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Jamie says a reluctant goodbye to his mother before starting first grade at Stevenson Elementary School on Aug. 14.

Dust still settling as MV kids return to school

CREWS RACE TO THE FINISH SUMMER CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

By Kevin Forestieri

Dozens of kindergartners from all over Mountain View filed into brand new portable classrooms at Stevenson Elementary on the first day of school Monday, just

feet away from the school's old campus, which is now an active construction site. Inside Room 3, teacher Danielle DeMaio had her kindergarten class give a warm welcome to their new principal, Rebecca Westover.

"She loves big smiles, and

really big waves," she said. "Everyone say 'Good morning Ms. Westover!'"

For the returning students, Stevenson looks a whole lot different this year. The Mountain

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TCE dangers halt housing project

By Mark Noack

An approved project to build a 26 row-houses at 277 Fairchild Drive is being delayed by officials with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after they discovered the site's soil exceeded safety levels for trichloroethylene (TCE).

Representatives for the developer, Warmington Fairchild Associates LLC, say they will clean up the soil contamination over the coming months before proceeding with construction.

Dozens of samples taken last

year at the property showed TCE levels that exceeded the EPA's safety levels. The agency defines unsafe TCE levels as exceeding 20,000 micrograms per cubic meter. Samples from the site had levels as high as 410,000 micrograms per cubic meter.

Before the TCE levels were known, Mountain View city officials had approved plans in 2015 for the Fairchild Drive property to be redeveloped into 22 row-houses and four single-family homes. Previously, the site was an RV park and motel that was rented out as permanent housing.

In a settlement reached with

the EPA earlier this summer, Warmington officials agreed to cleanup the hazardous vapors in the top layers of soil. In addition, they will inject "bioremediation" chemicals into the aquifers below, which will help break down the TCE contaminating the groundwater.

EPA officials have classified TCE as a carcinogen by any route of chronic exposure. Mountain View's contaminated ground water plumes, in many places a legacy of the semiconductor industry, can result in exposure

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Church offers sanctuary as cold-weather homeless shelter

SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN CALLS THE PLAN A "WIN"

By Kevin Forestieri

To help the fast-growing number of homeless people in Mountain View seeking a safe place to sleep at night, Trinity United Methodist Church is proposing to use its church property in Old Mountain View to house 50 homeless families and children during the cold winter months.

Plans for the shelter, which were submitted to the city last month, call for using the sanctuary space in the church to give the homeless — specifically

multi-agency partnership where Hope's Corner would provide food services, HomeFirst would run the shelter and Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos would provide case management, all in one location.

"It has long been my view that you can get a lot done if everybody will do their part," Simitian said. "Hope's Corner has really created something extraordinary around the meal service, Pastor Love has a congregation that is very sympathetic and supportive of the larger social and commu-

nity service function, and CSA is an indigenous Mountain View nonprofit."

Love said the partnership proposed by Simitian is an ambitious one, but his gut reaction was that the church could pull it off. He went back to his con-

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SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN

gregation and found broad support to step up and serve the community — particularly when the need for homeless services is so strong in the North County.

"I know my church pretty well and I suspected what I found, which was open hearts and a willingness and enthusiasm for this," he said.

The church, located on the corner of Hope and Mercy streets near downtown Mountain View, has been an invaluable resource for the homeless for years. The nonprofit Hope's Corner has been providing free breakfasts and packaged lunches to the needy at the location since 2011, and has since expanded its services to include showers and haircuts. In recent years, the nonprofit has seen its visitor count skyrocket to between 180 and 200 people each week.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian told the *Voice* he suggested the idea of using space in the church as a cold weather homeless shelter to Pastor Michael Love at Trinity United Methodist Church back in January. He envisioned a strong,

gregation and found broad support to step up and serve the community — particularly when the need for homeless services is so strong in the North County.

"I know my church pretty well and I suspected what I found, which was open hearts and a willingness and enthusiasm for this," he said.

The sanctuary space within the church is flexible enough to accommodate dozens of shelter beds because of a recent decision to ditch the wooden pews in favor of folding chairs, which allowed Hope's Corner to use the church to feed hundreds of people on busy Saturdays. Before that, the nonprofit had to operate out of a small social hall adjacent to the church, which was bursting

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

Who was your most memorable teacher?



"Dr. Kompella, my physics teacher senior year. She was really funny and kind of like a second mother to me."

Sahid Gill, Palo Alto



"Mr. Redfield. He was my math teacher at Gunn High School two years in a row and it was because he loved talking about basketball and sports during class and he would relate all of our math concepts to the real world."

Josh Radin, Los Altos



"It was my core teacher Mr. Simmones. Very influential in my life, helped me out with a lot of personal reasons at home, so he was more than a teacher, more like a mentor or father to me in 12th grade."

Juan Jones, Miami



"Ms. Sherrard at St. Francis, who was my English teacher this last year. I liked her because she was basically just out of college, so she was really relatable and she understood what we were going through, and she just made the class a lot more fun."

Alicia Marley, San Jose



"Mr. Leganhusen, because he taught us not to give up and he taught us courage. He taught math in sixth grade at Crittenden Middle School."

Lexie Loukprasong, Mountain View

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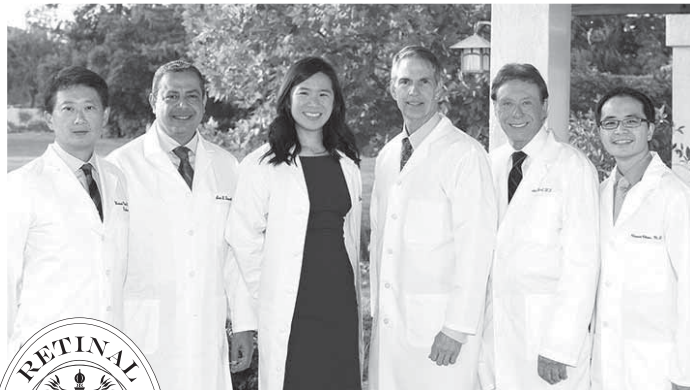
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CRIME BRIEFS

TWO EAST BAY MEN ARRESTED FOLLOWING ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Mountain View police arrested two men on Google's campus Tuesday afternoon after a bizarre robbery attempt where the suspects tried to eject the victim from a moving car in order to avoid paying him for a laptop.

Police received reports of a possible robbery around 1:30 p.m. on the 1600 block of Amphitheatre Parkway, and officers in route were told by witnesses that the car in connection to the robbery had crashed into a pole. Two suspects allegedly exited the vehicle and tried to flee, and were both detained by Google security guards.

The victim told police that he had arranged to meet the two men, identified by police as Luis Bravo, a 20-year-old San Pablo man, and Bomani Bassette, a 19-year-old El Cerrito man, in a parking lot in order to sell his laptop. When they arrived in their Nissan sedan, they asked the victim to sit inside the car while they inspected the laptop, according to police.

When the victim reached for the cash through the window of the car, the driver of the vehicle allegedly slammed on the accelerator, speeding through the parking lot in an apparent attempt to get the victim to fall out of the car, police said.

The victim fell out of the car and yelled for help, and eventually flagged down Google security staff. Around the same time, the suspect vehicle hit a pole, stalling the car and prompting the two

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- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/13
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/13
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/14
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/14
- 2500 block W. El Camino Real, 8/14
- 2100 block Leghorn St., 8/14
- 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/14
- 1 block W. El Camino Real, 8/14
- 400 block N. Whisman Rd., 8/15
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/15
- 3100 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/15

BATTERY

- 700 block Continental Cir., 8/13

GRAND THEFT

- 2000 block California St., 8/11

- 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 8/14
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POSSESSION OF BURGLARY TOOLS

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COMMUNITY BRIEF

DISPUTE OVER RENT CONTROL LAUNCH HEADS BACK TO COURT

Attorneys for Mountain View last week filed a new lawsuit seeking clarity on when the city's rent control law was supposed to go into effect. But answers won't be coming anytime soon — the new suit isn't scheduled for any hearings until November.

City officials are asking a judge to decide on the effective date of Measure V, which is pretty significant. The start date determines when a citywide rent rollback was supposed take effect, which would reset rent-controlled apartments' rates to what was being

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ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Community members hold up candles in downtown Mountain View on August 13 as they sing "This Little Light of Mine" during a vigil against the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Vigil against hate groups draws hundreds

PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS REACT TO VIOLENCE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE WITH CANDLELIGHT MARCH

By Sue Dremann

Several hundred people marched in a candlelight procession in Mountain View on Sunday night in solidarity against white supremacist and hate groups.

