our best opportunity to protect our award-winning model in the long term.

Acquisition of a tenth site has never been the only option to address growing enrollment, yet community input has consistently

shown that it is the best and most preferred option. While creative solutions to use existing land or reconfigure current school sites have been closely studied time and time again, the pursuit of a tenth site has always risen to the top of community priorities. Recommendations from the Superintendent's Enrollment Growth Task Force in 2013, the Facilities Advisory Committee in 2014, the Facilities Master Plan Committee in 2015 and countless public forums and workshops throughout have all identified the acquisition of a tenth school site as the preferred solution.

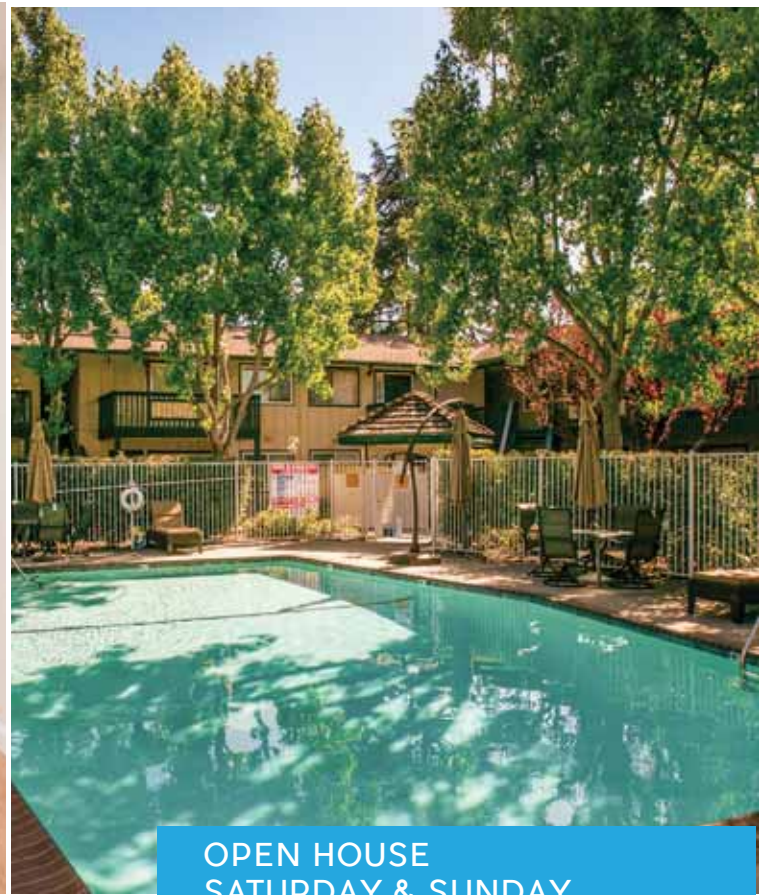
The LASD Board of Trustees has rightfully focused on the community's recommendation of pursuing a tenth site. Currently, the district is pursuing a partnership with the city of Mountain View to find a creative solution for shared land use north of El Camino, an area that will be significantly impacted by enrollment growth. A potential partnership between LASD and the city of Mountain View would provide a unique opportunity for smart, responsible government and would kill two birds with one stone: providing a tenth school site to tackle enrollment growth and creating a public park and open space in an area that desperately needs it.

We urge the district and the city to continue working together to seize this opportunity.

It is crystal clear that our elected trustees take seriously the stewardship of public school sites and their fiduciary responsibilities to the people they serve. The district has been committed to public input and community engagement throughout this process. Only when the district has fully exhausted a search for a tenth site should we revisit the complex question of building high-density schools on current sites.

For the sake of our children and teachers, let's pursue the best solution that benefits all LASD students and follows the express recommendation of significant community input. *(The above was also signed by: Curtis Cole, Keep Los Altos Schools Strong (KLASS) treasurer, and LASD Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance chair; Liz Henry, Superintendent's Enrollment Growth Task Force member and Los Altos Hills resident; Lenny Siegel, Mountain View vice mayor; and Shali Sirkay, Los Altos School District PTA leader, LASD Facilities Master Plan Committee member and Los Altos resident.)*

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Pretty ON THE OUTSIDE

New British Bankers Club has visual appeal but the food goes astray

BY DALE F. BENTSON

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Dining at the new British Bankers Club in Menlo Park was like finally getting a date with the prom queen. You looked forward to it and when you drove up, she looked enchanting, but within a few minutes you realized she had nothing interesting to offer. She was a superficial beauty, all glam and no depth.

