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Severe erosion along Stevens Creek between El Camino Real and Yuba Drive has worsened, causing a chunk of the creekside trail to collapse.

Water district declares emergency for sliding Stevens Creek Trail

REPAIRS NEEDED TO SHORE UP CRUMBLING CREEK BANK, PROTECT TRAIL DETOUR

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara Valley Water District officials are taking swift action to control worsening erosion along Stevens Creek Trail. A large chunk of the paved path caved

in over the last six weeks and now threatens the city's new trail detour.

In an Aug. 18 memo, water district staff recommended that interim CEO Norma Camacho declare an emergency, enabling the water

district to skip the normal contracting process in order speed up the repair the damaged segment of Stevens Creek north of El Camino Real before the next rainy

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Mountain View takes a stand

By Andrea Gemmet

For the second time in as many weeks, hundreds gathered in downtown Mountain View Saturday for a peaceful demonstration celebrating diversity.

Similar demonstrations and rallies were held in cities across the country Saturday, Aug. 19, including one in Boston that reportedly drew about 40,000 people. The public gatherings were a direct rebuke to the so-called alt-right, an umbrella term for white nationalist and white

supremacist groups including neo-Nazis and the KKK, that staged provocative and violent demonstrations in Charlottesville, Virginia earlier this month.

Mountain View's "Stand Up for Equality and Diversity" demonstration drew an estimated 500 people and featured a number of speakers, including Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian and Mountain View Mayor Ken Rosenberg. The event included a performance by the activist group the Raging Grannies and a memorial for Heather Heyer, the woman who

was killed when an alleged white supremacist drove his car into a crowd of counter-protesters in Charlottesville on Aug. 12.

An alt-right "March on Google" had been planned at Charleston Park for the same day, Aug. 19, but was halted by organizers who claimed they feared for their own safety. The group also lacked a permit, as a Make a Wish Foundation fundraiser had been scheduled in Charleston Park at the same time. The fundraiser was canceled due to safety concerns, organizers said.



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Superintendent: swift action needed for North Bayshore schools

INFLUX OF STUDENTS COULD COST 100S OF MILLIONS

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District board members agreed last week that it's time to get serious about Mountain View's ambitious plans for North Bayshore, where up to 10,000 new housing units are expected to generate thousands of new students in a school district that has neither the space nor the money for them.

Citing a sense of urgency as environmental review of the North Bayshore Precise Plan draws to a close this fall, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph urged board members at the Aug. 17 meeting to use their "political resources" to ensure the city's blueprint for housing development in the tech park compels developers to do their part to support new school campuses. Without some teeth in the plan, he said, it's going to be a "hard conversation" for the district

to try to convince developers to dedicate land or money for schools.

Based on the number of projected new students from North Bayshore housing, it's easy to see why district officials are uneasy about the future. Demographers estimate that the city's desire to build 9,850 housing units across three new neighborhoods north of Highway 101 would generate 2,358 new students — many from the affordable units included in the plan. This is on top of 845 additional students projected from other development projects the council had approved as of February 2017, Rudolph said.

Although the students from North Bayshore would increase the district's overall enrollment by about 46 percent, the environmental impact report (EIR) for the precise plan states that developer fees would "offset impacts to local schools" and result in a

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Demonstrators of all ages gathered Saturday in downtown Mountain View for a peaceful rally celebrating diversity.

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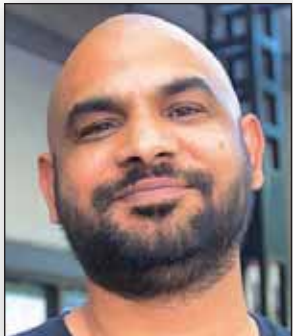
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Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

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

How do you express your political opinions?



“Mostly conversations within social circles and occasionally I use social sites, LinkedIn, a few other websites.”

Uday Aarkoti, Saratoga



“I stay away from the comment sections because you’re just going to end up yelling at each other. I share stuff on Twitter, I retweet, but not on Facebook ... I’d rather keep my sanity.”

Sofia Brenes, Sunnyvale



“I don’t. It’s just not a topic that is for work. It’s just kind of wise not to speak about it, just in case your friends or your co-workers don’t have the same opinion.”

Mina Elsagr, Modesto



“I just comment with friends, basically, when we meet.”

Alejandro Valerio, Sunnyvale



“I make sure to vote in absolutely every election and I sign petitions when there’s something that I believe in and I contribute to causes that I believe in.”

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- Human Relations Commission (1 opening - no reappointments)
- Downtown Committee - Downtown Property & Business Owner (2 openings - 1 incumbent interested in reappointment)
- Performing Arts Committee (1 opening - no reappointment)
- Senior Advisory Committee (4 openings - 1 incumbent interested in reappointment)

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on September 29, 2017 in the City Clerk's Office at 500 Castro St., Mountain View, CA 94041

- There may be incumbents who wish to be reappointed
- The Council Advisory Bodies are volunteer positions and serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council
- Appointments are available on an equal opportunity basis

Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office, or online at: <http://www.mountainview.gov>

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-903-6304 for further information



Citizens Watchdog Committee Report to the Public

2000 Measure A Sales Tax Activities Fiscal Year 2016 (7/1/15 – 6/30/16)

VTA delivers transportation solutions critical to the vitality, prosperity and quality of life for all who live, work or play in Santa Clara County. In November 2000, Santa Clara County voters approved Measure A, a 30-year half-cent sales tax devoted to specific public transit capital improvement projects and operations. Most of the ballot-defined projects are massive and complex, requiring years to plan, design and construct. Although in just the 10th year of a 30 year program (tax collection started mid-2006), VTA has achieved significant results toward meeting Measure A goals. A few key Fiscal Year 2016 accomplishments are:

- **Extending BART to the Silicon Valley** cities of Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara, which will provide increased transportation options and reduce congestion. Phase I extension to the Berryessa area of San Jose is ahead of schedule and under budget. Construction is mostly complete (over 90%), system testing is underway, and passenger service is currently projected to start the first half of 2018.
- **Extending and improving light rail service** with projects such as the Mountain View Double-Track project completed in December 2015 that allows enhanced service to Mountain View, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. This project, combined with other improvements, allows VTA to establish a new light rail corridor from Mountain View to Alum Rock to accommodate the projected dramatic increase in public transit ridership into our County when BART service begins.
- **Implementing fast and convenient Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** with construction of the Alum Rock-Santa Clara corridor (service implementation in mid 2017) and design underway of the Stevens Creek Rapid 523.

Santa Clara County voters entrusted the Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC), comprised of fellow community members, with overseeing Measure A expenditures to ensure your sales tax dollars are spent as intended by the ballot. After thorough and careful consideration:

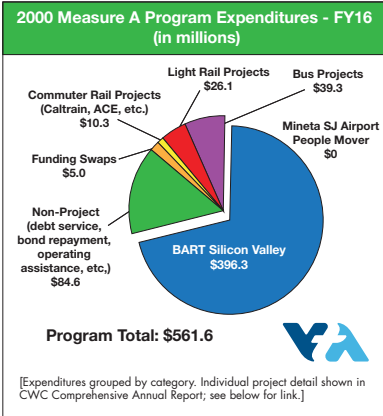
It is the conclusion of the CWC that, for the period of FY 2016, 2000 Measure A tax dollars were spent in accordance with the intent of the measure.



Additional Measure A information is available on VTA's website (www.vta.org/projects-and-programs/Programs/2000-Measure-A-Citizens-Watchdog-Committee) including:

- **CWC Measure A FY 2016 Benefits & Key Achievements Report.**
- **CWC Comprehensive Annual Report on FY 2016**, which provides a detailed description and status on all Measure A projects and the CWC's responsibilities.

Printed copies of select Measure A and CWC reports are available at libraries and other public buildings throughout the county, and at the VTA offices at 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA, in the Building B Lobby.



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CRIME BRIEFS

PARKING LOT FLASHER

A 58-year-old man was arrested in Mountain View Sunday afternoon after he allegedly exposed himself — twice — to a woman in the Milk Pail parking lot, according to police.