The vigil, which was organized by the 3,000-member Together We Will Palo Alto Mountain View, attracted residents from the Midpeninsula, many of them families. The group began a several block walk from El Camino Real and Castro Street and converged on

the Civic Center Plaza where they sang together and listened as several people spoke. They promised to be back another day, and in larger numbers.

Marchers said they were moved to come out after the violence stemming from a white supremacist demonstration in Charlottesville, Virginia. There were numerous clashes and one woman was killed and more than a dozen others injured after a man plowed his car into counter-demonstrators following a white supremacist rally.

President Trump issued an

initial statement in which he decried the violence "on many sides," and did not name or blame the large collection of white supremacist groups that converged on Charlottesville, including the KKK.

"I'm appalled with the response from our president and our congress. We stand with everybody here. We really will not tolerate this kind of hatred and vulgarity," said Margaret Herzen, a Redwood City resident.

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Weekend 'March on Google' canceled

FIRING OF ENGINEER SPURRED CALLS FOR RIGHT-WING RALLY AT GOOGLE CAMPUS; LOCAL GROUPS SAY COUNTER-PROTEST WILL STILL GO ON

By Mark Noack

The deadly clashes between alt-right demonstrators and counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia have shaken the nation, spurring alarm and condemnation from political leaders across the spectrum. Mountain View officials were concerned their city could

be the setting for the next violent skirmish, but it looks like it won't be happening this weekend.

Conservative bloggers have apparently called off a mass rally this Saturday outside Google's North Bayshore headquarters to protest the company's recent termination of an engineer who penned a controversial memo.

Two local groups, MV Tomorrow and Mountain View Voices for Peace and Justice, announced a counter-protest planned for Saturday will go on, regardless.

The lightning rod for the protest, James Damore, circulated a memo that criticized Google's diversity efforts and claimed biological

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Teacher brings Bubb community together

DAVID FRANKLIN RECEIVES TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

By Kevin Forestieri

For more than a decade, Bubb Elementary School teacher David Franklin has fostered a teaching style that knows no bounds. It doesn't matter if kids and families are in his class or not — or if they're even on campus — because to him, education means home visits and personal connections to the community.

Franklin's tight-knit relationship with the Bubb community, along with his ability to quickly adapt to new teaching styles in a changing education landscape, hasn't gone unnoticed. Earlier this year, the Mountain View Whisman School District named Franklin as its Teacher of the Year, joining 31 other teachers across Santa Clara County in a celebration next month.

Franklin was described as a "beacon of light" in the community as well as a staunch advocate for struggling students by district staff at a school board meeting in May.

"David represents the best of teachers and the teaching profession," said former Assistant Superintendent Karen Robinson at the May 4 meeting.

Franklin has been teaching second and third grade at Bubb Elementary for 15 years, and strikes a careful balance between academic rigor, creativity and fun, said Bubb Principal Cyndee Nguyen, who previously taught at the school. She said he is constantly pushing for self-improvement and is fast to pick up new technology and teaching strategies, prompting teachers from other schools to come in and observe Franklin in action so they can learn from him.

When you walk into his

classroom, she said, you can tell everyone is enjoying learning, and she didn't truly respect that until she became a coach and eventually principal of the school.

"It's actually kind of mind-blowing because his class is so well run and well-put together. Kids really adore him," Nguyen said. "When you actually see it, it makes you hopeful ... that this job really can change things for the kids."

Franklin told the *Voice* that he admires his own students, and said teaching second-grade students in particular has been a treat. Kids at that age are "sponges" for information, he said, creative artists and scientists who are respectful and haven't become jaded. They want to be everyone's friend and have a good time, he said.

One of the big things that sets Franklin apart is that he takes his show on the road. Several times each year, Franklin



David Franklin

'His class is so well run and well-put together. Kids really adore him.'

BUBB PRINCIPAL
CYNDEE NGUYEN

and the school's community engagement facilitator, Eb Lopez, go out and meet more than 100 students each year, many of them so-called "target" students that are disengaged from

the school or struggling academically. Working as a team, Franklin and Lopez meet the parents, forge a "student success plan" and suggest ways the family could support their child's learning at home.

Franklin said he started doing these home visits — which extend to kids well beyond his second grade class — when he previously taught in Woodland, where a majority of the families are Latino and qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. A lot of families in the city felt disconnected from the school, he said, and a good way to get around that is to make a personal visit and eat dinner with the families.

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MARCH ON GOOGLE

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differences make women less suited to jobs in technical fields and leadership roles than men.

The memo generated a firestorm after it was circulated on social media earlier this month. Google executives, including CEO Sundar Pichai, swiftly denounced Damore's arguments. A couple of days later, Damore was fired for violating the tech giant's employee code of conduct.

Damore was quickly hailed as a free-speech hero by right-wing commentators and pundits. Jack Posobiec, a pro-Trump activist and influential blogger who promoted the fake "Pizzagate" conspiracy, last week called for protests against Damore's firing to be held on Aug. 19 outside Google's campuses across the nation.

On Wednesday, Posobiec posted an announcement that the



FILE PHOTO

Google's Mountain View campus was one of several sites where right-wing rallies were scheduled.

event was being canceled, claiming threats from "alt-left terrorist groups."

Posobiec alleges that Google is a monopoly that is exploiting its power to silence dissent and subvert free speech, according to his post about the event.

In Mountain View, the "March

on Google" had been scheduled from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 1500 Charleston Road.

The group Mountain View Voices for Peace and Justice announced they would organize a counter-protest, "Stand Up for Diversity and Equality," to be held from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19. This rally will be held at a different location — the city's downtown Civic Plaza, at 500 Castro St.

A second group, MV Tomorrow, planned a similar counter-protest for Sunday morning, but later announced it would merge their demonstration with the Saturday rally planned by Mountain View Peace and Justice.

Members of both groups said they had decided against calling for a counter-protest at the same time and location out of concern it could cause a confrontation that could trigger more violence.

Lenny Siegel, Mountain View's vice mayor, said Wednesday that the counter-protest will go on as scheduled, despite the "March on Google" being postponed.

"Perhaps there will be a smaller turnout, but I think it's important for us to continue to speak out collectively and organize on many fronts," he said in an email to Mountain View Voices for Peace and Justice. "Mountain View is a community that treasures diversity and struggles to promote equality. These human rights values are essential for our democracy, our culture and our economy. Along with our neighbors, we are driving the national

economy. When we stand up, it provides a beacon of hope for the nation."

Mountain View police officials and political leaders said they were taking the "March on Google" seriously. The city put out two statements since Monday giving assurances that officials were working to ensure that any rallies remained civil and nonviolent.

"We are taking a close look at the event, especially in light of the attention it is receiving since the tragedy in Virginia last weekend," said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson in an email. "We will do everything we can to ensure that everyone not only is able to peacefully protest, but that everyone is also safe."

There had been no indication that violent groups plan to attend the protest, Nelson said.

On Wednesday, the police department confirmed that the march had been postponed, but said that officers would have a heightened presence both at Charleston Park and downtown, "out of an abundance of caution." ▣

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charged in October 2015.

Tenant advocates say the effective date of Measure V should be Dec. 23, 2016 — exactly 10 days from when city officials certified the election results, as specified in the ballot measure's language.

But rent control's roll-out was postponed after a lawsuit was filed by the California Apartment Association (CAA) claiming the measure was unconstitutional.

The rent control law was blocked for about four months under a temporary restraining order.

On April 5, 2017 that restraining order was lifted after a civil court judge rejected arguments by the CAA's attorneys for why it should be prolonged. As a result, city officials went to work implementing the new law, using April 5 date as its effective date.

In recent weeks, tenant attorneys have been ramping up pressure, pointing out the city was

violating Measure V's language by promoting the wrong launch date. They warned they could sue if the city didn't correct this error.

This matter was brought to the city's new Rental Housing Committee last month, and members were clearly nervous about taking sides on the issue. The committee opted to take the question back to court, directing city attorneys to ask a judge for clarity.

—Mark Noack



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HOMELESS SHELTER

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at the seams as the number of needy residents showing up for a meal skyrocketed over the last four years.

CSA Executive Director Tom Myers said his agency is emphatically supportive of the cold-weather shelter plans, and that the people sleeping at the church would have access to all of CSA's services, including food, transportation, case management, backpacks full of supplies and even housing assistance. If CSA can't provide all the services on-site, he said, the people staying at Trinity United Methodist Church can travel less than a mile to get to CSA's headquarters on Stierlin Road.

"CSA will be more than happy to help out in any way that we can," Myers said. "We feel like the need for shelter space is incredibly important, and there's not enough of it around."