Rob Fischer, who owns Peninsula Creamery, Reposado and Gravity Wine Bar in Palo Alto and Scratch in Mountain View, put loads of money and nearly three years into refurbishing British Bankers Club. The result is visually inviting. The handsome brick building, constructed in 1925, has housed a bank, the Menlo Park City Hall, the police department and jail with the public library upstairs. Most recently, it was a busy bar and restaurant of the same name that closed several years ago after two employees were arrested for sexually assaulting two women and its liquor license was suspended.

In the spacious main dining room, the huge windows have been accentuated and a long wood bar highlights an opposite wall. The kitchen is glassed in so it's visible, but you can't yell at the chef. The space is decidedly minimalist, with a black-and-white tile floor, a mesh divider that separates the bar from a grill, wood-top tables, upholstered chairs and a long upholstered banquette that lines the two walls under the windows.

The space's mezzanine has been expanded,

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The British Bankers Club occupies a newly renovated historic building in downtown Menlo Park.



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an ideal space for gatherings. Best of all is the rooftop bar and grill, a snazzy spot that opens to the public at 4 p.m. and is also available for private parties. If that isn't enough, there is patio dining in the plaza shared with Cafe Borrone and Kepler's Books.

The menu had me salivating: 10 starters, a half-dozen soups and salads, 10 entrées, a half-dozen tempting desserts, and a solid list of libations from beer and wine to tequilas and single malt scotches. All of the elements were there. Alas, the food was not.

Cornmeal fried oysters (\$16) was a concoction of deviled egg gribiche sauce (made of capers, egg, Dijon mustard, olive oil and vinegar), pancetta jerky and frisée salad. Why the pancetta was made into a jerky is a mystery, because it was unchewable. The vinaigrette over the frisée was too salty, a recurring problem on many dishes. The oysters were so over fried, I didn't recognize them as oysters. They could have been clams, shrimp, mussels, anything. They were bone dry, over-breaded and underwhelming.

The smoked salmon deviled eggs (\$15), with salmon caviar, radish, frisée salad, sherry vinaigrette, fried capers and dill, simply needed something to breathe life into them. There were too many similar flavors and textures. It was a pretty dish but utterly bland.

The asparagus fries (\$15), breaded with parmesan and parsley, were a worthwhile appetizer. The spears were fat and crisp, neither over-breaded nor overcooked. The accompanying lemon mascarpone and Aleppo pepper dipping sauce was spicy, cool and creamy.

House-made ricotta gnocchi (\$16) swam in a cacio e pepe broth (black pepper and salty pecorino cheese) with charred onion and a pesto sauce that made the dish excessively salty. Globes of salty pesto were dotted over the delicate gnocchi and broth. If that wasn't



Patio dining for the British Bankers Club spills into the Menlo Center plaza that's shared with Cafe Borrone and Kepler's Books. Note: BBC management refused a request from the Voice to photograph the food and interior of the restaurant.

enough, more cheese had been grated over the top, adding still another layer of saltiness. It was difficult to know if the gnocchi were good. All I can report is that they were pillowy, not rubbery, and I drank a lot of water.

The slow-cooked Corvina sea bass (\$29) came with zucchini

noodles, white truffle oil and roasted tomato-lemon ragout. The ragout was the only item on the plate with flavor. The presentation was appealing, the portion generous, but the fish was overcooked, bone-dry, flavorless

and not worth eating. The zucchini noodles were loads of fun, though.

Not every selection was off-target. The mushroom and foie gras agnolotti (\$25) was a hit. Agnolotti are small, stuffed pasta squares, like ravioli. At the British Bankers Club, they came as oversized rectangles filled with creamy mushrooms. The slice of foie gras was perfectly cooked and the truffle in the truffle-parmesan cream didn't stifle the other ingredients. It was a well-executed dish.

For dessert, the roasted pear gingerbread cake (\$8) was luscious with a cap of cinnamon crème anglaise and whipped crème fraîche. The apple streusel buttermilk cake (\$8) was a lovely dish of frangipane, crème anglaise, kumquats and whipped cream.