The victim told police that she was sitting in her car in the parking lot at 2585 California St. shortly before 2:20 p.m. on Aug. 20 when the man, later identified by police as Bruce McHenry, allegedly approached the vehicle and exposed himself, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. McHenry reportedly walked away from the victim's vehicle before returning and exposing himself again, Nelson said.

Police were able to locate McHenry, who was sitting in his Volvo in the same parking lot, after officers spoke to the victim. McHenry was arrested on suspicion of indecent exposure and was taken to Santa Clara County jail.

—Kevin Forestieri

DRIVER ARRESTED IN FATAL CRASH

A San Jose woman has been arrested on suspicion of felony driving under the influence and vehicular manslaughter in a solo-vehicle crash that killed a Mountain View man early Sunday morning on Highway 17, according to a California Highway Patrol spokesman.

Gabriella Fregoso, 50, was released to the custody of a hospital for injuries suffered in the crash reported at 12:54 a.m.

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POLICE LOG

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2400 block Charleston Rd., 8/16
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1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/17
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1 block W. El Camino Real, 8/17
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/17
2900 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/18
900 block Villa St., 8/19
1900 block W. El Camino Real, 8/19
900 block El Monte Av., 8/19
1000 block El Monte Av., 8/20
Charleston Rd. & Landings Dr., 8/21
300 block Sierra Vista Av., 8/21
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/21

BATTERY

800 block Donovan Way, 8/16
1400 block Lloyd Way, 8/17
1200 block Montecito Av., 8/18

200 block Castro St., 8/20

GRAND THEFT

200 block Easy St., 8/16
500 block Showers Dr., 8/17
800 block E. El Camino Real, 8/21

INDECENT EXPOSURE

2500 block California St., 8/20

PEEPING TOM

800 block Leong Dr., 8/21

ROBBERY

200 block N. Whisman Rd., 8/20

STOLEN VEHICLE

100 block Permanente Way, 8/16

VANDALISM

2200 block California St., 8/20
800 block California St., 8/21

COMMUNITY BRIEF

CLOTHING DRIVE

The residents of Mountain View have come through for children in need, according to Ryan Bahl. The Mountain View resident recently finished his Eagle Scout project, a clothing drive for the Jamison Children's Center. As the only emergency shelter in Kern County for abused, neglected and exploited children, it temporarily houses children who are taken into protective custody by social workers or law enforcement agencies. Bahl collected clothing left out on doorsteps in the Martens-Carmelita and Waverly Park neighborhoods last Saturday and put out several collection boxes. More information on his project is at tinyurl.com/RBclothesDrive.

—Nathalie Camens

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ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

(ALMOST) TOTALLY AWESOME

Marta Donayre, her dog Ally and Leslie Bulbuk joined the crowd gathered at NASA Ames Research Center to watch the solar eclipse on Monday. The celestial show generated a lot of public enthusiasm and a run on eclipse-viewing glasses. Inventive residents who didn't manage to score the protective eyewear rigged pinhole projectors or found other creative ways to safely watch as the moon blocked about 75 percent of the sun. Mountain View is quite a bit to the south of the eclipse's "path of totality" that cut across the United States, from Oregon to South Carolina.

Task force to overhaul MV Whisman's tangle of enrollment policies

NEW BOUNDARIES WON'T SOLVE SCHOOL OVERCROWDING UNLESS GRANDFATHERING IS LIMITED

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District officials are launching a nine-month effort to untangle a complex web of enrollment priorities that dictate where parents can send their children to school.

The changes, which would go into effect in the 2019-20 school year, are expected to have major implications for the overcrowding at the district's most popular schools, and could put hard limits on how many families can opt out of their assigned neighborhood school.

Starting this fall, the district will assemble a new "Enrollment Priorities Task Force" to figure out how to simplify the district's 26 different competing enrollment priorities, which take into account place of residence, past school attendance and where siblings currently attend school. The labyrinth of priorities on the books are frustrating to the

community and staff, and need to be simplified and made as transparent as possible, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said at an Aug. 17 school board meeting.

Perhaps the most pressing decision in front of the task force is how fast the district ought to enforce new attendance boundaries set to take effect in fall 2019. Several communities, like North Whisman and Shoreline West, will be assigned to different schools, and Rudolph said the district needs to set a "hard" cut-off date on kids moving over to their newly assigned campus.

Feedback collected by the district during the spring found that an overwhelming number of families in southern Mountain View neighborhoods — areas zoned for Bubb and Huff elementary schools — pointed to grandfathering policies as a top concern during the boundary-drawing process, and for good reason.

Both schools have been

struggling with overcrowding for years, reaching a point where children living right next door to the school face getting sent across town — a situation that left many parents fuming about the district's sluggishness in fixing enrollment priorities.

The revised boundaries take Shoreline West out of Bubb's boundary and the Wagon Wheel neighborhood out of the Huff boundary, providing much-needed relief to the popular schools. But if grandfathering rules allowing current students to continue attending those schools after the boundaries change, it's anyone's guess when enrollment will actually decrease. Students are given higher priority if they want to continue attending a school, an enrollment preference that extends to their siblings.

Rudolph told board members that there are nine portable buildings on Bubb Elementary's

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Computer museum archive traces industry's early days

TROVE OF RECORDS NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

By Mark Noack

Sara Lott is intimately familiar with the marvelous feats that computers can accomplish — but the immense archive of data she needs to process can only be done by humans.

As the senior archives manager at the Computer History Museum, Lott has been working to sort through a massive collection of old documents spanning the early decades of the Information Age, mostly from 1945 through 1998. This trove includes corporate memos, business plans, research notes and marketing materials from bygone companies and message boards.

After three years of effort, Lott and her team are ready to share their new archive with the public. This collection is now being made available for any researchers or amateur scholars out there interested in learning more about the development of the modern computer.

"This is a huge step forward for us," Lott said. "This archive is open to anyone with an interest ... but if you don't have an idea what you're looking for, you'll probably be overwhelmed."

It was a daunting job from the start. The records totaled about 1,000 boxes of documents, a paper stack nearly high enough to rival the Empire State Building. Back in 2014, Lott and her team had received a \$275,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to process the collections.

Indexing these records might seem deceptively simple for today's computer users — just put them all into a database and let character-recognition tools make the content easily searchable. That wouldn't work, Lott warned. Many of these papers were handwritten or would be unclear without any context. Plus, scanning the materials would be a grueling endeavor that could damage irreplaceable documents.

"Our material is fragile, always rare, and often one-of-a-kind," Lott explained. "What you would have, if you digitized everything before arranging and describing (it), would be a giant digital barf."

In other words, much of this cataloging work had to be done the old-fashioned way: by hand. Luckily the museum had a solid pool of volunteers, mainly retired tech engineers and employees eager to help chronicle their industry. After a two-day "boot camp" to learn the museum's cataloging methods, the 11-person team was ready to start.

Many of the records were already organized to some degree, and the museum's

'Our material is fragile, always rare, and often one-of-a-kind.'

SARA LOTT,
 COMPUTER HISTORY
 MUSEUM ARCHIVES
 MANAGER

archive team worked to build on the established ordering systems. It took about four-and-a-half hours to move through each box of records, Lott said. Working out of the museum's research center in Fremont, the archiving team produced index guides to help future researchers track down where each document could be found.

The giant new collection includes the corporate archives from the Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), which was the world's second largest computer company before it merged with Hewlett-Packard in 2002. Also included are the records from Charles Bourne, a Stanford Research Institute engineer credited with developing the first network search-retrieval tools about 40 years before Google was launched, Lott said.

Her favorite part of the new collection is the logs from Community Memory, an anonymous discussion list that sprang up in Berkeley in 1973 and is believed to be the first computerized bulletin board. For the price of a quarter, a user could post a message from terminals located at laundromats, bookstores and other sites. Community Memory was basically

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A colorful new career

INSTEAD OF RETIRING, MOUNTAIN VIEW WOMAN TEACHES ART CLASSES WITH HER FAVORITE MEDIUM, THE IPAD

By Nathalie Camens

Artist Caroline Mustard moved to Mountain View to retire, but that was before her son gave her an iPad. Five years later, the 71-year-old is busy teaching art classes and creating mixed-media artwork and drawings with the device.