Expanding homeless services in the North County has been a major priority for Simitian since the closure of the Sunnyvale Armory in early 2014, which left a huge unmet need for shelter space in cities north of San Jose. The county finally made some headway last year when it converted a warehouse into a cold weather shelter in Sunnyvale about a mile from the Mountain View border.

During the search for a new homeless shelter site, the city of Mountain View has seen its homeless population rapidly climb from 139 in 2013 to 416 in 2017, according to county survey data, and it's abundantly clear that the Sunnyvale shelter does not have enough space to keep up with demand. Of the families that apply for a spot in the shelter, half are turned away because of space constraints, Simitian said.



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Hope's Corner serves breakfast in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church on Aug. 12. The congregation, with support from Santa Clara County, hopes to open a cold-weather homeless shelter this winter, allowing families to sleep inside the church.

But there are some key differences between the Sunnyvale shelter — located between two highways and bordered by businesses — and Trinity United Methodist Church, which is on the edge of downtown Mountain View and surrounded by single-family homes in the Old Mountain View neighborhood. The county faced fierce opposition from Sunnyvale residents in 2015 when it proposed building a 100-person shelter at Central Expressway and Fair Oaks Avenue, due largely to its close proximity to a quiet residential neighborhood directly to the south.

In order to solicit feedback and address the concerns of nearby residents in Mountain View, the county has held six community meetings this year, and sent out hundreds of letters to residents in the area. Simitian

said he also sent out his office staff to go door-to-door and communicate with neighbors about the proposed shelter plans. So far the response has

'I found ... open hearts and a willingness and enthusiasm for this.'

PASTOR MICHAEL LOVE, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

been "very supportive," he said, and the questions and concerns that have been raised so far are legitimate and ought to be addressed.

One of the main things residents should keep in mind, Simitian said, is that the shelter space will be available specifically to homeless families with children and single women, and will be filled on a referral-only basis. The problem with the Sunnyvale Armory is that it let people in on a first-come first-serve basis, which left many homeless people milling around the area once the shelter ran out of space. Data from the Sunnyvale shelter in 2015 shows that despite referral-only access, the shelter averaged 95 percent capacity over 116 days, and was typically packed after the first few weeks of winter.

The shelter will also include on-site security, and county staff are working with local businesses to develop a plan to mitigate any increases in parking, according to a recent Q&A

released by Simitian's office.

Hope's Corner board president Leslie Carmichael said she attended one of the community meetings and said the 20 or so residents who showed up had very good questions about how the homeless shelter would operate, and left the meeting feeling pretty encouraged. She said Old Mountain View residents have been largely supportive of Hope's Corner and its mission to serve food to the homeless and the needy on Saturdays, and that she believes the neighborhood's warm welcome will extend to the families seeking a place to sleep at night as well.

"We were fortunate right from the beginning with Hope's Corner," she said. "The opposition never really materialized."

County picks up the cost

At a board meeting Tuesday, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed to help out with the cost of establishing a homeless shelter at Trinity United Methodist Church, including much-needed upgrades to the kitchen at Hope's Corner. Currently, meals have to be prepared, cooked and transported off-site in Los Altos and sent over to Mountain View because the kitchen has no stove and lacks a commercial-grade oven.

Cost estimates show the kitchen facilities upgrades — which would practically double the size of the existing kitchen — amount to \$982,000 and the shelter facility would

cost \$138,000, according to a county staff report.

County supervisors agreed on a 4-0 vote at the Aug. 15 meeting to contribute \$500,000 in the form of a forgivable loan, as well as a second \$200,000 "bridge loan," since Hope's Corner is currently waiting to receive funds from a community benefit agreement between the city and Clyde Avenue Joint Ventures LLC. The developer isn't expected to complete the projects at 580 and 620 Clyde Avenue for three years, which is locking up the \$200,000 in community benefit funds, according to a county report.

Simitian sees the kitchen upgrades as a big opportunity. With 50 homeless people sleeping in the adjacent building to the kitchen at Hope's Corner, why not use it as an opportunity to provide job training? He suggested that the nonprofit Downtown Streets Team could provide culinary job training on-site, which could go a long way towards dealing with all the "help wanted" signs in downtown Mountain View.

"You're like two blocks away from restaurant row, not just up and down Castro Street but the side streets as well," he said. "All these folks are constantly talking about their failure to hire entry-level folks, and these are jobs that we could very well train people to do — particularly when we're talking about a brand-new kitchen."

Trinity United Methodist Church submitted its proposal for a cold-weather homeless shelter in July, and has gone through initial review by the city's Community Development Department, according to Kimberly Thomas, the assistant to the city manager. The proposal is expected to be reviewed by the city's zoning administrator, who will grant or deny the provisional use permit. The goal is to have the shelter open by the start of this year's cold weather season — officially, the first Monday after Thanksgiving.

Although the city of Mountain View isn't on the list of partner agencies for the shelter, Love said city staff has been a huge help in putting together the cold weather shelter proposal.

"It's really been a quiet sponsorship," he said. "The city isn't funding it, but we're sure feeling the good will of their care."

Hope's Corner's capital campaign is still ongoing. Anyone interested in learning more or making a donation may go to hopes-corner.org. ■



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

A volunteer with the Young Men's Service League helps pack salads into to-go bags at Hope's Corner on Aug. 12.

BACK TO SCHOOL

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View Whisman School District spent an intense 46 days over the summer building new facilities and overhauling several of its campuses while school was out. Stevenson Elementary, home of the district's parent participation program, is now housed in a temporary portable buildings tucked behind the district office, right next door to its old home on San Pierre Way.

Stevenson is due for a complete make-over, including new classrooms, a new multipurpose room, a new library and a new administrative building, with construction on the permanent campus scheduled to begin next month and continue through August of next year. In the mean time, the school will have to make do with its all-portable campus.

Moving into the new portables in such a short time-frame meant teachers were preparing for the school year right up to the last minute, but it was still a smooth transition, said Stevenson teacher Stan Adermann, who was wearing a bright orange vest and directing foot traffic into the school Monday morning. He



Brightly colored backpacks are hung on a fence separating classrooms from the construction site at Stevenson Elementary School.

said he got plenty of help over the weekend from families and district staff.

"We've had a lot of parents come out to help," he said.

Westover said she saw great teamwork over the weekend between teachers, the district and even construction crews to make sure everything was ready for the first day of school. The demolished old campus meant some of the school's teaching staff finally got a true reprieve

from work because they couldn't linger in the classrooms during the summer break. Despite the temporary nature of Stevenson's campus and the ongoing construction this year, students still have access to both blacktop and field space.

Some parents were uneasy with the robust level of construction going on last week through Sunday, pointing out that the campuses didn't appear even close to being ready for the first

day of school. Some campuses — particularly Crittenden Middle School and Monta Loma Elementary — still have torn-up fields, construction vehicles and fencing all over the campus.

Chief Business Officer Robert Clark told the *Voice* on Thursday last week that none of the summer projects were 100 percent done at the time, but that the district was committed to after-hour and weekend construction in order to ensure students and staff would be able to return on Aug. 14 without trouble.

"A lot of things can happen in a couple days," he said. "Teachers will have access to their rooms mid- to late-Saturday."

In an effort to ease the transition without proper access to classrooms, Clark said teachers have relied on the less construction-heavy school sites and have been making use of the copy machines in the district office. He said he hasn't heard any complaints from the teaching staff about not being able to move in early, which he said could be the result of good advertising: The district office made it abundantly clear that construction was going to start right away and continue to the last minute, and that teachers needed to take their work home with them.

The other thing to keep in mind is that some construction projects are going to run concurrent with the school year, and were never intended to wrap up by Monday, Clark said. Castro Elementary School's new campus and the new track and field at Crittenden are both scheduled for completion next year, as well as the new multipurpose rooms at Bubb, Huff and Landels. The only incomplete project that was supposed to be done this month was at Monta Loma, where the contractor couldn't get roofing materials in time for the start of the school year, Clark said. The project has been pushed to summer 2018 because it would be dangerous to install metal roofing while kids are on the campus.

By the school district's tally, Mountain View Whisman pulled off \$29 million in construction projects in 46 days, which included processing 31,880 cubic yards of dirt, putting up 258,000 pounds of steel and placing over 48,000 square feet of asphalt. Clark said it's the most ambitious construction schedule he has ever seen for summer capital projects.

