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A portion of Cooper Park that is owned by the Mountain View Whisman School district is being considered as a site for a teacher housing development.

## Teacher housing at Cooper Park?

SCHOOL DISTRICT TO STUDY BUILDING AFFORDABLE  
APARTMENT COMPLEX FOR SCHOOL STAFF

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is taking a close look at building workforce housing at Cooper Park, giving teachers and other school staff an affordable place to live on salaries that haven't kept up with the high cost of living. The move comes amid high teacher turnover and multiple surveys showing district staff commute long distances and struggle to pay the rent.

At the Oct. 5 board meeting, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the district is launching a "feasibility" study to build an apartment complex on 9.5 acres of district-owned

land at Cooper Park, located in the center of the Waverly Park neighborhood. The sizable portion of the park includes field space as well as a privately-operated preschool.

District staff first floated the idea last year following a survey that found resounding support among its staff members for an affordable housing option that allows them to live in the city, close to work. Among the 159 respondents, 76 percent said they would be interested in living in district-run below-market-rate housing.

The results also revealed a majority of teachers, who make \$60,000 a year on the low end of the salary scale, are largely unsatisfied with their current

housing situation, and deal with long daily commutes and rental costs that eat up anywhere from 30 to 50 percent of their monthly paycheck. Many simply can't afford what costs to live on the Peninsula, Rudolph said.

"When all of the housing units are above what our staff can afford, they're forced to move further away, and after a while they start making decisions about, 'Well, is it worth driving past seven or eight school districts to come here?'"

The district will hire an outside firm to study, among other things, how many units could be included in a housing

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## \$2.5M budget for rental committee's first year

\$160 FEE ON APARTMENTS TO FUND RENT CONTROL PROGRAM

By Mark Noack

The costs of Mountain View's experiment with rent control now has a clear price tag — about \$160 annually for almost every apartment in town.

At a Monday, Oct. 9, meeting the city's Rental Housing Committee unanimously approved a proposed \$2.5 million budget for launching the citywide drive to regulate apartment rents. This budget will be brought back to the committee for final approval on Oct. 23.

Mountain View's new rent control program is at its most labor-intensive stage. The city's five-member Rental Housing Committee is dealing with a

series of complex and consequential decisions as it establishes the policy groundwork for citywide rent control. Given the stakes, routine committee meetings have featured a panel of three attorneys and a team of housing staff, none of whom are working for free.

Designed to run independently of city government, the rent control program eventually must pay for its own staffing, office equipment and material costs. For the upcoming year, city officials are budgeting for four new full-time office positions, including a program manager, a clerical assistant and two analysts. Taken altogether, these new positions

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## Polls find support for high school bond measure

ENROLLMENT GROWTH AND AGING FACILITIES ARE TOP CONCERNS AMONG LIKELY VOTERS

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District is gearing up for a potential bond measure next year aimed at accommodating hundreds of additional students and replacing crumbling buildings long past their prime.

Polls conducted last month found that support among voters throughout the district, which includes Mountain View, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, easily exceeds the 55 percent required to pass a facilities bond, with close to two-thirds of respondents saying they would vote to approve either a \$198 million or a

\$268 million bond. District residents polled were asked if they would support a bond measure to pay for more classrooms, library and cafeteria space for a growing number of students at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, and modernized facilities aimed at supporting science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM).

If the board approves a bond measure next year, bond revenue would go toward fixing two major problems. Enrollment at the two high schools is expected to increase by 500 students by the 2021-22 school year, and both

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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Stephanie Lee.

*What's the most important thing you learned from school?*



"I think the most important thing I learned was working with other students in groups, because different people contribute their individual ideas to the project and that made it more diverse."

*Mary Ann Powell, Mountain View*



"To always keep trying; you're going to go through trials and tribulations, but in the end, it's going to work out if you just try."

*Kylie Park, Bakersfield*



"I learned to function within a system and in a way, I guess, be disciplined to do things I might not want to do, but those life skills were important to me as an adult."

*Addy Chan, Los Angeles*



"Just to always keep going and never giving up, because if you give up you're going to be left with nothing, and always keep going means you are going to pursue something, and in the end it's all going to become easier."

*Robby Abarca, Bakersfield*



"The intangibles of, not what you're learning in class, but what you're learning with your peers. I learned a lot more from talking to my classmates than what's on the board."

*Ken Dolar, Daly City*

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### ATTEMPTED MURDER ARREST

Police arrested a 26-year-old Mountain View man early Monday morning on a slew of charges including attempted murder after he allegedly assaulted his girlfriend, pointed a pellet gun at her and attempted to choke her during a domestic violence dispute.