Mustard, who is originally from England, said that when her son, a Silicon Valley technology executive, gave her an iPad, he downloaded the app Paper by FiftyThree. "He said, 'you might like this.' I started drawing," Mustard said.

It took all day to get used to drawing on a glass surface. After

completing her first drawing on the iPad, she said, "I thought I had created a miracle, I was so excited."

Although she mostly uses an iPad, she has used other media in the past, as a scenic painter in Los Angeles. "What I love about the iPad is I can work fast and get done so quickly without a lot of stuff around me... and without a huge expense," she said.

She said that recently, she makes mixed-media works by painting over top of her iPad paintings with acrylics.

When Mustard first started painting on the iPad, she posted her art on a Tumblr account. "I just kind of went viral and people

were interested in me," she said.

Mustard described her style as "modern-day fauvism," a colorful precursor to abstract art, and said that she is influenced most by "the universe around me, what I see in front of my eyes. I'm an artist that goes from the outside-in as opposed from the inside-out."

"I am also very influenced by Japanese wood cuts and post-impressionist art. My biggest influence is Pierre Bonnard," Mustard said.

She said she believes that art is an "absolutely a vital part" of technology.

"We're not going to make it unless we start to encourage the creative part of our lives. What sets us apart from machines is our creativity. In the machine-learning age, creativity is vital. Art helps you problem-solve and think outside of the box," she said.

The Renaissance, she said, came about through the marriage of art and technology."

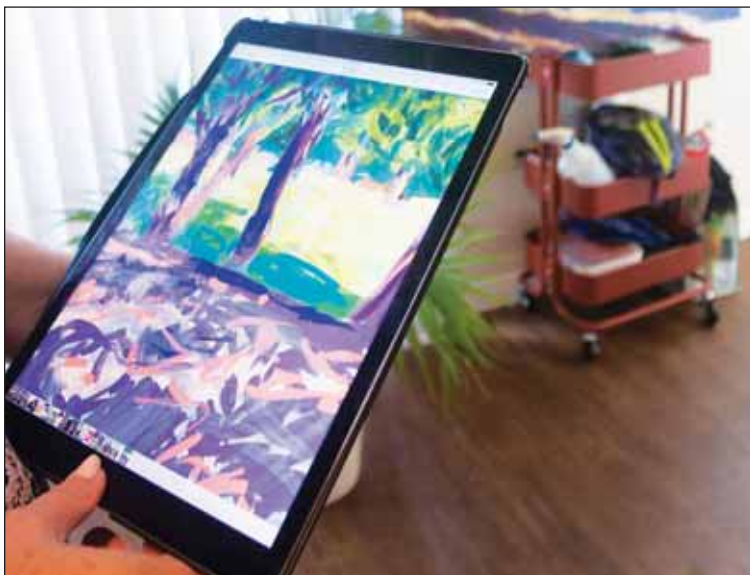
Accessibility to art is also important to Mustard. "Part of being an artist now is sharing and helping others, and being a community of creators."

She said that she is not interested in the art community that is focused on having a small group of rich people validate artists. What's featured in most art galleries is "just a bunch of dead white guys that had enough money and time ... I'm more



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Caroline Mustard's artwork brightens the walls of her home in Mountain View.



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Caroline Mustard learned to use an iPad for her artwork about five years ago.

interested in the guys in East Palo Alto and anywhere being able to create (art)."

Mustard also has a passion for empowering people of her age group, having recently led a workshop at the Mountain View Senior Center. She also teaches classes at the Mountain View Library and at the Community School of Music and Arts, where she is holding a couple of workshops and eventually will offer a full curriculum of iPad art. She also works with the Pacific Art League and Avenidas in Palo Alto, and teaches private classes. She also gives free workshops from time to time at the Mountain View Library.

Her next exhibition will be a group show in December at the ArtVentures Gallery in Menlo Park with iPad artists Jeremy Sutton, Adam James Butcher and Lisa Cirenza.

It brings her joy when someone who has never painted in their life is able to be proud of something they create, she said.

Mustard, who was planning on retiring four years ago when she moved to Mountain View, she finds that her youthful spirit comes from the work she does to keep herself busy and inspire others. "I believe that I'm younger than I've ever been."

More information is online at carolinemustard.com. Her art can be seen on Twitter at @ipad-artist04 and on Instagram at @carolinem.

To view the live stream of her at the Mobile Digital Art & Creativity Summit, which recently took place at Tech Code in Mountain View, go to mobileart.mykajabi.com/store/SrvybWpV and tune in Sept. 16 and 17. ▣

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Former county lawyer joins health care district board

LOS ALTOS RESIDENT NEYSA FLIGOR WILL FILL VACANT SEAT UNTIL 2018

By Kevin Forestieri

After hours of interviews and six rounds of voting last Wednesday night, El Camino Health Care District's board of directors agreed to appoint a former county lawyer with deep legal experience in the world of health care to a seat on the board.

Board members voted 4-0 on Aug. 16 to appoint Neysa Fligor, a Los Altos resident, to the health care district's board, filling the vacancy left by former board member Dennis Chiu, who resigned unexpectedly in June. Her term lasts until the end of 2018, when she will have to face re-election to retain her seat.

Fligor served for nine years as deputy county counsel for Santa Clara County, where she worked directly with Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and the county's

health insurance program, Valley Health Plan. Although she was a member of the legal team, she said she felt a strong civic duty in ensuring all residents have the resources and the health care services they need.

"It demonstrated to me that as a county, a public entity, you have an important role to play," she said. "The health care staff at Valley Medical Center take their jobs very seriously, and I was equally passionate about my role even though I was legal (counsel)."

El Camino Healthcare District has a governance structure that's pretty rare in the state of California. The special tax district, which includes Mountain View and several other North County cities, has five elected members that oversee the use of taxpayer funds. But all five members also serve on El Camino Hospital's nonprofit corporate board, which means the same elected officials also have to look out for the public interests of district residents while also ensuring healthy economic growth of the

hospital's operations.

Fligor told board members that her experience as an attorney for a public agency that oversees a major hospital in the Bay Area makes her uniquely prepared to join El Camino Healthcare District. Although she acknowledged that Valley Medical Center and El Camino Hospital have some significant differences, she pointed out that there are also plenty of similarities in terms of putting together partnerships with other health care agencies, promoting public health — particularly mental health — and negotiating contracts with physicians.

One of Fligor's specific goals as a district board member was to take a close look at the district's community benefits program, an annual \$7 million grant program that funds health care initiatives all over the district, including public school nurses, diabetes prevention, mental health and homeless services. While she didn't put out any deficiencies in the program, she said it's important to make sure no one is left

out, and that there are no "gaps" in who benefits.

District board members took several rounds of votes to winnow down the list of candidates, bringing it down to three people before deadlocking three times. The narrowed field included Mountain View resident Jonathan Cowan, a health care consultant for Los Angeles-based Huron Consulting Group, and Los Altos Hills resident George Ting, who served for decades as a medical director for El Camino Hospital's dialysis services.

Both Cowan and Ting focused on what current district board members have been fretting about for years — the uneasy and uncertain future of the health care market. Independent hospitals like El Camino, for example, have struggled to stay viable and have opted to merge and consolidate into larger and larger networks. Ting spent most of his interview talking about the importance of staying economically viable in order for El Camino Hospital preserve its independent decision-making

that puts district and Bay Area residents first.

Fligor, who received support by board president Peter Fung and board member David Reeder in the earlier rounds of voting, eventually picked up support from board member John Zoglin, receiving a majority vote in the sixth round.

Fligor received an endorsement from Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who commended her for both her civic engagement with groups like YWCA Silicon Valley and city commissions in Los Altos as well as her ability to deftly manage complex challenges that faced the county during her tenure as a legal counsel.