"This is the busiest I've been," he said. "And the summer of 2018 will be just as busy, if not busier." ■

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Health care district board picks new member

13 APPLICANTS VIED FOR SEAT LEFT VACANT BY FORMER BOARD MEMBER DENNIS CHIU

By Kevin Forestieri

The El Camino Health-care District's board of directors were set to consider appointing one of 13 applicants to a vacant seat on the board Wednesday night, after the *Voice's* press deadline. The appointment will replace former board member Dennis Chiu, who resigned at the end of June.

Members of the health care district's board represent residents within the special tax district, which includes Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and parts of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Cupertino. The five elected board members oversee the use of taxpayer funds for capital improvements at El Camino Hospital and about \$7 million in health care grant funds, and also serve on El Camino Hospital's board of directors — giving them direct oversight over the hospital's operations and \$800 million annual budget.

The field of candidates up for consideration Wednesday night

included residents from Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Los Altos with a broad range of backgrounds, including lawyers, a former Mountain View City Council member, doctors and health care industry experts. For an updated story, go to mv-voice.com.

The list of applicants included Mountain View resident William Adler, a retired lawyer who worked in the telecommunications industry; Mountain View resident Jonathan Cowan, a health care consultant; Los Altos resident Alissa Erogbogbo, a medical director; Los Altos resident Neysa Fligor, senior legal counsel for HP Inc.; Los Altos resident Gary Kalbach, a long-time venture capitalist; Mountain View resident Mike Kasperzak, a former Mountain View City Council member; Los Altos resident Sivaram Krishnan, founder and CEO of the company Inborg Corporation; Los Altos resident Edward Loizeaux, a retired manufacturing consultant; Sunnyvale resident Tara Martin-Milius, a Sunnyvale

City Council member and business management consultant; Sunnyvale resident Sachihiko Michitaka, founder and CEO of Ocean Seven Consulting, LLC; Mountain View resident Kristina Peterson, a 10-year senior program therapist in El Camino's behavioral health department; Mountain View resident Carol Somersille, a self-employed obstetrician and gynecologist; and Los Altos Hills resident George Ting, a nephrologist with the El Camino Renal Medical Group.

Health care district board members have made it clear in past meetings that the hospital's oversight needs more expertise in the field of health care, citing a need to control costs and make smart investments that can increase the number of patients the hospital serves and grow its presence in communities both inside and outside the district's boundaries. In a recent decision, board members voted to expand the hospital's board of directors to include two additional members to provide more expert analysis. ▣

TCE

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to TCE vapors, especially in poorly ventilated buildings. TCE is known to cause cancer and other health problems, including heart defects in children born to mothers who were exposed during critical stages of heart development, according to the EPA.

Warmington bears no responsibility for causing the contamination but agreed to help clean up the site in order to avoid prolonged delays for their development. The presence of

TCE at the site is linked to the semiconductor firms Fairchild Semiconductor, Intel and Raytheon that previously operated industrial plants nearby. In recent years, the contaminated groundwater plume known as the Moffett-Ellis-Whisman Superfund migrated into the Evandale neighborhood.

Warmington project manager David Agee said he expected the cleanup to take about six months. If all goes according to plan, construction on the homes could begin next spring, he said. ▣

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Ruling temporarily halts Brock Turner judge recall campaign

By Elena Kadvany

The effort to recall Santa Clara County Judge Aaron Persky has been temporarily halted, with a judge approving a restraining order to stop the campaign from collecting the signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot next summer.

The San Jose Mercury News reported that retired Orange County Judge Marjorie Laird Carter granted the order last Friday, blocking the campaign from gathering signatures for the next 12 days, until an Aug. 23 hearing.

This was a small victory for Persky, whose six-month sentence for former Stanford University student Brock Turner's sexual assault

of an unconscious woman outside a fraternity party on campus in 2015 was widely criticized. The recall campaign, led by Stanford law professor Michele Dauber (a family friend of the young woman), has alleged Persky has shown a pattern of bias against women and defendants of color in sexual violence cases.

The campaign organizers announced just hours before the restraining order was granted that they had received the green light from the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to start collecting approximately 90,000 signatures from voters to put the recall on the June 2018 ballot.

According to the Mercury News, Persky argued in court

documents that because he is a state officer, California's secretary of state rather than the county registrar should have decided whether the campaign's signature effort could move forward.

In a statement, Dauber called Persky's motion to block the campaign from gathering signatures "a last-ditch desperate effort," adding that the campaign did everything correctly.

"The Constitution and the California Elections Code are completely clear. We scrupulously followed every provision required by law, as did the county in approving our petition and telling us that we can collect signatures," she said. ▣

CRIME BRIEFS

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men to try to escape.

Both Bravo and Bassette were arrested on charges including robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and kidnapping during a robbery. They were both transported to Santa Clara County Jail and were being held without bail.

The victim suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene, police said.

BIKE THEFT ARREST

Mountain View police arrested a man on Monday after an officer reportedly caught him in the act of taking apart a bicycle in order to remove it from a bike rack.

Police received reports around 5:45 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, that a suspicious man was asking passersby on the 1000 block of El Monte Avenue for tools to remove parts off of a bike locked to a bike rack. An officer found the suspect,

identified as 34-year-old David Bell, a transient, pulling apart a bike on the rack, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Police determined that the bike was not Bell's, and subsequently found he was in possession of cable cutters, a crow bar and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested for possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

—Kevin Forestieri

North Korea threat hangs over Mattis visit

DIUX VISIT INTENDED TO TOUT U.S. EFFORTS TO PARTNER WITH POWERFUL TECH FIRMS

By Mark Noack

U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis arrived in Mountain View last week intending to highlight the development of new military technology for the digital age. But the weaponry that stole the show was a throwback to the Cold War — nuclear arms and their destructive power that still remains essentially unchecked.

The possibility of nuclear warfare gained new urgency after North Korea demonstrated last month that it has missile technology sophisticated enough to strike the U.S. mainland.

Tensions further escalated as President Donald Trump promised “fire and fury” against North Korea if it persisted in

‘My portfolio and responsibility is to have military options should they be needed.’

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES MATTIS

making threats. On Thursday, Aug. 10, — just hours before Mattis spoke in Mountain View — North Korea announced it was preparing plans to fire four missiles near Guam.

Asked repeatedly by reporters about the situation, Mattis gave assurances that U.S. efforts were

“diplomatically led.” He pointed to the recent unanimous vote by the U.N. Security Council to impose sanctions on North Korea as evidence that route was showing success.

“You can see the American effort is diplomatically led, and it has diplomatic traction and it’s gaining diplomatic results,” he said. “My portfolio and responsibility is to have military options should they be needed.”

What “options” could those be? Mattis declined to give specifics, explaining that he wasn’t going to tip his hand to the enemy. But the U.S. military is ready, he said.

The trip was officially organized so Mattis could visit the headquarters for the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx), a relatively new arm of the Pentagon meant to nurture startups that develop technology useful to the military.

DIUx was launched in 2015 by Mattis’ predecessor under President Barack Obama, Ash Carter. While the Trump administration has pledged to undo many programs from the Obama years, DIUx will remain in place and will likely grow its role in the near future, Mattis said.

During his West Coast visit, the defense secretary also toured the headquarters of Amazon and Google.

At the press conference, DIUx team members highlighted the new technology they were helping fund, such as autonomous sailboats used for scouting, and Bluetooth communications devices that fit discreetly along your jaw.

But the new gadgetry was mostly ignored as Mattis fielded questions from the press. He was asked repeatedly about the threat of nuclear war.

“If you’re going to an objective down the track ... you need two rails,” Mattis said. “We have two rails that are mutually supportive, and we have the diplomatic track out in front.”

And the other track? Mattis didn’t say.

‘Mothership’ for future military tech

While Secretary Mattis’ focused on the nuclear threat, other DIUx representatives gave an update on their continuing efforts in Mountain View to partner on relevant technology with the private industry.

DIUx was designed so that the Pentagon could stay engaged even as an increasing amount of research and development is being led by private technology



MICHELLE LE

U.S. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis came to Mountain View to tout new military tech, but questions about escalating nuclear tensions with North Korea dominated the Aug. 10 event.

firms, said Sean Singleton, the DIUx director of business development. During the later years of the Reagan administration, the military bureaucracy matched private investment in new research, he said. In contrast, private research funding today surpasses public spending by about \$250 billion each year, he said.

“When you look at firms like Amazon, Alphabet and Apple, they themselves on an annualized basis outpace all these traditional military industrial players,” Singleton said. “You’re dealing with companies now that operate like nation-states, and as a result of that we need to figure the best way of (working with) these entities or we’re going to be left behind.”

The U.S. military has a long history in providing seminal investments in the technologies

behind many of Silicon Valley’s iconic industries, including early research in integrated circuits, packet networks and digital voice recognition. Nevertheless, there has been ongoing tension between the military’s notoriously sluggish bureaucracy and the fast pace of innovation in the tech sector.