Police received reports of a woman screaming at an apartment complex near the intersection of California Street and Ortega Avenue around 1:40 a.m. After officers separated the couple, the victim told police that the man had started assaulting her nearly three hours earlier, and allegedly kicked her, hit her in the face, pointed a pellet gun at her and attempted to choke her, according to police.

The victim, fearing for her life, was able to escape the apartment, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. She suffered injuries to her face and neck as well as cuts to her lower body.

The attack reportedly occurred after the man became upset that she didn't pick up the phone when he called, prompting an argument over the phone, the victim told police. The man reportedly became "increasingly agitated" throughout the evening, eventually attacking the victim, Nelson said.

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### POLICE LOG

#### ATTEMPTED MURDER

200 block Ortega Av., 10/9

#### AUTO BURGLARY

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/3

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/3

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/3

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 10/4

300 block Hope St., 10/4

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/4

2400 block Charleston Rd., 10/5

1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 10/5

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2500 block Mardell Way, 10/6

400 block Hope St., 10/6

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1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/7

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/7

1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/7

1 block Evandale Av., 10/8

1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 10/9

2600 block California St., 10/9

1900 block Plymouth St., 10/9

#### BATTERY

1900 block Latham St., 10/3

100 block Bryant St., 10/4

500 San Antonio Rd., 10/7

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 10/7

1700 block Miramonte Av., 10/9

#### COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

2500 block Bayshore Pkwy., 10/5

400 block Ellis St., 10/6

1000 block Huff Av., 10/8

#### GRAND THEFT

1000 block Crestview Dr., 10/8

#### INDECENT EXPOSURE

100 block W. Dana St., 10/7

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

700 block Sylvan Av., 10/5

#### VANDALISM

4300 block Collins Ct., 10/3

900 block E. El Camino Real, 10/4

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### SAN ANTONIO MALL UP FOR SALE

A strip mall at the bustling corner of El Camino Real and San Antonio Road is now up for sale with an asking price of \$42.5 million. The site known as the World Savings Plaza is currently being leased by CVS, Sprouts Farmers Market, Wells Fargo and several other commercial tenants.

The commercial brokerage firm Marcus & Millichap announced the sale of the 2.8-acre site last week. The call for offers will close on Oct. 12.

The sale comes at a time of rapid development for the San Antonio neighborhood. Right across the street, developer

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## BATTLING THE WINE COUNTRY BLAZE

Mountain View firefighters left early Monday morning to aid in a statewide effort to control massive wildfires burning in Sonoma and Napa counties. As of early Tuesday afternoon, the blazes had reportedly torn through more than 100,000 acres, left 15 dead and destroyed hundreds of homes and commercial structures. Two of Mountain View's fire chiefs were leading a county-wide team charged with protecting structures in the city of Santa Rosa from the Tubbs Fire, which had burned through 27,000 acres and remained uncontained as of Tuesday at 2 p.m.

## A mindful approach to teen drug use

CHAC LAUNCHES NEW MENTAL HEALTH-BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM

By Kevin Forestieri

For Mountain View teen Max Abouadarham, slipping into heavy drug use happened without even thinking about it. During his senior year in high school, he recalled how smoking marijuana progressed from a casual weekly habit to a daily routine. In the back of his mind he knew it was destructive, but he let the cravings get the best of him.

"I knew I was smoking too much and it wasn't healthy, but I didn't want to admit it," he said. "I was a teenager and I didn't think I needed help."

The problem came to a head when his parents discovered alcohol and marijuana residue left behind from a party at his father's house. It wasn't the first time, but it was clear at that point that he needed help, said Abouadarham, who was 17 at the time. But instead of seeking out an 80-year-old strategy like Alcoholics Anonymous to get clean, Abouadarham found he was able to conquer his addiction through a new substance abuse treatment strategy — rooted in "mindfulness" and mental health — that's been catching on throughout the Bay Area over the last two years.

Starting this fall, the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) is launching a new 12-week treatment program designed to ease teens off of drugs and alcohol through a

combination of therapy, education and so-called metacognitive awareness, which empowers adolescents to take a step back and understand the root causes and cravings surrounding substance abuse. The program, dubbed the Mindfulness Based Relapse Prevention Group, is intended to ease a growing drug use problem in the North County caused in part by easy access to prescription drugs including heavy narcotics, according to CHAC staff.