The chai panna cotta (\$8) was served with baklava rol-lups and honey yogurt, drizzled with spiced vincotto (grapes

slow-simmered until syrupy). The flavors were good but the panna cotta was more like thick yogurt than the light, silky custard it should have been.

Service was attentive if impersonal, though at lunch one day, I wasn't three bites into my appetizer when the entrée arrived. The waiter tried to slide it on the table despite seeing I was still eating the first course. I sent it back. There was no excuse, since there were but a half-dozen diners in the restaurant.

British Bankers Club has all the elements of a destination restaurant, but the back of the house is a problem. It seems as if the kitchen is following recipes without any idea how the finished products should taste. It was food by rote rather than food with emotion.

Dinner for two, one glass of wine each, with tip, averaged \$175. ▀

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■ DINING NOTES

British Bankers Club

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The Book of Henry (PG-13)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (PG)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Cars 3 (G) ★★★	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Duvvada Jagannadham (Not Rated)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (PG-13) ★★1/2	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Hero (R)	Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
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Letters from Baghdad (Not Rated)	Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
The Major and the Minor (1942) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: 5:40 & 9:15 p.m., Fri. - Sun.
Megan Leavey (PG-13)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
The Mummy (PG-13) ★1/2	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
My Cousin Rachel (PG-13)	Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
My Neighbor Totoro (G)	Century 16: Sunday Century 20: Sunday
Paris Can Wait (PG)	Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales (PG-13)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Rough Night (R)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Sullivan’s Travels (1941) (Not Rated)	Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun, 3:55 p.m., Sat. & Sun.
Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13) 1/2	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Tubelight (Not Rated)	Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
The Wedding Plan (PG)	Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? (Not Rated)	Century 20: Sunday
Wonder Woman (PG-13) ★★★	Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Transformers and humans go to war in “Transformers: The Last Knight.”

Less than meets the eye

FIFTH ‘TRANSFORMERS’ CLANGS AROUND FOR 2 1/2 HOURS

1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Only the “Transformers” franchise could make the threat “Millions will die” utterly weightless. “Transformers: The Last Knight,” Michael Bay’s fifth movie about shape-shifting alien robots, tries to whip up tension by having some character or other remind us every five minutes that “The whole world’s at stake,” unless a few choice humans can ally with a few good Autobots and save the day.

But Bay makes it very, very difficult to care. Rather than thinking or feeling anything, Transformers fans will be too focused on the ADHD spectacle — filmed with IMAX 3D cameras — while anyone else who stumbles onto this movie will gladly welcome the world’s end if it also means this interminable movie will also end.

“The Last Knight” postulates plenty about the roles of Transformers in human history, beginning with a prologue set in Dark Ages England and featuring a drunken Merlin negotiating with aliens. The sequence sets the tone for the numbing, clanging mega-action that is the franchise’s

stock in trade. Mark Wahlberg returns as unlikable, thick hero Cade Yeager, Texan inventor on the skids and good buddy to the Autobot called Bumblebee (among other robot jocks). As the plot lumbers on about Yeager being the “last knight,” on a quest to recover an ancient staff of power, Wahlberg’s muscles and eyes appear to be in a competition to see which can bulge more.

Though surely it’s not what he had in mind when he studied at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, Sir Anthony Hopkins yells “Shut up!” a lot as Sir Edmund Burton, a cheeky expert in Transformers history. And of course, there’s a “Bay Watch” babe outfitted in skintight clothes: Laura Haddock’s Oxford professor Viviane Wembly. The \$260 million production also throws money at Josh Duhamel, Stanley Tucci, and John Turturro to reprise their franchise roles, not to mention robot-voicing John Goodman, Ken Watanabe, Omar Sy, and Peter Cullen, as beloved noble blowhard Optimus Prime.

One is meant to practice will-ing suspension of disbelief to

consume a movie like “Transformers: The Last Knight,” but the persistent idiocy of the enterprise keeps intruding on that task. Set aside the “Da Vinci Code” bull and consider Goodman’s bearded robot (you read that right), who chomps on a robot cigar and growls, “I love violence.” Or the robot whose knuckles sport robot bling. Or the fact that several of the robots remain jive-talking ethnic stereotypes.