There was no shortage of examples of this conflict mentioned by DIUx officials. It is well known that the catalyst for the emerging self-driving car industry was the 2004 Grand Challenge organized by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). But if private players — namely Google — hadn’t taken on the project and further developed the technology, that work likely would have been shelved, Singleton said. ▣

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An autonomous sailboat that could be used for scouting was displayed at DIUx in Mountain View.

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Sure enough, the same parents suddenly began showing up on campus, coming into the school library and attending walkathons. Bubb may have a more affluent community, but there's no reason to stop using home visits as a way to help the families who need it, Franklin said.

"I kind of brought that with me to Bubb," he said. "Even though there's a lot of support here, there's still pockets of families who work two jobs or are shy and don't come out to the school."

"They're more willing, once they've already built a nice relationship with you, to solve problems and look at behaviors and what their kids need to succeed."

As a longtime teacher at

Bubb, Franklin said he runs into former students all the time, some of whom have graduated and moved onto college, and he tries to attend high school graduations every year to cheer on the kids he has met over the years. Part of his ability to stay in the community for so long dates back to 2007, when Franklin scored a highly coveted ownership townhouse available through Mountain View's below-market rate (BMR) housing program.

That lucky break meant a 3-mile commute to work on bike, living right next door to Bubb students, and meeting families every day at grocery stores, movie theaters and along Castro Street, making his community-driven teaching style all the more personal. Franklin didn't hesitate to point out how integral that was to keeping him and his

son in the district.

"I would not be at Bubb if I didn't have that house," he said. "I would've had to move away."

Students aren't the only ones with fond memories of Franklin. Mountain View Whisman school board member Ellen Wheeler said Franklin was her son's second grade teacher during Franklin's first year in the district, and she recalled that he remains "one of the best teachers" she has ever seen.

"He treats every single student in his classroom with the highest respect," she said in an email.

Near the end of last school year in March, the Bubb community rallied behind Franklin when he sent a message to families that after 14 years of being cancer free, his melanoma had come back "with a vengeance." Subsequent CT

scans indicated he had stage IV metastatic melanoma, and that he would need to undergo multiple treatments, including chemotherapy, to get it under control again.

He took a hiatus from teaching at the end of the 2017-18 school year and continued to go through treatment during the summer, which he said has been "rough" but appears to be making progress.

"The treatments are pretty harsh and I don't feel like eating, but they are working," he said. "Most of the tumors I started with have reduced in size."

After sending out the message, he said the school community united and sent him hundreds of cards, emails and texts, as well as delivering a constant stream of food and soup. The school also purchased him a giant Lego

Death Star kit with close to 4,000 pieces, which he was able to fully assemble over the summer. Franklin is back to teaching this fall, but he's got a huge network of support from Nguyen, instructional coach Cathy Patterson and the kindergarten teaching staff who can fill in for him at the end of the school day, when his energy level flags.

At the May 18 meeting, Franklin thanked the families, the students and his fellow teachers, and that he hopes to continue to work, grow and have fun at Bubb for many years to come.

"I've been here for a very long time, and there has not been a moment where I haven't enjoyed being here with all of you," he said. ▀

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VIGIL

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Mountain View resident Shawn Shahin said the vigil is the first time she has come out to demonstrate.

"I just couldn't stand by and do nothing. I truly believe we need to tolerate and accept all people," she said, noting that she was deeply moved by the Charlottesville violence.

"This is the straw that broke the camel's back," she said.

Christopher Kashap, also of Mountain View, attended with his daughter, Isabella, 11.

"I'm here because I'm frightened and outraged. I'm the son of an immigrant. That's what makes this country great — immigrants," he said.

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Rohini Rebello-D'Souza said she brought Morgan, age 8, to the vigil "to show him that participation matters and that love always matters."



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Debbie and Zoe Mukamal attended the vigil in Mountain View on Aug. 13, and said they have been participating in protests since the election in November.

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Creative thinking can save MV's Planned Parenthood

These are tough times for Planned Parenthood. At the national level, Congress is proposing to defund Planned Parenthood clinics across the country. Here in the Bay Area, low reimbursement rates have forced Planned Parenthood to announce the closing of three clinics, in Richmond, Pittsburg and Vacaville.

And here in Mountain View, Planned Parenthood has lost its lease on the San Antonio Road clinic that has served thousands of local residents for almost 20 years.

That's a problem not just for Planned Parenthood, but for all of us. That's because while our local Planned Parenthood is well and widely known for its family planning services, it is also an essential provider of day-to-day health care — so-called primary care — to some 8,000 patients.

So if our local Planned Parenthood closes, that's not just a problem for Planned Parenthood's patients (many of whom are people of modest means), that means added pressure for services in our area, where capacity is already a challenge, and there is no other Planned Parenthood clinic between Redwood City and San Jose.

Under any circumstances, finding a new home for Planned Parenthood would be no easy task. But given a hot economy, and our even hotter real estate market, the challenge has been particularly daunting.

If, however, we're prepared to think creatively, that challenge could be an opportunity.

In February, I asked county staff to "act with urgency" in

assisting Planned Parenthood, and I was pleased that our entire Board of Supervisors supported that direction.

I also noted that if we could find the right space — and enough of it — we might be able to partner with Planned Parenthood by operating a county clinic in tandem with Planned Parenthood, providing additional specialty health care services for things like cardiology, dermatology, and orthopedics.

This would be a first for our area. The North County has never had a county health clinic of its own. Indeed, as things now stand, ours is the only supervisorial district without a Santa Clara County health clinic to serve its residents.

Side by side, each focusing on the areas of their greatest strengths, the potential is there for Planned Parenthood and Santa Clara County to team up in a very powerful way. A long-term partnership could be a win for the county, Planned Parenthood, and most importantly, the patients we serve.

All of this will require funding, determination and creativity, not to mention a majority vote by the Board of Supervisors. But it's the smart move.

As the old saying goes: "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." It's a cliché, of course. But it's an apt one. And if we see the current challenge as an opportunity, life could get much sweeter for Planned Parenthood and the North County patients they serve.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian represents the Fifth District in Santa Clara County, which includes all or part of eight cities in the West Valley and North County, including Mountain View.

Guest Opinion

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

ALT-RIGHT MARCH IS NOT ABOUT FREE SPEECH

The alt-right "March on Google" is not about free speech. No one in the government stopped or punished (Google employee) James Damore from speaking. Damore was fired for openly undermining his private company's strategic initiatives.

Calling their protest a defense of speech is a thinly veiled attempt to cover their attempts to redefine discrimination, by sweeping aside the real challenges of gender bias in the Valley, and to replace it with a newly constructed belief that discrimination against conservative Caucasian men is more pressing in America. This attempt to re-vision America is happening across many policy fronts.

I hope people come out to the Saturday afternoon counter-protest in the downtown Civic Plaza to peacefully speak up that America is better than all this nonsense happening in our politics.

*Christopher Chiang
Spacepark Way*

EXPAND CAP AND TRADE

In ancient Israel a "Karban" was a sacrificial offering to God which left only ashes behind. Today,

carbon is still being burned, and decades of lies told by Exxon as to the true consequences of that burning means that we may have to sacrifice our environment to the false gods of capitalism.

Don't let Exxon lie us into complacency. California must continue and expand its efforts to reduce CO2 through cap and trade, renewable sources, and a (rebated to consumer) tax on the very carbon that threatens our global ecosystem.

*Ed Taub
Devoto Street*

ENVIRONMENT SUFFERS FROM OVERPOPULATION

It is all very well for Ed Taub (letters July 28) to blame the greed of the 1 percent and lack of drive by religious leaders for our currently accelerating destruction of the earth and its biological resources. But without addressing the fact that the work of Adam and Eve (to fill the earth) has been accomplished, we continue to over-reproduce.

Since I was born, the human population has increased by a factor of 3 (from under 2.5 billion to 7.4 billion). Nearly all of us hope to raise children who have more access to resources

than we currently have. There are estimates that we already consume more than this world can produce: World Overshoot Day was August 2 this year.

Child marriage, under-education of women, under-employment of women, welfare and tax policies that do not limit benefits for children beyond the first one or two all promote over-reproduction. Can we change?

*Raymond R. White
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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Crossroads cuisine

URFA BISTRO DISTINGUISHES ITSELF WITH AUTHENTIC MIDDLE EASTERN FARE

Story by Dale F. Bentson | Photos by Veronica Weber

Much of European cuisine has evolved over centuries of wars and occupations, often birthing hybrid fare that utilized the best elements of both.