Last November, Fligor decided to jump on the opportunity to hold elected office when she ran for the Los Altos City Council, but lost by only six votes. She told board members she has not decided whether she plans to run for the health care district board again in 2018. ■

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season, which officially begins on Oct. 15.

“Absent the emergency action, high flows in the creek coupled with saturation of the eroded embankment will likely hasten the already alarming rate of soil erosion,” the memo said.

In January, heavy rainfall coupled with controlled releases from the Stevens Creek reservoir weakened the soil along a steep embankment between El Camino and Yuba Drive, causing a landslide about 180 feet in length, according to the memo. The immediate aftermath caused trees to tumble into the creek and left a 25-foot nearly vertical drop into the creek bed just inches from the edge of the trail.

Despite the reprieve from wet weather during the spring and summer months, conditions on the creek bank have gone from bad to worse. Erosion now



This photo from Jan. 18 shows the initial damage to the creek bank along the segment of Stevens Creek Trail between El Camino Real and Yuba Drive.

has claimed a larger stretch of the creekside, and has widened enough to swallow up a 60-foot portion of the creek trail. Mountain View city staff told the water district earlier

this month that soil loss along the trail now has the “potential” to erode the city’s trail detour, which was completed in June and runs through the adjacent hotel property. Erosion could

also undermine several nearby redwood trees, the memo said.

Aaron Grossman, executive director of the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, said the group is “very worried” about the worsening erosion, and that they have sent requests to the water district asking to expedite the repair work to stabilize what’s left. Without some sort of intervention, he said, there won’t be much creek bank left for a path.

“Things are going downhill fast,” Grossman said. “The wash-out left things in a very precarious situation, and we’re worried that without fast intervention the land subsidence won’t leave enough (room) for a trail there.”

Geotechnical staff for the district found that without some sort of emergency repair work, more segments of the trail would likely collapse, posing an “imminent threat” to the public trail, the district’s maintenance road and adjacent properties. The memo concedes that the worsening

conditions on the creek bank in August were unexpected.

The announcement by the water district doesn’t mean the trail will be restored and open to the public at an accelerated pace. The emergency declaration specifically calls for repairs to prevent erosion from progressing, and a larger capital project to restore the trail will kick off next year.

Although city staff voiced concerns about the temporary trail detour being affected by the erosion, the bypass remains open to the public. Public works staff will meet with the water district once repair plans are in place to figure out how it might impact trail users, according to Bruce Hurlburt, the city’s parks and open space manager.

The request for an emergency declaration was approved by interim CEO Camacho and went before the district board for review at its Aug. 22 meeting, according to a water district spokeswoman. ■

ENROLLMENT

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blacktop, housing enrollment in excess of 450 students, and those portables can’t be removed until the new boundaries take effect.

“Those portables do not disappear until Bubb’s population starts to decrease,” he said. “Every year that you extend grandfathering (to) siblings, the district incurs a cost for the portables being rented and kids’ play areas are impacted.”

In an effort to deal with high enrollment at both Bubb and Huff, the district agreed open up additional portables at both schools as an emergency, short-term measure to accommodate students living within the schools’ respective attendance boundaries. Because the new enrollment priorities won’t take effect until 2019, it’s possible a similar short-term measure will be needed again early next year following the open enrollment process.

In order to sort out all the competing interests, Rudolph proposed that each school community have at least two representatives — one staff member and one parent or community member — on the new task force, and that the district conduct “focus group” meetings with residents from each school attendance area. Anyone interested in joining the task force can go to tinyurl.com/eptf2017.

Rudolph encouraged trustees to give input at a future board meeting on what they want to see in the new enrollment priorities, but cautioned against being too prescriptive. He said the members of the task force

who recommended new school boundaries, the Student Attendance Area Task Force (SAATF), felt cramped once board members gave specific directives on how to draw the new boundaries.

“The lesson learned here is when the SAATF asked you very specific questions and you gave them very specific answers, we limited the options of the choices by which you choose,” he said.

The board could also decide to pour more time and resources into address verification, which would ensure families who claim to live in a school’s attendance area actually live there. Parents are encouraged to report to the district if a family appears to be living outside the school’s boundary, but doing annual attendance checks on more than 5,000 children each year would be impossible without more staff in the district office, Rudolph said.

Board member Laura Blakely said she was interested in an enrollment policy that would allow families to continue to send their child to the same school even if they leave the school’s attendance boundary. She said the skyrocketing cost of rents in the region have forced many families in Mountain View to uproot and get “bumped around” the city, and kids could really use the stability of going to the same school.

“If you had to switch schools each time, that takes a toll on the families,” she said.

Limits on free movement?

One of the primary goals in drawing new school boundaries for the 2019-20 school year was to promote the idea of

“neighborhood” schools — the idea that families should send their kids to the local school just blocks away from home rather than commute longer distances.

But the enrollment priorities currently on the books say that families can send their children to pretty much any district school they want, provided there’s space, which doesn’t quite match up with the priorities and guidelines board members espoused during the boundary-drawing process — a situation Rudolph called an “interesting concept” that’s up for review over the next nine months.

Enrollment during the 2016-17 school year shows that hundreds of families choose to send their kids to a school other than the one nearby with the largest exodus coming from Castro, Theuerkauf and Landels elementary schools. In the case of Castro and Theuerkauf, the number of children who live within the school’s boundary but don’t attend the school nearly equals the number of kids who do attend the school.

Board member Greg Coladonato said the concept of free movement as long as there’s space has been around for years, but it may not be a great idea to pack schools to the brim just because they have the facilities to permit it. The district’s most popular schools attract a lot of intradistrict transfer requests from families in other regions of the city, and the policy has been to permit those transfers so long as enrollment doesn’t exceed the maximum number of students allowed by the state and agreements with the teachers union.

Members of both the SAATF

and its predecessor, the Boundary Advisory Task Force, made clear that as long as more than 1,000 students are rejecting their neighborhood schools and enrolling in choice programs or other district schools, it will be difficult for the new boundaries to make any

meaningful changes to the current situation. SAATF members were told from the outset that enrollment priorities were an entirely separate endeavor from setting new boundaries. ■

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Liana Borgonovo Cauz

August 9, 1931 – July 12, 2017

Liana Borgonovo Cauz died peacefully at El Camino Hospital on July 12, 2017 in Mountain View, California at the age of 85.

Liana is survived by her husband of 61 years, Andrew Cauz; her daughters, Kim Farwell and Sherri Coates; her sons-in-law, John Farwell and Reggie Coates; her grandchildren, Kelsey, Corey, and Jason Farwell, and Tanya, Brandon, and Austin Coates; and her great-grandchildren, Kimberly and Ethan Coates-Fernandez. Liana will be dearly missed by her friends and family, as well as by her beloved dog, Cody.

Liana was born on August 9, 1931 in San Francisco. She graduated from Mountain View High School in 1949 and worked as a bookkeeper for many years at Hiller Helicopter, Metropolitan Life, and El Camino Hospital Credit Union. She married Andrew Cauz in 1956, and they raised their family in her hometown of Los Altos. Liana was accomplished at cooking, gardening, sewing, quilting, and stitchery, and often volunteered her skills for the benefit of others. She was an active and dedicated member of the Los Altos Garden Club, Italian Catholic Federation of Los Altos and Mountain View, and a volunteer at the Mountain View Performing Arts and Mountain View Historical Society. Liana love spending time with all her many friends from so many groups from swimming to line dancing. Her stories and laughter will be forever missed.

A memorial mass is scheduled for August 26 at 11AM at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos), with a reception to follow next door at Foothills Congregational Church. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Liana’s life.

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“less than significant impact.” An analysis by the school district comes to an entirely different conclusion: Construction costs alone could exceed developer fees and available state funds by \$122 million, and that doesn’t even take into account the cost of buying expensive real estate on which to actually build the schools.

“If the EIR is approved as it currently is — which says that there is no impact on the school district — then there is no mitigation that any developer has to worry about,” Rudolph said. “We want the EIR to be amended, before the final vote comes through, that developers must designate land for schools or take schools into account.”