Ever the jingoist, Bay stays resolutely Military-Industrial Uncomplicated, evoking the dusty heartland and positioning soldiers in front of a giant American flag. You won’t have heard the word “bitch” so much since the last Bay movie you watched (even Hopkins slings it). Despite the theme that “Magic does exist” (“It was found long ago. Inside a crashed alien ship”), “The Last Knight” is all mirthless jokes and thrill-less mayhem.

Rated PG-13 for violence and intense sequences of sci-fi action, language, and some innuendo. Two hours, 29 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

CARS 3 ★★★

Pixar’s “Cars 3” gets the franchise back on track with a story that U-turns to the heart of the 2006 original. This time, champion race car Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson) faces stiff competition from smack-talking Jackson Storm (Armie Hammer), a sleek, custom-built “Next-Gen” Piston Cup Racer. After a series of losses, Lightning begins to wonder: is it time to retire? It’s a bumpy road, and soon Lightning’s being encouraged by Rust-Eze’s new owner Sterling (Nathan Fillion) to “cash in” and become a “brand” through product

endorsements. It’ll all come down to the Florida 500: if Lightning wins, he can keep racing for Rust-Eze. If he loses, he’s done. “Cars 3” sets up the expectation, then, that it is a latter-day “Rocky” story, a comeback journey for an aging competitor who’s still got life left in him. That’s not wrong, but it turns out that what “Cars 3” is really about is the role of a great teacher, or mentor. The turns of the final race cleverly integrate both halves of the movie into a surprisingly satisfying whole, another entertaining and meaningful G-rated win for Pixar. *Rated G. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

THE MUMMY ★1/2

“The Mummy” is the first movie in Universal Pictures’ “Dark Universe” planned series of films that will revive Frankenstein’s monster,

Dracula, the Wolf Man, et al. on the theory that what worked before will work again. This time around “The Mummy” has a big budget but a conspicuously hollow script. The film’s Mummy thrill-ride action sequences (plane crashes, explosions, rolling vehicles), are a reasonable facsimile of the big dumb fun we expect in June, but whenever the movie opens its big dumb mouth and begins babbling, the audience is liable to feel as cursed as the sadly generic characters. Very long story short: awakened-evil-ancient-princess mummy (Sofia Boutella) wants to give human form to god of death; curses Tom Cruise; wreaks havoc. Very long story shorter: You can keep this “Mummy” under wraps. It’s disposable, and “Dark Universe”, not surprisingly, looks like a very expensive mistake. *Rated PG-13*

for violence, action and scary images, and for some suggestive content and partial nudity. One hour, 50 minutes. — P.C.

WONDER WOMAN ★★★

Although the origin story of Wonder Woman shifts from World War II to “the war to end all wars” for the new film from Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment, the phrase “why we fight” leaps to mind to describe the hero’s first solo cinematic outing. Wonder Woman’s journey takes her from sheltered idealism through hard-won hard truths about so-called “mankind” to a heroic purpose with promise of future adventures. When American spy Steve Trevor (Chris Pine) crashes his plane in the waters around the “paradise island” of Themyscira, he must answer for mankind

to the Amazons who live there. Princess Diana (a.k.a. Wonder Woman) has trained for the contingency of invaders but couldn’t fully prepare for the horror of war. Diana determines to accompany Trevor into the outside world, where he plans to put the kibosh on the chemical weapons program while she intends to put an end to war with a swing of the “Godkiller” sword. The film has its failings — it falls into a few bland narrative stretches, fumbles over its cardboard villains, and ends with the usual dull clash of titans — but the very existence of “Wonder Woman” makes a much-needed feminist statement in the crowded superhero space. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and some suggestive content. Two hours, 21 minutes.* — P.C.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

THEATER

A Theatre Near U: original comedy, 'Like, Like Like?' The critically acclaimed, A Theatre Near U returns with their latest World Premiere of madness & mayhem, the screwball farce, "Like, Like Like?" This hilarious romp filled with mistaken identities, lying liars and clean-cut anarchists, follows the rigging of a Homecoming Queen election. June 16-July 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatrenearu.org/home/category/comingsoon/

'The North Pool' "The North Pool," by Rajiv Joseph and directed by Jacquelyn Montellato, follows Khadim, a Syrian-born student in a large U.S. high school who is called into the vice principal's office to discuss recent absences; he soon becomes caught in a web of lies about crimes he may (or may not) have committed. June 23-July 16, Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m.; preview, June 22, 8 p.m.; opening night, post show reception, June 23, 8 p.m.; post-show discussion, July 2. \$15-\$35. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/activities/mondaynight.html