One such culinary crossroad was southeastern Turkey's province of Şanlıurfa. Known as Urfa, it can be traced back 11,000 years and has been dominated by dozens of civilizations. As a result, modern cuisine from Urfa carries Turkish, Syrian, Armenian, Arabic and Kurdish roots and since late 2015, Urfa Bistro has offered the Midpeninsula a taste of it.

Growing up in the restaurant industry in Urfa, owner Zubi Duygu's grandfather and immediate family were all in the business. Duygu owned restaurants in Burlingame, San Francisco and Berkeley before opening Urfa Bistro in Los Altos. His brother, Memet, who earned his culinary stripes in Istanbul, is the chef.

"We make everything from scratch," Duygu said. "We bake bread daily and make sure every table has a basket of fresh, warm bread. We have branzino flown in daily on Lufthansa from Bodrum (on the Aegean

Sea). Every order in the restaurant is made to order. We cook nothing ahead."

While there is an increasing number of Turkish and Middle Eastern restaurants in the area, most are indistinguishable from each other. Urfa Bistro though, was quite distinctive. Not only was the food a notch above, the menu broke away from the usual lamb and chicken kebabs served with red and green bell peppers and onions.

There are some of the usual suspects on the menu, but at Urfa they are spiced differently — often using isot pepper — and presented more artistically, with vividly colored foods on white porcelain plates. The isot is a pepper with a smoky raisin-like flavor, not sinus-clearing hot, but one that lingers peacefully on the palate.

Urfa Bistro encompasses more than just Turkish delights. It is a Mediterranean bistro with a broader focus. The chilled tomato gazpacho (\$7) featured chunks of fresh tomatoes, onions and a hint of garlic topped with wedges of avocado. It was a refreshing start to lunch.

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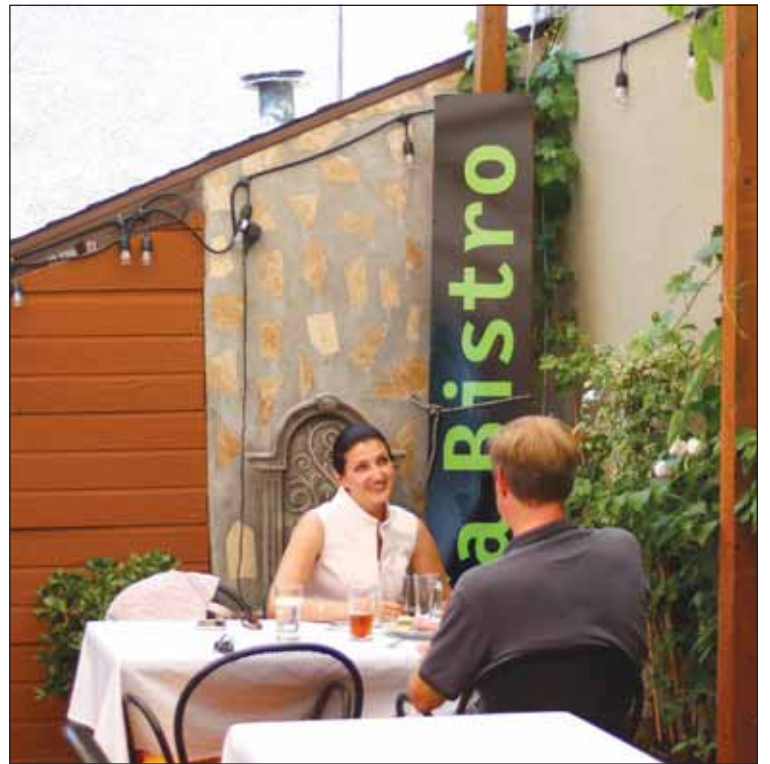
Seyma Cimentay clears tables after lunch at Urfa Bistro in Los Altos.



For dessert, the **kunefe** is a golden mound of shredded filo dough baked with fresh mozzarella, and topped with chopped pistachios and a honey-lemon syrup.



Beyti kebabs at Urfa Bistro are made with ground beef and lamb wrapped in lavash, topped with tomato sauce and served with garlic yogurt.



The back patio at Urfa offers the option to dine al fresco.

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The grilled octopus (\$12) made a vibrant plate. Braised, then grilled, the cephalopod was served over a slice of grilled honeydew melon with cherry tomatoes, arugula and olive tapenade.

The octopus was beautiful on the plate, but of the four pieces, two were overly salty and two were not. The different levels of saltiness unbalanced the plate and diminished the pleasure.

That was just about my only complaint. The spanakopita appetizer (\$9) was delicious, four wedges of golden puff pastry stuffed with feta cheese, onions and sauteed spinach.

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Urfa Bistro's spanakopita are triangles of puff pastry filled with sautéed spinach, onions and feta cheese, served with a tahini yogurt sauce.

Another traditional dish, moussaka (\$18), was a generous portion of layered eggplant, potato, ground beef and mozzarella cheese topped with bechamel and tomato sauces. Luscious and soft under its tomato-y coat, every bite was rich and rewarding.

My favorite dish was the Beyti kebab (\$17). Ground beef and lamb had been wrapped in lavash flatbread and topped with tomato sauce, with a splash of yogurt on the side. It was a fitting tribute to its creator, Istanbul chef Beyti Guler, who introduced it on his menu in 1961.

Beyti kebab reminded me of a cross between an aram sandwich and lasagna — an aram sandwich because of the lavash wrap, and lasagna thanks to the meat filling and tomato sauce topping. It was Middle Eastern comfort food at its finest.

At lunch, the restaurant served wraps in addition to an abbreviated menu. The savory ground chicken wrap (\$11) was wrapped tightly in lavash with lightly spiced and charbroiled chicken, tomatoes, onions, lettuce and

tahini sauce inside. The accompanying French fries were nicely crisp.

Save room for the desserts, they're worth it. My favorite was the kunefe (\$9) — wiry shreds of phyllo dough wrapped around mozzarella cheese and baked golden, then topped with crushed pistachios.

The two enchanting squares of baklava (\$7) were honeyed, buttery, nutty delights, topped with candied orange peel. The rice pudding (\$7) was too creamy, reminding me of tapioca pudding, lacking that tiny bit of grain that defines rice pudding.

Urfa Bistro seats 40 inside and has a back patio where dogs (and their owners) are welcome. There is also sidewalk seating on State Street.

The restaurant serves beer and wine, and has a prompt and knowledgeable waitstaff.

Urfa Bistro is a cut above most of the Middle Eastern restaurants in the area. Duygu is a passionate owner who takes great measure importing authentic ingredients. In the kitchen, chef Memet knows how

to turn those ingredients into delicious dishes. ■

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■ DINING NOTES

Urfa Bistro

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Adam Driver and Channing Tatum in "Logan Lucky."

'Lucky' break(-in)

SODERBERGH'S LATEST HEIST COMEDY GOES SOUTH

★★★ (Century 16)

The caper comedy "Logan Lucky" isn't about very much. Nominally, it's about love of family and bogus notions of curses or luck, but primarily it's an escapist lark that just wants to tickle audiences for a couple of hours. And on that level, "Logan Lucky" works like gangbusters: It's vintage Soderbergh in its confident construction, sleek photography, stellar ensemble acting and nimble sense of cinematic play.

To make the film, director Steven Soderbergh emerged from a four-year break from feature filmmaking that's been called a "retirement" (clearly not) and a "sabbatical" (except that the director worked continuously, as feature cinematographer, editor and producer, as well as directing for TV and apparently shooting a secret feature using iPhones). So that much-discussed "retirement" turns out, happily, to have been a lot of talk, not unlike "Logan Lucky," in which a trio of siblings have words about a supposed "Logan family curse" while contemplating the robbery of the Charlotte Motor Speedway during a NASCAR race.

Loose lips sink ships — when

you're plotting a heist and when, like Soderbergh, you're giving interviews all the time. The latest talk surrounds the film's touted first-time screenwriter Rebecca Blunt: according to anonymous inside sources, Blunt is a pseudonym for Soderbergh's wife, Jules Asner, (the response from a director himself known for using pseudonyms: "Well, that's going to be news to Rebecca Blunt").

Blunt and Soderbergh take a mostly deadpan tack in telling the story of West Virginia natives Jimmy, Clyde and Mellie Logan (Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, and Riley Keough). They're working-class folks — that is, until Jimmy loses his construction job because of a limp that's branded "a pre-existing condition and ... a liability issue." Robbery recruits Joe Bang (Daniel Craig) and his little brothers Sam and Fish Bang (Brendan Gleeson and Jack Quaid) who skirt closer to "hillbilly" clichés (the script's working title was "Hillbilly Heist"), but Soderbergh avoids the superior tone that has plagued the Coen Brothers when dealing with low-income, under-educated characters.