Board members unanimously agreed to schedule a special study session on the North Bayshore

Precise Plan in order to figure out the best way to pressure city officials to include support for schools. At the same time, school community members and activists need to step up and make sure the city doesn’t leave schools behind in planning for new development, said board president Jose Gutierrez.

“I don’t think it’s just on us, this is an all-out shout-out to everyone to help us,” he said. “All you activists from (Shoreline West) and Bubb and Huff and everyone from Mountain View, we need your help.”

Rudolph agreed, and said the board needs to do its part to galvanize the community in support of local schools, including a show of numbers at City Council meetings. It needs to be on par, he said, with the recent show of force the city has seen in favor of building more affordable housing in Mountain View.

City staff signaled earlier this

year that the plan would be sensitive to the needs of school districts caused by the massive housing boom, and that it would be updated accordingly. But the city has yet to release a final version of the EIR with responses to public comments, making it hard to gauge how much political activism will sway what is already expected to be in the plans.

Before the summer break, City Manager Dan Rich told the *Voice* that the school district and city staff have been in close contact for months about how housing in North Bayshore would affect schools, and that the precise plan will likely include “policy language that assists the school districts.” City staff were still unsure, at the time, whether the city could force developers to dedicate or reserve land for schools as a condition of approval.

At a subsequent June 26 council meeting, City Council members agreed to add language in the precise plan that calls for “collaboration” and partnerships — including sharing and funding open space at school sites — between school districts and the city, as well as the use of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) to give developers an incentive for

setting aside land for schools.

A city study session for the North Bayshore Precise Plan is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 26, with a final vote for adoption on Nov. 14.

New school designs expected

Even with support from developers, it’s clear that building schools in the same mold as existing district schools — low-density campuses with single-story buildings and expansive field space — simply doesn’t pencil out in North Bayshore, where land costs exceed \$10 million an acre.

Rudolph said the district needs to hire an architect as soon as possible to draft a facilities plan for North Bayshore and explore what urban school designs could be possible in the new, higher-density footprint of the region. The architect, he said, could give the district options that could be presented to the city and developers during the planning stages of development.

So what could a school in North Bayshore look like? Rudolph said the architect could look at school designs with multiple floors on a smaller footprint, and could design schools with playgrounds and open

space on the roof. The district could also explore schools with a single campus for kindergarten through eighth grade, or even incorporate a mixed-use school with housing in the same building.

“As we think about how we create a school, is it possible to kill two birds with one stone — can we do teacher housing on top of a school site?” he said.


The district had briefly considered teacher housing models on district-owned land in 2016.

Although board members wondered how much it would cost to put the facilities plan together, Rudolph urged trustees to not get hung up on potential costs and move forward right away. It’s a justifiable expense, he said, and without it, the district will be “caught with our proverbial pants down.”

“We need to have clear ideas of what we want, because I think one of the challenges we’ve seen with other districts trying to acquire land is that they’re not really sure about what they are trying to do,” he said. “One day they’re here, the next day they’re doing this, and they haven’t spent any money. This is my plea to you, this is a must.”

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the predecessor for Craigslist, Reddit and even social-network sites, Lott said. Much like today, the online chatter ranged from starkly political rants to gentle debate over who had the best bagels in the Bay Area.

Earlier this summer, the Computer History Museum’s volunteer crew held a little party to celebrate reaching their goal, as outlined in the grant. It was great to reach that milestone, Lott said, but she pointed out the museum still has an even larger backlog of thousands more boxes of records to get through.

The Computer History Museum’s research archives are available for the public to peruse at the Shustek Center in Fremont. Appointments can be made to visit the center, Tuesday through Thursday, by contacting research@computerhistory.org.

CRIME BRIEFS

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on Aug. 20 on Highway 17 just south of Hebard Road in unincorporated Santa Clara County, CHP Officer Ross Lee said.

The passenger in her vehicle, identified by the Santa Clara County medical examiner’s office as Mountain View resident Victor Garcia Buenaventura, 33, died of his injuries at the scene, according to Lee.

Lee said the 2007 Ford Escort that Fregoso was driving left the right shoulder of southbound Highway 17 and went 200 to 300 feet down an embankment, struck several trees and rolled over, at which point Buenaventura was ejected from the vehicle.

At press time, Lee didn’t have a medical update on Fregoso, who was taken to the hospital for head lacerations suffered in the crash.

The crash caused the closure of a lane of Highway 17 for several hours.

ILLICIT POT FARM PLEA

A man accused of illegally growing nearly 7,000 marijuana plants on public land in San Mateo County’s Skyline Ridge Open Space Preserve, near Los Altos Hills, pleaded not guilty Monday morning in San Mateo County Superior Court.

Juan Cuevas Sanchez, 37, was arrested July 21 in connection with a marijuana crop site where investigators found 6,889 marijuana plants and an unpermitted water diversion from a creek that had been illegally dammed.

Irrigation lines had been set up to carry water from a man-made pool to the plants, according to prosecutors.

“The water diversion is the main reason we charged this as a felony,” Deputy District Attorney Crystal Chau said. “There was a substantial amount of water being diverted from a small creek down to a man-made pond.”

“All I can tell you is that there are mitigating circumstances,” defense attorney Jerry Lipkin said about the case.

Sanchez is out on \$10,000 bail and set to return to court on Sept. 27.

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Rent control law's intent is being undermined

by Dave Offen and Gail Nyhan

You may be one of the majority of Mountain View citizens who voted in November in favor of the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (Measure V). You may be surprised to learn that the Rental Housing Committee (RHC) appointed by our City Council is not moving forward efficiently to implement this law.

Why not? Measure V required the City Council to appoint a five-person Rental Housing Committee with no more than two landlords or property managers, so that the interests of renters would receive fair representation. Our City Council, the majority of whom opposed Measure V, appointed one landlord, one property manager, two renters, and, as a fifth member, Tom Means, a former City Council member and an outspoken opponent of rent control during the campaign!

On an ongoing basis, Mountain View staff and legal consultants provide impartial in-depth research and recommendations to the Rental Housing Committee, based on the years of experience with rent control in other California cities. Ironically, the majority

of the RHC has voted against staff recommendations on some important issues, citing their concern that the recommendations are not generous enough to landlords.

An example is the committee's choice, as a basis for landlord petitions for higher rent increases, of the Bay Area Consumer Price Index (CPI) that is based on the rent of primary residences rather than the widely used CPI based on all items, as recommended by staff. Because of increasing Bay Area rents, this key decision creates an incentive for large numbers of landlords to file petitions for rent increase exceptions. Also, each petition may result in administrative costs of over \$1,000.

This undermines the intent of Measure V, which is to limit rent increases to stabilize our community, while secondarily providing an appeals process for those few landlords who believe they are unable to achieve a fair financial return due to rent control.

Important issues will be decided at the next several meetings of the Rental Housing Committee. One critical decision is who will handle the petition process for renters and landlords. We support choosing Project Sentinel, the highly regarded regional non-profit with years of experience in housing

arbitration. This choice would provide a stable and objective intermediary to calm a contentious process. Another vital decision is whether to allow landlords to pass on any of the cost of rent stabilization to renters.

Most small landlords seem to want to do what is right under the law. But the majority of the RHC seems intent on maximizing landlords' profits by reinterpreting Measure V and reinventing the process. The time and costs this will incur may cause City Council members to wish they had respected the will of Mountain View voters and appointed a more objective and balanced Rental Housing Committee.

The next meeting of the RHC will be on Monday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers. All of those interested in testifying or hearing the issues discussed are encouraged to attend.

Marilyn Winkleby, Michael Fischetti, Susyn Almond, Meghan Fraley, Dorothy Schafer, Ron Schafer, and Randy Jones contributed to this column. They are members of Progressive Action — Mountain View, a group of local citizens who support efforts to improve economic justice and diversity in the community.

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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

TOBACCO USE IS STUPID, NOT NORMAL

In your June 9 issue, in Voices Around Town — “What was your most memorable moment at graduation?” — the first four (answers) were understandable. The last person's “memorable moment”: Going to see the sun rise on a lake — OK. Seeing sunrise — OK. Singing school songs — OK. Smoking cigars? Just plain stupid.