Palo Alto Players: 'The Graduate' A cult novel, a classic film, a quintessential hit of the 60s, now Benjamin's disastrous sexual odyssey is brought vividly to life in this brilliantly mod and hilarious stage adaptation, directed by Jeanie K. Smith. June 16-July 2, times vary. \$25-\$52. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org/on-stage-now

Theater: '[title of show]' Tony Award-nominated "[title of show]" follows friends Hunter and Jeff as they journey through the gauntlet of creative self-expression. With an upbeat, contemporary score, it is a love-letter to musical theater and to the joy of artistic collaboration. May 25-June 24, times vary. \$18-\$36. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

TheatreWorks: Hershey Felder, Beethoven TheatreWorks Silicon Valley completes its 2016/2017 season with the regional premiere of a newly-revised work by acclaimed performer/playwright Hershey Felder. Following his triumph as Irving Berlin at TheatreWorks, Felder will bring Ludwig van Beethoven to life through the eyes of a Viennese doctor who spent his boyhood by the Maestro's side in "Hershey Felder, Beethoven." June 7-July 2, times vary. \$45-\$105. Mountain View Center for Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org/calendar/2016-2017-season/beethoven/

MUSIC

Hiromi Duet featuring Edmar Castañeda This concert is Hiromi's debut at the Stanford Jazz Festival, and SJF fans will recall Edmar's SJF debut in 2011, which brought the audience to its feet. Hiromi and Edmar are known for making their respective instruments sound like two or three instruments, and for brilliant collaborations. June 24, 8-10 p.m. \$25-\$95. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/hiromi-duet-featuring-edmar-castaneda/

ID10T Festival: 2-Day Pass This one ticket will allow entry to both days of the ID10T festival and must be presented each day for admittance. Scheduled featured performers include Weezer, Madeon, OK Go, Girl Talk, Zeds Dead, Garfunkel and Oates and more. June 24 and 25, noon. \$110-\$175. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. ticketmaster.evvy.net

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Jazz Inside Out: Jim Nadel and Friends This special Festival kickoff concert is for who are new to the music and wonder how the musicians all play together without any sheet music. SJW Artistic and Executive Director Jim Nadel will enlighten audience members with his horn and his band of top-notch players. June 23, 8-10 p.m. \$5-\$15. Campbell Rectal Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org/more-info/jazz-inside-out-with-jim-nadel-friends-3/

Sing and Play Along Ukulele Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts are welcome to join in on the fourth Monday of every month to sing and play with others. Participants can bring their own uke, or use one there. Registration is appreciated but not required. Fourth Monday of every month, ongoing, 6:30-8 p.m.. Free, registration appreciated but not required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Thursday Night Live The Thursday Night Live Series in Downtown Mountain View takes place on Castro Street between Mercy and Villa Streets, which will be closed to traffic so the public can walk the street to enjoy restaurant dining, shopping, children's activities, a farmer's market, live music and a custom/classic car show. June 29, July 13 and 27, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Downtown Mountain View, Castro Street, Mountain View. mountainview.gov/thursdaynightlive

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Immigrant Resource Fair Attendants will be able to visit with local organizations about resources that serve the unique needs of immigrants, such as employment assistance, ESL instruction, citizenship resources and more. June 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

WVARA ARRL Field Day This year the West Valley Amateur Radio Association will be setting up a relatively large Field Day deployment in the 13-Alpha Battery category. This means that they will have at least 13 transmitters operating simultaneously, and we'll be using nothing but battery and solar power (not even a gas generator), as well as only 5 watts of transmitting power. June 24, 11 a.m. Mora, Drive, Los Altos. meetup.com/WestValleyARA/events/

TALKS & LECTURES

Author Event: Cara Black Local author Cara Black joins Books Inc. in Mountain View to celebrate the latest book in her New York Times-bestselling Aimee Leduc series, "Murder in Saint-Germain." June 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 301 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/cara-black-books-inc-mountain-view

Author Event: Roxane Gay In her new book, "Hunger," Roxane Gay, author of "Ayiti," "Untamed State" and "Bad Feminist," shares the sometimes public and often private struggle she has fought with her body and the world it must navigate through. She teaches writing at Eastern Illinois University. June 28, 7:30 p.m. \$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. brownpapertickets.com/event/