Rather, "Logan Lucky" works

to build identification with and affection for the Logans and Jimmy, in particular. Jimmy's strongest motivation, for example, is the love of his adorable daughter Sadie (Farrah Mackenzie), since Jimmy's ex-wife (Katie Holmes) intends a move that threatens his custody access. Sadie's participation in children's beauty pageants plays funny-sad, but also showcases sincere enthusiasm and love.

Much of the humor in the picture comes from bickering, with amusing disagreements over chemistry and a certain buzzy TV show. But audiences will agree that the heist structure holds up well enough to make familiar material stand tall. Soderbergh extends to his clutch supporting player an "Introducing Daniel Craig" credit pointing out the freshness of his performance, and not long before, the film preemptively tells a self-referential joke on itself. Both are unmistakable signals that Soderbergh's here to have fun, and his mood is contagious.

Rated PG-13 for language and some crude comments. One hour, 59 minutes.

— Pete Canavese

■ NOW SHOWING

An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power (PG)

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

Annabelle Creation (R) ★★

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

Atomic Blonde (R) ★★1/2

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

Baby Driver (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Big Sick (R) ★★★

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

The Dark Tower (PG-13)

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

Despicable Me 3 (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Dunkirk (PG-13) ★★★1/2

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

The Emoji Movie (PG)

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

Fairy Tale: Dragon Cry (Not Rated) Century 20: Saturday

Girls Trip (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Glass Castle (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Hard Way (1943) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Friday

The Hitman's Bodyguard (R)

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

In This Corner of the World (PG-13)

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

It Happened One Night (1934) (Not Rated) Century 20: Sunday

Kidnap (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Letter (1940) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Saturday

Logan Lucky (PG-13) ★★★

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

The Midwife (Not Rated) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Mildred Pierce (1945) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Sat. & Sun.

The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature (PG)

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

The Only Boy Living in New York (R)

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Step (PG) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

They Won't Forget (1937) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Friday

Toilet: Ek Prem Katha (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (PG-13)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) ★★★

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Wind River (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Wonder Woman (PG-13) ★★★

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

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

ANNABELLE: CREATION ★★1/2

Demon-possessed doll Annabelle first appeared in the 2013 horror film "The Conjuring," then got her own titular spinoff film a year later. To "flesh out" an origin story — one blessedly free of "this really happened, we swear!" nonsense — the prequel "Annabelle: Creation"

backs up a dozen years to the mid-1950s (and a dozen years before that for its prologue). Having "nowhere else to go," six orphan girls accompany Sister Charlotte (Stephanie Sigman of "Narcos") to a remote, rambling farmhouse. Their hosts: retired dollmaker Samuel Mullins (Anthony LaPaglia) and his invalid wife, Esther (Miranda Otto), who lost their daughter in a tragic accident and have been haunted, figuratively or literally, ever since. When leg-braced Little Orphan Janice (Talitha Bateman) discovers big ol' creepy doll

Annabelle, the human girl unleashes a supernatural horror the Mullins have attempted to bless away and board up. On paper, "Annabelle: Creation" lays out lazy character development and logic, but on screen, it gets the job done more often than not as an unpretentious talk-back-to-the-screen audience picture. *Rated R for horror violence and terror. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

LANDLINE ★★★

Beginning at the end of Labor Day

Weekend 1995, the comedy "Landline" quickly packs its characters into a car for the ride home from a family country house. A sing-along to Steve Winwood's "Higher Love" hints at the trouble ahead, when elder daughter Dana mishears the lyric "Bring me a higher love" as "Break me a higher love." Her babbling explanation of how love needs to break someone in a way prophesies the road ahead, with its roadblocks and detours to romantic and familial harmony. In broad terms, "Landline" tells a familiar story

(or stories) in a conventional way. But Robespierre and co-writer Elisabeth Holm get plenty right in the details. For starters, she has fun revisiting the 1990s, without indulging nostalgia. "Landline" can feel like a sitcom, as well, but wackiness is kept to a minimum, and the script deftly avoids certain pitfalls. The film evinces a consistent curiosity about women's life choices and their understandable fears of what's really going through men's minds. *Rated R for sexual content, language and drug use. One hour, 33 minutes.* — P.C.

THE COMPLETE PIANO SONATAS OF BEETHOVEN, AXEL SCHMITT

Axel Schmitt (CSMA faculty, piano) takes on the herculean task of performing the complete piano sonatas of Beethoven. This is the first in a series of concerts leading up to the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth in 2020. Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/

THEATER

Dragon Theatre: 'Airsuimming' by Charlotte Jones This poignant drama by Charlotte Jones takes place in England in the 1920s. It is the somewhat true story of two women who were locked up in a hospital for the "criminally insane" because they had children out of wedlock. Aug. 4-27, times vary. \$35 general admission; \$27 seniors and students. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/airsuimming.html

'Ballerina: A One-Woman Play' Using dance, music, film and spoken word, Stephanie Herman presents "Ballerina: A One-Woman Play" about the birth of a career, with stories of dedication, injury and triumph. A post-play reception and Q&A will follow the performance, and guests can enjoy a display of Rudolph Nureyev's ballet shoes. Aug. 30, 8-10 p.m. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/ballerina

Dragon Theatre: 'The Troubadour's Mustache' Dragon Productions Theatre presents "The Troubadour's Mustache: A One-Man Musical Comedy," by Eric Rubin and directed by Dan Griffiths. Rubin produces original works blending clown, musical comedy and storytelling. Aug. 18, 10:30 p.m. \$17, in advance, \$20, at the door, includes one drink. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/activities/latenight.html

Broadway By the Bay: 'Next to Normal' One of Broadway's hits in recent years, "Next to Normal" nabbed three Tonys and a Pulitzer for its heartbreaking, humorous and unflinchingly authentic look at a seemingly-normal modern family struggling with the effects of bipolar disorder. Aug. 11-27, times vary. \$48-\$70. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. broadwaybythebay.org

Shakespeare in the Park: 'Hamlet' Celebrating its 35th year, SF Shakespeare Festival brings its performance of "Hamlet" to the Sequoia Campus in Downtown Redwood City for 3 weekends in August, for free. Shakespeare in the Park provides an opportunity to see high quality, professional theater in a relaxing outdoor setting. Saturday a Free. Sequoia High, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. redwoodcity.org/shakespeare

Stanford Repertory Theater: 'The Many Faces of Farce' Political disaster and the joy of humor collide as Stanford Repertory Theater combines raucous performances of Chekhov's classic farces "The Bear," "The Proposal" and "The Anniversary," with a cutting-edge piece based on Meyerhold's "33 Swoons." Aug. 10-27, times vary. \$20, adults; \$15, seniors; \$10, students. Nitory Theater, Stanford University, 514 Lasuen Mall, Old Union, Stanford University, Stanford. stanfordreptheater.com

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CONCERTS

Brazilian Jazz Concert: Celia Malheiros & Larry Vukovich Trio Celia Malheiros, joined by Larry Vukovich on piano and Jeff Chambers on bass, will play live Brazilian jazz featuring a program of a unique blend of authentic Brazilian music combined with improvisational American jazz. Aug. 20, 3-5 p.m.

\$20, at the door. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos.