The only reason why it would be “picturesque” would be that, in time, many would lose their health, or life, to tobacco-related cancers. Lose their good looks, lung capacity for sports, reproductive abilities, voice, to name a few things.

It would serve as a lesson, for all, to go through their yearbooks and look who was smoking back then, and see if they had, or died from, tobacco-related cancers. I would hope the results would be hit-home sobering.

What is more disturbing is our acceptance of tobacco use as normal. It is not.

But will a lesson be finally learned? Will the stupidity stop?

Your paper is no better. You put that (response) in there, and

other teens will be encouraged to use tobacco. All you have done is to encourage tobacco use, and death. Shame on you.

Terry Young
Sunnyvale

ABUSE, EXPLOITATION OF OTHERS PERSIST

In June 2005, I flew to Austin, Texas, and visited the state capitol grounds. Former Texas governor George W. Bush was president. I had to walk past three large monuments en route to the main (legislative) building and noticed that two of them were tributes to the Confederacy. Ironically, the monuments were guarded by black security guards. Presumably, they were being paid something.

Slavery persists around the world and in America. Sex slaves of all ages are imported from poor countries. Sexual assault (and battery) continues — even on college campuses, in the workplace and in the military. Unfair discrimination in employment, housing and schooling remains.

America has come a long way since the Civil War — but the

tendency of some to exploit and abuse others never went away.

Gary Wesley
Continental Circle

THE FUTURE OF THE FIRED GOOGLE BRO

I've been hearing some misinformed comments about free speech and the firing of the Google employee. Under capitalism, there is no democracy, or constitution protecting you at work. If you make comments in public that become construed as

having some relationship to your employer, you are likely to get in hot water.

My sense is that the individual in question has limited experience with women, both personally and professionally. I hope that his career will recover, and that with time he will come to appreciate the outlandish nature of his comments.

I really hope, for all our sakes, that he does not change careers and become a talking-head on Fox News.

Bill Michel
Redwood City



FOOD REVIEW

All about tomatoes

GRILLED, MARINATED, PICKLED, RAW: ADVICE AND INSPIRATION FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

By Elena Kadwany

There's something about peak-season tomatoes that make you feel ashamed to eat them at any other time of the year. They're flavorful, indulgently juicy and need barely any enhancement beyond a healthy drizzle of good olive oil, fresh basil and flakes of Maldon salt.

The tomato season is fleeting, which adds to the allure — generally from mid-July to early fall. This time of year, farmers market stands are piled high with tomatoes of all colors, shapes and sizes, and they're appearing on many seasonal restaurant menus.

Read on to see how local chefs, a baker and tomato farmer are putting the summer fruit to use this season.

Charlie Parker, Flea St. Cafe, Menlo Park

When Charlie Parker was growing up in Menlo Park, lunchtime at his uncle's meant a grilled New York strip steak paired with two hefty heirloom tomatoes and a ramekin of crunchy sea salt on the side.

"That's all you really need," said the Flea St. Cafe chef. "It's pretty much the signature of summer."

Tomatoes are one of his favorite ingredients. Come late summer, he has to restrain himself from using them all over the menu.

"Right now I could get so carried away with tomatoes, so I'm trying to find a balance," he said.

The Menlo Park restaurant grows tomatoes in a small garden in its back parking lot, including smaller varieties like Sun Gold, Sweet 100 and pear tomatoes. Parker is currently roasting the Sweet 100s for a California halibut dish. The fish is served over a stew of butter beans, yellow wax beans,

haricot vert and the tomatoes. The dish is finished with tempura-fried squash blossom and Meyer lemon aioli.

He's also using dry-farmed tomatoes to make a smoked tomato and caper sauce for short ribs, pickling green tomatoes and combining the Sun Golds with peaches on top of a yellowfin crudo with cucumbers and sea salt. Fried green tomatoes are served with crisp pork belly, pepper relish and a smoked jalapeño yogurt.

Parker said he typically seasons tomatoes with kosher salt and finishes them with fleur de sel. The sooner you season tomatoes, the more moisture is drawn out — which isn't necessarily a bad thing, he said. Improve a sauce from the juices with olive oil and vinegar, he suggested. Tomatoes' natural acidity makes them "the perfect sauce" ingredient, Parker said. He also said to avoid refrigerating farm-fresh tomatoes, as they're best at room temperature.

At home, he's looking forward to using end-of-season tomatoes to make tomato soup and grilled cheese with his young son. At the restaurant this fall,



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Evie, 5, helps pick out tomatoes at the California Avenue farmers market in Palo Alto on Aug. 13. This month, tomato season is getting in full swing, as evidenced by the abundant displays at local markets.

tomato soup will be poured table-side over squash blossoms stuffed with late harvest corn, burrata and zucchini.

"When you have them, flaunt them," Parker said.

Rocco Scordella, Vina Enoteca, Palo Alto

If there's a tomato on your plate at Vina Enoteca in Palo Alto, chances are that it traveled a short distance — 1.2 miles, to be exact — to get there.

The O'Donohue Family Stanford Educational Farm supplies the nearby Vina Enoteca with produce of all kinds, but this time of year, owner Rocco Scordella is particularly excited about the farm's vine-ripe cherry tomatoes, heirlooms and red beefsteaks.

"I'm a big fan of tomatoes,"

he said on a recent afternoon, walking through the lines of tomato plants at the campus farm. "It's a short season, and people love it."

For Scordella, an ingredient-driven chef who hails from Bologna, Italy, simplicity is the name of the game. Tomatoes currently star in the Italian-Californian restaurant's classic caprese salad and linguine with cherry tomatoes, clams and mussels.

"A good tomato with a little salt and olive oil, that's good enough. That's the main focus of Italian cuisine, too — if your ingredients are top notch, then you don't have to (add) that many ingredients to it."

He's also currently working to partner with a farm in Sicily to source its tomatoes for Vina Enoteca's pasta and pizza.

At home, Scordella prefers tomatoes raw rather than cooked. Soak them in good olive oil for a simple bruschetta on top of good bread, he said.

Avery Ruzicka, Manresa Bread, Los Altos

Tomatoes' high water content makes them a challenging ingredient for bakers.

"In bread, controlling the hydration of dough is key to a high quality product," said Avery Ruzicka, head baker at Manresa Bread, the Manresa restaurant bakery spinoff with locations in Los Altos and Los Gatos. "Concentrating the

flavors of the tomato is the best way to approach baking with them."

She recommends oven- or sun-drying tomatoes if incorporating them into a dough, or using them as a simple, savory topping. Dry-farmed tomatoes and small cherry tomatoes have lower water content, she said.

Or, combine store-bought puff pastry with goat cheese and thinly sliced tomatoes. Bake and finish with lemon zest, she said.

At Manresa Bread right now, Ruzicka is incorporating roasted Early Girl tomatoes into a quiche with lemon thyme, capers and feta cheese. She also roasts tomatoes to create a savory bread from house-milled emmer and spelt flours, confit garlic, roasted tomatoes, toasted pistachios and sumac.

At home, Ruzicka likes to use tomatoes to make "the simplest of salads: white onion, white vinegar, tomatoes, Maldon salt, black pepper and California olive oil." Other favorite combinations include scrambled eggs with tomatoes and torn basil, or sliced tomatoes with roasted padron peppers and sheep's milk feta.

Cynthia Sandberg, Love Apple Farms, Scott's Valley

"Right now on my counter-top, I'm looking at 10 different colors of tomatoes and the same



ANA SOFIA AMIEVA-WANG

Bountiful bins of tomatoes were on offer at C-Farms' stand at the California Avenue farmers market.

Weekend

number of different sizes and shapes,” tomato farmer Cynthia Sandberg said during a recent phone interview.