Author Event: Thrity Umrigar Bestselling- and critically-acclaimed author Thrity Umrigar shares her poignant new novel, "Everybody's Son." June 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/thrity-umrigar-books-inc-palo-alto

Gallery Talk with Jennifer Carty: 'Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture' Hope Gangloff has been invited to mine the museum's permanent collection and select key historical works to hang alongside her own contemporary paintings in the exhibition "Hope Gangloff Curates Portraiture." June 24, 12:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Kim Scott: Radical Candor Author Kim Scott has identified three principles for

building better relationships. She will share the framework to help build, lead and inspire others to do their best. Learn more about "radical candor," the effective management method that Scott developed from her years working at Google and Apple and from serving as a coaching executive at Twitter and Dropbox. June 13, 7-8 p.m. \$8-\$50. Cubberley Theatre (near Montrose and Middlefield), 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. eventbrite.com/

Lee Daniel Kravetz and Julie Lythcott-Haims Julie Lythcott-Haims (internationally acclaimed author of "How To Raise An Adult") hosts a conversation with author and psychotherapist Lee Daniel Kravetz about the story of Palo Alto and how, in the midst of one of its most trying tests, it became a beacon of hope and resilience. June 27, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. brownpapertickets.com/event/

The Silk Road During this event, participants will be able to join Jimmy Wong on a journey across the Silk Road, beginning in China's ancient capital city of Chang'an (today's Xi'an) and traveling the ancient route to the border of Tajikistan. June 26, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.org/losaltos

FUNDRAISERS

Anniversary Gala and Fundraiser Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto will host a fundraiser featuring wine, appetizers, music and a live auction as it celebrates its 15th Anniversary and awards recipients. June 23, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$100. Four Seasons Hotel Silicon Valley, 2050 University Ave., East Palo Alto. eventbrite.com

FAMILY

Grocery Bagging Volunteer Opportunities This is a kid-friendly (ages 12 and up) volunteer community service opportunity during which there will be fun tasks and teen team leaders will be selected. Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a local nonprofit, provides groceries to households in need. April 29, May 27 and June 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Private Business, Leghorn Street at Rengstorff Avenue, Mountain View. facebook.com/NeighborsHelpingNeighborsPaloAlto

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Friday Film Series: 'Good Design' On select Fridays from May through August, the Cantor Arts Center will be screening a film series presented in conjunction with the exhibition "Creativity on the Line: Design for the Corporate World, 1950-1975." The series includes award-winning feature films and film shorts about design and design thinking made between 1958-2014. June 23, 1-4 p.m. Free. Cantor Auditorium, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu/events/

Troop 37 celebrates its 100th anniversary The Los Altos History Museum is proud to announce an upcoming mini pop-up exhibit of Troop 37 memorabilia in the downstairs library room of the J. Gilbert Smith House. The display will be open during the Museum's hours from Thursday, June 22 through Sunday, July 2. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

DANCE

Choreo-cubator Choreo-cubator offers space and time to create new work, polish work in progress and experiment. All kinds of dance and arts in which movement is important are welcome. June 20-23, 27, 29 and 30, 6-7:30 p.m. \$105. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress/

Contemporary Dance Workshop Elisabeth Kindler-Abali, visiting artist from Berlin, leads her technique and teaches excerpts of her own choreography. This is part of a three-class workshop; each class is two hours. People can sign up to take one or two if all three is not

possible. June 26, 27 and 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. \$28. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress/

Full Day of Dance Full Day of Dance offers five movement classes for mixed levels, each one hour long, led by master artist and teachers. Participants can take one or any number of classes, try something new and do what they love. There will be a free coffee tasting and treats included in the break. June 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$14-\$70. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress/

COMEDY

Physical Comedy Workshop Megan Ivey, professional, Ringling Bros.-trained clown offers an opportunity to fall down funny, slap and be slapped and walk into walls. The class is open to adults and kids ages 10 and up. Folks are encouraged to come with a pal; the second person is half price. It's recommended that the adult participant accompany the child. June 25, 2-4 p.m. \$30, single person; \$15, 2nd person. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress/