*'The adolescent brain is not the same as the adult brain.'*

VERONICA FOSTER OF CHAC

Mindfulness-based substance abuse treatment is a fairly new field, borne out of a need for a more effective treatment program to replace the standard, abstinence-only mentality of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous, said Veronica Foster, a clinical supervisor at CHAC. These programs may work for some people, she said, but AA at its core is a faith-based treatment model for adults with a serious addiction program — not for adolescents stuck in a cycle of habitual drug use. Even the act of announcing your name and admitting you're an addict can be a huge step in the wrong direction.

"The adolescent brain is not the same as the adult brain, and it's very harmful for an adolescent to self-identify as an addict when they aren't," she said. "That's a lifelong sentence, and for high school and college students, they don't even feel safe in those rooms."

In her practice at CHAC, Foster said she's already folded a therapeutic and mental health component into her substance abuse treatment in a one-on-one and family setting. But with so many calls coming in seeking help for teens struggling with drug and alcohol abuse, she is forced to put potential clients on a waiting list. The new program is expected to serve a 12-teen cohort, and would allow CHAC to expand the service and meet the demand.

The upcoming CHAC program is modeled around a 2015 curriculum published by East Bay psychologist Sam Himmelstein, who found positive results after testing the program in a juvenile detention center in the Bay Area. Himmelstein told the *Voice* that the substance abuse treatment for teens is a "pretty thin" field, and the intervention programs are largely ineffective and rely on a strict "don't do drugs" credo and finger-waving that rarely resonates with teens.

"I wanted to bring something that adolescents would be receptive to," he said. "If they don't

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## Santa Clara County, union team up for DACA lawsuit

By Bay City News Service

Santa Clara County along with Service Employees International Union Local 521 announced Tuesday that they have filed suit in federal court against the Trump Administration for its elimination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

The lawsuit, announced today at a news conference with county and union officials, is being touted as the first lawsuit against the DACA elimination by a municipality and a labor union together.

Also mentioned as defendants in the suit are Attorney General Jeff Sessions, acting Secretary of

Homeland Security Elaine Duke and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"Our lawsuit is unique because it is a partnership with our represented employees, with local SEIU 521 asserting standing on behalf of its own membership," Santa Clara County Counsel James Williams said. "This is the first partnership of its kind."

SEIU Local 521 chief elected officer Riko Mendez said its chapter covers public, nonprofit and public hospital employees across 17 California counties from San Mateo to Bakersfield. The largest contingent in the chapter is in Santa Clara County, where they cover more than 10,000 members.

Mendez said no other municipalities approached the union about teaming together for a DACA lawsuit before Santa Clara County did. He said the union filed an amicus brief in support of a previous lawsuit to defend sanctuary cities and counties.

"This is the first time that any union and a county have officially joined together as co-plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the federal administration," Mendez said.

The DACA program allowed for undocumented immigrants who arrived in the U.S. as children to apply for a deferment of deportation and apply for work permits, which they can renew every two years. The Trump

administration announced no more new applications would be accepted under a phased termination of the program.

More than 800,000 undocumented immigrants — also known as "dreamers" — have signed up for the program since it was established as an executive order from then-President Barack Obama in 2012. Around 223,000 of those dreamers live in California and 23,000 of them live in Santa Clara County.

The city of San Jose, University of California, 15 other states and Washington, D.C., have also filed suit against the Trump Administration after President Donald Trump rescinded the program

on Sept. 5. None of those lawsuits, however, collaborated with an employee union.

"That's what we think makes it a very effective lawsuit, and very difficult for our adversaries to dismiss," Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors president Dave Cortese said.

Mendez said many of its members want the union to do the "right thing" to support DACA recipients.

"I feel that standing up for our members that are part of DACA, and also our members that provide services to the undocumented population, we're doing the right thing as the organization," he said.

# County supervisors approve bail system reforms

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors last week unanimously passed six recommendations from a final Bail and Release Work Group consensus report that will eventually offer low-income, low-risk and non-violent offenders in Santa Clara County an opportunity to leave jail while awaiting trial.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez said the goal of the recommendations is to make sure people who commit low-level crimes and can't afford bail have a chance to leave jail while awaiting trial with the goal of ensuring public safety at the same time.

All of the final judgments for release will still be left up to a judge.

The work group has been discussing the six recommendations for two years, Chavez said.

Among the more noteworthy recommendations passed is one to fund bail for low-income inmates from a community-based fund. Chavez said she considers it to be one of the most groundbreaking of the recommendations.

"It's passed and it's pretty phenomenal. It's a very different approach. We'll be the first in the state to do this," she said.

"What this is offering is a community-based bail fund which would start with part of the money coming from the county with a matching amount coming from a private entity," Chavez said. "Now, this (matching contribution amount) can be from a foundation, this can be a donation, it can be any amount of things."