It’s this diversity that made Sandberg fall “hard” for tomatoes years ago and open her own farm in the Santa Cruz Mountains. She now runs the largest tomato plant sale in California and offers gardening classes on her farm, both of which she said are regularly attended by Midpeninsula residents. (Sandberg, whose vegetable farm exclusively supplied Michelin-starred Manresa in Los Gatos for 10 years, said she often informally drops off tomatoes at other local restaurants.) She also recently co-founded the World Tomato Society, a Los Gatos-based organization that aims to celebrate, educate and promote the fruit.

Sandberg lives and breathes tomatoes, which she calls “love apples” (hence the farm name). This season, Sandberg grew about 100 different varieties, from the Ananas Noire (which means “black pineapple,” and was made by crossing a bicolored tomato with black tomato) to the Delano Green, a chartreuse tomato she uses to contrast with red beefsteaks in her homemade caprese salad with fresh mozzarella and basil.

The shape of a tomato connotes its culinary use, she noted. Roma tomatoes are best for sauces, salsas or canning, while the round beefsteaks are best for uncooked dishes like salads.

After caprese, Sandberg’s go-to tomato snack is a toasted sourdough English muffin with mayonnaise and an inch-thick slice — and “it has to be inch-thick,” she warns — of home-grown tomato, topped with French gray sea salt and cracked pepper.

For those growing tomatoes at home, now is a good time to start pruning and fertilizing, Sandberg said. Use your fingers to pinch off any “suckers,” or small growths that emerge between stem and branch and would eventually flower, so the plant can “concentrate on what it already has going,” she said.

For fertilizer, she recommends a homemade concoction. Buy worm castings (a.k.a. organic worm waste), put a double handful into a five-gallon bucket of water and let it steep for two days. Strain it, put it into a garden sprayer and give everything in your garden, not just the tomatoes, a healthy spray every week. The castings decrease pests and disease, she said.

If you’re grossed out by this recipe, buy a quality liquid organic fertilizer and spray or apply to the roots of the tomato plant, Sandberg said.

Sandberg contends the tomato

is “the world’s most popular fruit.”

“That’s why we have tomato festivals all over the world, but we don’t have spinach festivals all over the world. It’s their myriad colors and shapes and flavors,” she said.

“It’s not just your red, tasteless orb that you might buy from your local supermarket. They really are fantastically diverse.”

*Anthony Ruth,
Village Bakery & Cafe,
Woodside*

Marinated, blistered, fried — tomatoes are being treated in every way in the kitchen of the newly opened Village Bakery & Cafe in Woodside.

There’s the salad made with tomatoes marinated for at least four hours in a mixture of lemon juice and Italian olive oil, then mixed with cucumbers and shallots and topped with feta cheese. Green tomatoes from SMIP Ranch, the private farm that supplies the Woodside restaurant, are fried and topped with herbs a buttermilk dressing. And earlier this week, Chef de Cuisine Anthony Ross made a steak tartare with blistered cherry tomatoes and tarragon oil (the tarragon also comes from SMIP Ranch).

Because SMIP Ranch is high in the hills above Woodside, it has a slightly cooler climate, which means a longer-than-usual tomato season — into October or even November. The farm supplies all restaurants operated by Bacchus Management Group, including the Village Bakery and The Village Pub in Woodside, and Mayfield Bakery & Cafe in Palo Alto, so don’t be surprised to see tomatoes on their menus throughout the fall.

Another tomato-driven dish in the works at the Village Bakery is a tomato consommé. Ross blends the trimmings from the tomato salad mentioned above, strains it overnight and serves the resulting tomato water with a hard cheese and basil.

Never let a tomato go to waste. Overripe tomatoes can be used to make a sauce or tomato jam, Ross said. Overly hard tomatoes can also go into sauces — or even better, pickle them, he said.

When at home, Ross is keeping it simple: He likes to grill Early Girl tomatoes whole and serve them with a rib eye steak. Lightly coat the tomatoes with salt, pepper and olive oil before grilling. He said he looks for a “hard char” on the tomatoes, when their skin starts to blister and a popping sound indicates they’re done. ▀

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Tilting at windmills

THIRD 'TRIP' WITH BRYDON & COOGAN STILL WORTH TAKING

★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

The recipe remains the same in "The Trip to Spain," the third in a series initiated by 2020's "The Trip" and continued in 2014's "The Trip to Italy." Take comic actors Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon, bake them into a foodie travelogue, and season to director Michael Winterbottom's taste with comic banter and personal woes. If the dish has lost its pizzazz, it remains comfort food for comedy connoisseurs.

Though not exactly a valid excuse for the films' slapdash feel, it's worth remembering that each film has been pared down to a feature from six television episodes broadcast on U.K. television. In most respects, "The

Trip to Spain" demonstrates diminishing returns: We've seen it all before, and better, in the previous two entries. That makes the third film best for die-hard fans of the talent (or the series), or for those who skipped both previous films. Anyone in between can take a pass.

Winterbottom wastes no time establishing the premise. In the first scene, "Coogan" calls up "Brydon" and asks if he'd like to go off again on a fine-dining tour, sponsored by newspapers; he would, and off they go. As usual, the men occasionally get on Skype or the phone to deal with career travails and familial discomforts, but most of the



COURTESY OF IFC FILMS

Steve Coogan rides past windmills during a road trip through Spain with Rob Brydon in "The Trip to Spain."

running time finds the two friends entertaining or annoying each other, in a heightened version of their real-life friendship.

Since Coogan is the bigger star, his character's problems get a bit more play. He's a single dad, still playing the field, while Brydon's enjoying a break from his generally pleasing domestic life. Coogan enjoys an internationally prominent career, so his pressure to maintain contrasts with Brydon idly wondering if he should step up his ambitions. The two men

share one significant worry: what it means to be 50 (they quickly agree they're in their prime of life)

The minor dramas don't find much purchase in "Spain," but the characters' insecurities prove as vivid as ever. Fragile egos prod each man to constantly try to one-up the other; when one preens or boasts, the other takes him down a peg (perhaps, unconsciously, their mirrored need for such checks and balances is what keeps them friends).

At their best, they run with

each other's comic premises with a seemingly improvisational flair (an impromptu sketch on the Spanish Inquisition being a highlight); at their worst, they obnoxiously break into dueling impressions. The recently departed Roger Moore gets a particular workout this time, with Marlon Brando and Mick Jagger close behind. In these sequences, "Spain" finds the series at its most tiresome, and the filmmakers attempt to wriggle out of the necessity by commenting on it: a "Spanish Flea" singalong seems deliberately, self-reflexively annoying, and in one pointed scene, Brydon runs his Moore impression into the ground.

What people will mostly remember about "The Trip to Spain" is its Cervantes motif, an obvious joke that through repetition seeps to some depth: Coogan's Quixote and Brydon's Sancho Panza try not to get lost in La Mancha while fighting the good fight to make sense of an absurd and trying life.

Not rated. One hour, 48 minutes.

- Peter Canavese

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HIGHLIGHT

THEATREWORKS: 'CONSTELLATIONS'

A time-bending romantic drama spun out of string theory, this unconventional Broadway and West End sensation explores the infinite possibilities of "boy meets girl" with intelligence, heart and humor. Aug. 23-Sept. 17, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org/

THEATER

Airswimming by Charlotte Jones This poignant drama by Charlotte Jones (*Humble Boy*, Dragon 2007) 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/airswimming.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

'In the Next Room, or, the Vibrator Play'

Featuring onstage orgasms and clinical applications of electric vibrators, Sarah Ruhl's "In the Next Room, or, the Vibrator Play" is a glimpse into a slice of American history. It was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Play and a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize. Sept. 8-Oct. 1; Preview, Sept. 7, 8 p.m.; Sept. 8, Gala following show; Sept. 10, talkback following show; Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. \$10, previews, discounts for seniors and students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

'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. Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 27, 4 p.m. 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

Theater: 'Sister Act'

Based on the 1992 Whoopi Goldberg film, the Tony-nominated Broadway musical "Sister Act" tells the tale of a wannabe disco diva whose life is turned upside down when she witnesses a crime and is put into hiding in a convent. Friday-Sunday, Aug. 18-27; Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Carrington Hall, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City. rwctheatre.org

Workshop Production: 'Blood and Silk'

Adapted by the author of the book, Jeffrey L. Love has created orchestrations and a story that is lifted up by the lyrics written by Jo Kiech. The story of Beauty and The Beast is showcased in a new light and asks, "What really is love? Is it as fragile as a rose?" Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. Pay what you will in cash at the door. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/activities/mondaynight.html

CONCERTS

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/

Concert on the Plaza

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

MUSIC

The Prince Tribute Show: 'When Doves Cry'

When Doves Cry, the Prince Tribute Show, is an eight-piece band that puts the integrity of the music Prince left above all else. They will be performing the entire Purple Rain Album at this show. Aug. 26, 9 p.m. \$20, advance; \$25, day of show. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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

TALKS & LECTURES

Big History: Introduction

John Hostettler, retired professor of chemistry at San Jose State University, will lead this five-part talk based on the Teaching Company course taught by David Christian and on the Big History Project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Tuesdays, Sept. 5-Oct. 3, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

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. sccl.org/losaltos

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

Real Estate for Baby Boomers and Seniors

Matt McCormick, a licensed realtor, will discuss the local real estate market and its effect on homeowners. Aug. 31, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. sccl.org

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.