FOOD & DRINK

Food It: Fork to Farm The Mixing Bowl will bring together start-ups, key industry players, investors and representatives from leading global food and agriculture innovation hubs at their flagship event. This year, Food It will focus on the theme of "Fork to Farm" and will explore the shift in power caused by the rise of the tech-enabled food consumer. June 27, 9-6 p.m. \$150-\$300. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. eventbrite.com/

Mitzvah Corps: Cook and Serve a Meal for the Homeless All are invited to join in making a meal for a local shelter. Participants do not need to be experienced cooks. Kitchen duties vary from prepping fruits and vegetables, buttering bread, cleaning and cooking. Participants should meet at the Community Kitchen inside the Schultz Cultural Arts Hall. June 25, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com/event/

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Habit of Happiness Michelle Bradshaw Kanti reveals that happiness is actually a skill that becomes a practice that becomes a habit. During this event, she'll share the secrets of how to be happier by revealing some practical tools and practices that can help people master their mind and emotions. June 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m. Free, but call to reserve a seat. East West Book Store, 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwest.com/readers

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Peninsula Gem & Geology Society meeting This final monthly meeting until fall will be Member Share, where club members bring items they have acquired to show everyone. There will be a door prize drawing and many items available by silent auction. June 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. pggs.org/

SPORTS

7th Annual Summer Scamper Every dollar raised for this 5k, 10k and kids' fun run goes directly to support children and families at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. June 25, 8-11 a.m. \$0-\$45. Stanford Campus, Galvez Street between Campus Drive and Memorial Way, Palo Alto. SummerScamper.org

MVTC Tennis Day The Mountain View Tennis Club will organize a one-day Tennis Day event with a clinic by John Togasaki, racket demos, fast-serve speed gun, ball machines and more. It is sponsored by Swetka's Tennis Shop and open to all adult levels. A light breakfast and lunch is included. June 24, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10, member; \$12, general; \$13, thru PayPal. Rengstorff Park Tennis Courts, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Book Discussion All are invited to join in on the discussion of Fredrik Backman's highly entertaining book "A Man Called Ove." Copies are available for checkout at the Los Altos Library. June 27, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.evanced.info/signup/

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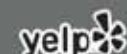
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5 BR 4.5 BA Luxury woodland home with 2 self-contained levels.
Grand formal & informal spaces.
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PORTOLA VALLEY **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$2,750,000**
10 Sandstone St 3 BR 2 BA Wide, tranquil views. Rustic setting.
Contemporary home in community environment.
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MOUNTAIN VIEW **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 5** **\$2,688,000**
990 Rose Ave 5 BR 3.5 BA Recently Remodeled! Los Altos
Schools! Solar Panels on Roof! 13-Bed Vegetable Garden!
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SARATOGA **\$2,680,000**
4 BR 2 BA Home is located in the prestigious Saratoga
neighborhood.
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6 BR 2 BA Desirable Mt. View location with Los Altos Schools.
Huge lot. Separate LR, DR, and FR
Alan Huwe CalBRE #01706555 650.941.7040



SUNNYVALE **\$1,098,000**
3 BR 1 BA Nicely updated home with easy access to freeways and
shopping.
Jinny Ahn CalBRE #01158424 650.941.7040



MOUNTAIN VIEW **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$969,000**
436 Sierra Vista 13 2 BR 2.5 BA Quiet, green condo, w/2 master
suites, 2 assigned parking spaces & outdoor patio/garden
Margaret Williams CalBRE #00554210 650.941.7040



MILLBRAE **Sat/Sun 12 - 5** **\$899,000**
230 Magnolia Ave 2 BR 1 BA Spacious backyard. Excellent Spring
Valley/Taylor/Mills schools. Close to BART, Caltrain.
Deniece Smith CalBRE #01295757 650.325.6161



ALAMEDA **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$739,000**
1023 College Ave 2 BR 1 BA East End Craftsman w/detached
garage, updated kitchen & bath, oak floors, fireplace & more.
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SAN JOSE **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** **\$349,000**
3268 Shadow Park Place 1 BR 1 BA Cheerful end-unit condo,
updated throughout. Built in 1988. Remodeled kit. Evergreen area.
Maha Najjar CalBRE #01305947 650.325.6161



SAN JOSE **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$299,000**
259 N. Capitol Ave 215 1 BR 1 BA Updated second floor 1
bedroom, 1 bath condo, conveniently located close to Light Rail.
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