Concert: Kings of Leon Tennessee-based American rock band Kings of Leon will play at Shoreline as part of the band's "WALLS" (We Are Like Love) tour. The band is composed of brothers, Caleb, Nathan and Jared Followill as well as cousin, Matthew Followill. They'll be joined by Folk Rock/Indie band Nathaniel Rateliff. Aug. 24, 7 p.m. \$24-\$154. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. mountainviewamphitheatre.com

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Bachata with Pantea "Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea" feature Bachata lessons. Bachata is a form of music and dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. The character of the dance is achieved through hip and body movements. No partner is necessary, and all levels are welcome. Wednesdays, ongoing, 8 p.m., class; 9 p.m., social dancing. \$7, student; \$10, general; \$15, band nights. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St, Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

The Comedy Get Down This comedy event will feature Cedric "The Entertainer," Eddie Griffin, D.L. Hughley and George Lopez, who have been breaking ground in the comedy business and bringing the laughs for decades. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see five members of comedy royalty come together for the comedy event of the year "The Comedy Get Down." Aug. 19, 8 p.m. \$18-\$153. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy, Mountain View. mountainviewamphitheatre.com

Eat, Drink & Be Techie Friday Nights @ CHM offers a whole new way to experience the Computer History Museum this summer in partnership with Off the Grid. Enjoy seven food trucks, CHM exhibits with new extended hours, and live music. Aug. 18, 5 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the 2nd floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., sign-ups; starts at 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

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TALKS & LECTURES

Brown Bears in Alaska Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks takes guests on an adventure to see the beauty of Alaska's Cook Inlet and its brown bears. Attendees will learn about common brown bear behaviors, adorable three month old cubs, salmon frenzies created by hunting bears and four active volcanoes in the Ring of Fire. Aug. 28, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.org/losaltos

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Hot Hotter Hottest: Hatch Chiles It's Hatch chile pepper season, and attendees will learn how to preserve this New Mexico favorite for year-round enjoyment. The class will explore where to find the chiles locally; how to safely prepare and store them; and tried-and-true recipes for salsa verde. Aug. 23, 7-8:30 p.m. Free; no RSVP; walk-ins welcome. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Housing Opportunities Workshop This 40-minute workshop will provide an overview of housing opportunities and emergency financial assistance options for rent and/or security deposit in Santa Clara County. Affordable housing opportunities include: Section 8, veterans, low-income and special needs. Aug. 26, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Improving speaking skills Mandarin-English Toastmasters helps improve speaking, communication, and leadership skills. Tuesdays, July 11-Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Free. Kaiser-Permanente Psychiatry Conference Room B, 565 Castro St., Mountain View. Search meetup.com for more info.

Let's Talk Antiques with Steve Yvaska Guests can discover the story behind their antique treasure from Steve Yvaska, the seasoned collector. Jennifer Berg, a fellow antiquarian and founder of Antiquum, an antiques collectibles practice, will again assist Steve this year as he provides each guest with a better understanding of their treasure. Aug. 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$40. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/lets-talk-antiques-steve-yvaska/

Matt Richtel at Books Inc. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter and bestselling nonfiction and mystery author Matt Richtel shares his gripping new thriller, "Dead on Arrival." Aug. 24, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. Search booksinc.net/event for more info.

Redistricting and the Supreme Court Professor Jonathan Rodden of Stanford University will give a lecture about controversial redistricting cases headed to the Supreme Court that may shape elections for generations. This talk is presented by the National Voter Corps, the ACLU and the League of Women Voters. Aug. 30, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos High School Theater, 201 Almond Ave., Los Altos.

Technology, Health & Equality This conversation will explore how data helped Dr. Anthony Iton identify the link between health and socio-economic status, something he first witnessed as a Johns Hopkins medical student working in East Baltimore at the height of the crack and AIDS epidemics. Aug. 24, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/#technology-health-equality

The UnChurch Service Guest speakers Rebecca Armstrong and Andrew Shepherd host a thought-provoking exploration of how healthy skepticism, honest inquiry, compassion and a sense of humor can reveal new possibilities for ethical action. Aug. 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Neutral House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. ethicalsiliconvalley.org

FAMILY

AlligatorZone AlligatorZone is where kids meet cool startups. This is a program for all ages 7 and above. Children and youth, as well as their accompanying families can meet and talk to startup founders in a community-gathering that celebrates entrepreneurship. Aug. 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Democratic Coalition Picnic & Auction All are welcome to join friends and legislators for an afternoon of food, silent auction and

fellowship for the whole family. The guest speaker is California gubernatorial candidate Delaine Eastin. Aug. 19, 4-7 p.m. \$10; children, free. Cuesta Park, 615 Cuesta Drive, Mountain View. peninsulademocrats.com/

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'Our Community Through the Eyes of Children' This exhibit showcases artistic responses to the statement: "Los Altos is a community of ...", by K-6 students participating in the Los Altos School District's 4-week summer school program at Almond School. July 7-Sept. 8, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

'Reflections' by Jan Grady Viewpoints Gallery presents "Reflections" by Jan Grady, featuring Grady's latest watercolor works highlighting reflections of all kinds. This exhibition of her fresh, clean style highlights her mastery of transparent watercolor painting. Aug. 1-26, Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

COMEDY

Comedians at Red Rock Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host his monthly comedy showcase at Red Rock Coffee. This comedy event is held on the third Saturday of each month through Nov. 18, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. kevinwongcomedy.com/shows

Comedy Night at O'Malley's Some of the best comedians in the Bay Area will be working out their material. This event is for ages 21 and over. There is no cover charge, and it's hosted by Wes Hofmann. Sunday, Aug. 6-Sept. 3, 8 p.m. Free. O'Malley's Sports Pub, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. facebook.com/comedynightatomalley

FOOD & DRINK

Preschool Buddy Shabbat Dinner The community is invited to join and celebrate together for Shabbat. There will be music, dancing and a catered dinner from Saaj. Aug. 25, 5:15-7:30 p.m. Free-\$40. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Search brownpapertickets.com/event for more info.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Building Wealth and Asset Accumulation This class will go over how to learn about how money works and how to make it work best for one by maximizing each wealth component. It will also explore simple strategies that can help systematically build long term wealth to further secure one's retirement. Aug. 26, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Health Care Programs Orientation The Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School will hold a workshop for those interested in health care careers, providing information on the Certified Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant paths and the programs offered by the school. Online registration is requested. Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlvae.net/

Introduction to Taiji and Qigong This 75-minute class will be an introduction to the taiji/qigong practice of Chan Si Gong (silk-reeling exercises) and Wuji Qigong (standing meditation). These exercises work to energetically lubricate and coordinate the root, waist, spine and upper torso. Aug. 19, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Free, registration required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program This program is for

those who have questions about Medicare or Medi-Cal. The Sourcewise Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP) helps people navigate the Medicare maze so they can understand their options and choose what's best for them and their family. Those interested in participating can call 408-350-3200 and select option two for an appointment. Fourth Tuesday of the month, 1-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Drop-In Bike Clinic Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available for advice and help with changing a tire, adjusting shifting and brakes, identifying a mysterious noise and more. Third Saturdays of the month, July 15-Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

SPORTS

August Interclub Tournament For its August competition, the Mountain View Tennis Club will organize and host an interclub tournament with the San Carlos Tennis Club. The winning club earns the Killer Squirrel Trophy. Members, non-members and all adult levels are welcome. A light breakfast and lunch are included. Aug. 19, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20, members (\$23, PayPal); \$25, non-members (\$28, Paypal). Rengstorff Park, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. mvtc.net

Los Altos High School Pickup Soccer Game This is not professional soccer; it should be a high-quality game, but also fun. Hard-body checks are not allowed, and players should be respectful. Thursdays, ongoing, 5:30 p.m. Los Altos High School (park off Jardin, not Almond), 200 Jardin Drive, Los Altos. Search meetup.com for more info.

Pickleball Pickleball is ideal for beginners or advanced players and is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Two, three or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net. Wednesday, ongoing, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Senior Center members, \$3, non-members. Los Altos Senior Center - Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

Stanford Men's Soccer vs. Pacific The back-to-back national champions host a free exhibition match against the University of the Pacific. The coaching staff and some players will host a free pregame clinic for kids ages five to 12, with an exclusive locker room tour prior to the clinic. Aug. 19, 4:30 p.m. Free. Cagan Stadium, 641 Nelson Road, Stanford. gostanford.com

SENIORS

Sourcewise Sourcewise aims to provide adults, persons with disabilities and caregivers with the tools and services they need to effectively navigate their health and life options. This presentation will explore Sourcewise's programs and services. Aug. 24, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

BUSINESS

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File No.: FBN632331
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registrant(s) is(are):
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295 Velvet Lake Drive
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File No.: FBN632932
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997 All Other Legals
CITATION TO PARENT
Case Number: 17AD024406
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TO: ATTILA NAGY
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Date: Jun. 27, 2017
Rebecca Fleming, Clerk
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(MVV July 28; Aug. 4, 11, 18, 2017)

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edited by Molly Current

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A It sounds like your caregiver's behavior is jeopardizing your tenancy. Although your caregiver is not considered a tenant under the law, he is still obligated to comply with all applicable lease terms, such as not smoking on the property. If you believe your tenancy is in jeopardy because of your live-in caregiver's behavior, then you should consider hiring a new caregiver who can provide supportive services to you while complying with the property rules.

If you take prompt action to address your caregiver's violation of property rules (such as hiring a new caregiver), then you can make a strong argument that your tenancy should not be terminated. If your landlord persists in attempting to evict you even after you've taken

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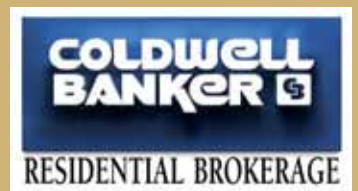
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