Retirement and Wealth Preservation

This class will discuss the concepts behind retirement savings vehicles, as well as evaluate the advantages and disadvantages that come with each program. The class will also discuss what healthcare can encompass at retirement; how the healthcare system supports people at retirement; and the options that people have to manage their healthcare costs to preserve their assets. Aug. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

FAMILY

Live Storytime: Kiddie Academy

Educational childcare provider Kiddie Academy of Mountain View invites children and their parents to Storytime Live, where Curious George jumps off the page and visits the classroom in person. Attendees will enjoy a story highlighted by a visit from the story's lead character, Curious George. Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Kiddie Academy of Mountain View, 205 East Middlefield Road, Mountain View. kastorytime.com/

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

EcoCenter Open Hours

The EcoCenter is a nature center open to the public in the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve. The EcoCenter offers touchscreen exhibits, hands-on activities, science and nature programs for all ages, green building tours, art exhibit, and a native plant garden. Fridays and Saturdays, Aug. 25-ongoing, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Fridays; open until 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Free. EcoCenter, 2560 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. evols.org/ecocenter

James Zamora's Exhibit: 'Transitions'

Bryant Street Gallery presents "Transitions," by Texas-based realism artist James Zamora. His attention to detail and keen observance of light and color push a simple narrative of the importance of the everyday. July 11-Aug. 31. Artist reception, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m. Free. Bryant Street Gallery, 532 Bryant St., Palo Alto. bryantstreet.com

Portola Art Gallery: 'Along the Nakasendo'

The Portola Art Gallery presents "Along the Nakasendo," an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Yvonne Newhouse of San Mateo. The exhibit highlights scenes from her hiking and sketching trip to Japan last October. A reception for the artist will be held Aug. 12, 1-4 p.m. Aug. 1-31, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

'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. Artist reception, Aug. 4, 5-8 p.m. 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

'Reflections on Water'

"Reflections on Water," an exhibition of paintings by Katherine K. Allen will be on display at the Los Altos Hills Town Hall March 15 - September 2017. Monday-Friday, March -Sept., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov

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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 surlatable.com for more info.

LESSONS & CLASSES

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All are invited to enjoy the latest trend in stress-relief — coloring for adults. The library will provide a wide selection of coloring sheets designed for adults for attendants to choose from. Colored pencils and crayons will be provided. This event is only for adults. Aug. 30, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

HD Studio Basics Class

Students will discover and explore the hi-def and all-digital possibilities of Midpen's HD studio by taking the core studio class: "HDTV Studio Basics." Students will learn all the different positions that go into making a TV show. Aug. 28, 6-10 p.m. \$200. Midpen Media Center, 900 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto. midpenmedia.org/event/

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. 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View-Los Altos Adult School, 333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View. mvlvae.net/

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Body Image and Eating Disorder Support Group

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

Heartfulness Meditation

In this class, participants will learn relaxation and meditation techniques with Heartfulness Certified Instructor Radhalakshmi Ramakrishnan. Visit en-us.heartfulness.org/ for more information. Mondays, August 28 through December 18 (no classes on 9/4, 9/25, 10/9), 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. sccl.org/losaltos

SPORTS

Los Altos High School Pickup Soccer Game

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/20/1991.

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A1 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: FBN632971

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:

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EXTENDED HOURS: FRIDAY, 9:30AM – 5:00PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 1:00 – 5:00PM

3 BEDS 2.5 BATHS BUILT IN 2016 THREE LEVELS FINE HARDWOOD FLOORS QUARTZ-APPOINTED KITCHEN PRIVATE MASTER SUITE
PATIO & BALCONY 2-CAR PARKING + BIKE STORAGE CASTRO STREET SHOPPING & DINING CLOSE TO PARKS MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOLS

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LOS GATOS **\$3,000,000**
5 BR 4 full + 2 half BA Luxury woodland home with 2 self-contained levels. Grand formal & informal spaces.
Alice Chakhmazova CalBRE #01419568 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS **\$2,999,000**
4 BR 3.5 BA Picturesque land with Heritage Oak trees and vast views of the Santa Cruz mountains.
Suzanne Freeze-Manning CalBRE #01347405 650.941.7040



STANFORD **\$2,850,000**
4 BR 3 BA Available Stanford Qualified Faculty Only. Includes Large Hobby Room.
Carole Feldstein CalBRE #00911615 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS **\$2,495,000**
Opportunity to remodel/re-build in Los Altos! Flat 11,040 sq ft lot. (Per county records)
Alan Huwe CalBRE #01706555 650.941.7040



MOUNTAIN VIEW Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,899,000**
1555 Ernestine Lane 3 BR 2 BA Inviting home inside and out! Sweet St. Francis Acres with Los Altos schools!!
Elizabeth Thompson CalBRE #01382997 650.941.7040



MENLO PARK Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,895,000**
237 Santa Margarita 3 BR 2 BA Light-filled home/garden-setting. Single-level. 3 Patio Areas. Oak floors, Fireplace.
Nancy Goldcamp CalBRE #00787851 650.325.6161



BELMONT Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,789,000**
3205 Longfellow Dr 4 BR 3 BA Serene Location w/ Canyon views, oversized deck & separate guest room or possible rental.
Tom Huff CalBRE #00922877 650.325.6161



CAMPBELL **\$1,699,000**
Over \$110,000. annual income, many upgrades
Jinny Ahn CalBRE #01158424 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **\$1,498,000**
27 Farm Road 3 BR 2 BA Stylish town-home in Woodland Acres Toyon Farms. Updated kitchen and floors, 18' ceilings.
Jo Buchanan & Stuart Bowen CalBRE #00468827 650.941.7040



LOS ALTOS Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30 **Call for price**
477 Lassen St 7 2 BR 2 BA Exquisite remodeled 2 bedroom/2 bathroom end unit condo located near downtown Los Altos
Jan Strohecker CalBRE #00620365 650.325.6161



CENTRAL SAN JOSE **\$1,250,000**
3 BR 3 BA Wonderful Rose Garden location. Kitchen w/granite counters. Inside laundry. 2 car garage.
Wendy Wu CalBRE #922266 650.941.7040



MOUNTAIN VIEW **\$1,078,000**
2 BR 2.5 BA Updated Townhome-Style Condo in Downtown Mountain located within a few blocks of Castro St
Kim Copher CalBRE #01423875 650.941.7040



STANFORD **\$969,000**
3 BR 2 BA Available Qualified Stanford Only. Striking 2 level condo includes Loft & Office
Carole Feldstein CalBRE #00911615 650.941.7040



BLOSSOM VALLEY **\$818,880**
3 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful 3 bed 2.5 bath home located in the Blossom Valley area of Silicon Valley!
Phyllis Carmichael CalBRE #00588814 650.941.7040



SALINAS **\$798,000**
Live your dream! 58 acres of open space for the equestrian enthusiast or to ride your quad
Jo Ann Fishpaw CalBRE #00886060 650.941.7040



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