The next step for the

community bail recommendation is for a request for proposals from nonprofit groups in the county to operate the community-based fund. The county expects, if all things go according to plan, to have the program running by October 2018.

According to Chavez, the work group's focus in crafting the recommendations was to maintain public safety while keeping violent offenders in jail and keeping those who aren't considered violent out.

Another recommendation that was approved is to have low-risk inmates who can't afford bail be released on electronic surveillance.

The program will be monitored by the department of corrections, which will work with the county administration,

county counsel and the district attorney's office to develop rules and regulations for the program by December. A pilot program for misdemeanor cases will then start in January, and reports tracking the program's performance will be expected every December.

"The reason this was significant today is what we've essentially done is implemented it, now we have to study it," Chavez said last Tuesday, Oct. 3. "We have to make sure it works."

The recommendation's projected fiscal impact claims that savings from reduced jail time should outweigh the cost of extra ankle bracelets.

Another community-based recommendation is to start a community release project in which community-based organizations will monitor defendants released before trial. The groups would ensure that those defendants make court appearances and avoid new offenses. A request for proposals from groups interested in managing the program is estimated to be complete by April.

The group also suggested that a domestic violence-specific risk assessment tool be deployed during the pretrial phase of a domestic violence suspect being processed into the jail to determine his or her likelihood of assaulting a victim again.

The tool, known as the Ontario Domestic Assault Risk Assessment, will be evaluated by a third party over the next

few years to ensure that there is no racial bias in the system delivering its results. Although results are expected to come in as early as October or November 2018, full results to see whether the system is being racially biased against suspects may not be known for years, county officials said.

Among other recommendations approved is one to collect and share data on the performance of suspects released on bail bonds without pretrial supervision, information the county said is currently not available.

The data will be collected and reported to the Public Safety and Justice Committee on a biannual basis starting in February, the county said.

According to Chavez, an estimated 55,000 people are processed into the county jail each year, which houses an average of 4,000 inmates in one night, she said. Chavez estimated that the cost for an inmate to spend the night at the jail is somewhere between \$120 and \$190.

In addition, Chavez claimed that roughly 90 percent of the people who enter the jail eventually get out anyway.

"We want them to get out with a job, with connections to their family and with connections to the community because our ultimate goal is to keep the community safe and don't have people commit other crimes," Chavez said.

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Merlone Geier is nearly finished its years-long effort to transform the sprawling San Antonio Shopping Center into an upscale mall with a mix of retail, office and residential units. More than 2,100 new apartments and 1.1 million square feet of commercial space are being planned for the area, according to Marcus & Millichap.

—Mark Noack

## PUBLIC ART FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Mountain View Library Children's Services Area will receive a botanical uplift by artist Lisa Long.

The renovation will include a wall of glass, with one double-door for adults to enter through and a smaller door for children. Long, an artist specializing in

painting and calligraphy, will paint California-native insects, flowers and other plants for the wall in a watercolor-effect style. This installation allows for children to imagine what it would be like to be a few inches tall, according to city staff.

The art project is estimated to cost \$30,000, with \$8,000 for the artist's design and the other \$22,000 slated for fabrication, delivery and installation.

The city's Visual Arts Committee selected Long's "Magical Garden Gateway" proposal out of a pool of 22 applicants. The City Council approved the project on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

In June, the council allocated \$3.82 million to modify the library space. As required by council policy, capital improvement projects costing at least \$1 million must set aside funds equal to 1 percent of the construction budget to pay for amenities such as public art projects.

—Stephanie Lee



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## TEACHER HOUSING

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project at Cooper Park as well as the types of units, and which funding strategies — there are several — could help the district pay for the construction costs.

Rudolph suggested that Mountain View Whisman employee housing could be done in the same mold as Santa Clara Unified School District, which built an apartment complex for its teachers during the height of the dot-com boom. The housing programs allows teachers to live in affordable units for up to seven years, and is seen as an opportunity for teachers to save up money for a down payment on a home.

Even that wouldn't entirely solve the problem, Rudolph said, because the average cost of homes in Mountain View is so high. Even in his short



MICHELLE LE

The impact of a proposed teacher housing development adjacent to the city-owned portion of Cooper Park, which includes the tennis courts, is one of the project's unknowns aspects.

two-year tenure in Mountain View, he said average housing prices have gone from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million, and that it would take him 10 years to

save enough money for a down payment on a home on his executive salary — let alone on a teacher's salary.

That is not to say that you can't find something cheaper," he said. "Yes, you can find a town home in Oakland for \$500,000, but you would still have to drive an hour and a half to get to work."

The district is considering several strategies aimed at attracting new teachers and retaining current staff, which has been an ongoing challenge for Mountain View Whisman — arguably for reasons beyond its control. Rental costs have jumped by over 46 percent since 2011 in Santa Clara County, according to the real estate website Zillow, which has a huge impact on the district's

employees. More than half of the respondents in the survey identified themselves as renters.

Other Bay Area school districts are also looking to teacher housing for relief from the explosive real estate market. San Francisco Unified School District's school board voted unanimously to pursue a teacher apartment project to house between 100 and 150 of the district's 3,600 teachers. The project relies on \$44 million from the city's affordable housing funds.

Rudolph acknowledged at the Oct. 5 board meeting that teacher housing will be subject to some constraints, given the nearby geography. High-density housing would be an awkward fit in the middle of the single-family residential neighborhood.

Cooper Park, which is about two blocks off Grant Road on Eunice Avenue, is not along major public transit routes, and traffic in the area would likely be a challenge, he said.

Last year, former trustee Steve Nelson did an informal survey of residents near Cooper Park, and said he found broad opposition to using the park for any development that would take away open space.

Rudolph said the ultimate goal — allowing teachers to buy a home — would take a multi-pronged approach. In addition to the workforce housing idea, district officials are also weighing a potential partnership with the real estate firm Landed, which sets up a local investor pool to help teachers shore up money for a down payment on a home in exchange for a stake in the home's appreciation at the time of a sale or refinancing. Nearby Los Altos School District and Mountain View-Los Altos High School District have both established an investor pool of about \$500,000 to launch the program.

The money provided by Landed would essentially "match" the amount ponied up by the teacher for a down payment, which means teachers are still going to need to find a way to save close to \$120,000 to take advantage of the program. That could be achieved by saving up in a district-subsidized apartment, according to district officials. ■

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The man, whose name is being withheld by the *Voice* to protect the identity of the victim, is being held without bail on several charges including attempted murder, false imprisonment, brandishing a weapon, criminal threats and corporal injury to a cohabitant. He was also arrested for preventing the victim from calling police using her cellphone, Nelson said.

The victim told police she had experienced similar attacks in the past, but did not contact police out of fear that the suspect would hurt her or her family.

## INDECENT EXPOSURE AT LANDELS SCHOOL

A Palo Alto resident was arrested in Mountain View on Saturday after he allegedly exposed himself to a mother and her child at Landels Elementary.

The mother told police that she was playing with her daughter on the playground at the school, located in Old Mountain View near Highway 85, around 6:15 p.m. when she looked up and saw the 26-year-old man exposing himself, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Officers searched the area and found the man hiding in bushes near the playground.

The man was arrested on charges of indecent exposure as well as annoying or molesting children, due to the fact that he allegedly exposed himself to a child at a school campus, Nelson said. He is being held in Santa Clara County jail without bail.

The same man was also arrested at the Little Caesar's Pizza in Mountain View on two consecutive occasions last year, when he allegedly attempted to steal pizzas from a customer. During the second altercation, he was accused of trying to coerce customers into buying him pizza, "chest-bumping" one of the customers and

blocking the exit in order to prevent people from leaving the business.

## FLASHER IN EAST WHISMAN

Police arrested a man in the East Whisman area earlier this month after witnesses say he exposed himself and caused a disturbance.

The 60-year-old Oakland man allegedly exposed himself around 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 1, near the 600 block of Clyde Avenue, according to two people working at a nearby business. After getting a detailed description of the suspect, police were able to track down the man farther south on the same street, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Police say the man was "agitated" and yelled at the officer who stopped him, Nelson said. The man was arrested and booked into Santa Clara County jail on charges of performing a lewd act in public.

—Kevin Forestieri

## RENTAL HOUSING

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will cost \$686,000.

Mountain View's rent-control program would actually be fairly lean in terms of staffing compared to other cities with similar programs. The city of Richmond, which adopted its own rent-stabilization policy in tandem with Mountain View, is reportedly looking at a \$4.5 million program with seven full-time staffers. The cities of Berkeley and Santa Monica both had four times more city employees than Mountain View to cover a proportionate number of rent-controlled apartments.

About \$774,000 is being dedicated to hire a variety of consultants to help manage the new program. Around \$200,000 of this money will go to retain an outside law firm to help draft rules and attend meetings to answer questions. The rental committee also expects to spend \$300,000 to hire nine hearing officers, who recently completed a training program and will soon adjudicate disputes between landlords and tenants. For the first year, city financial staff estimated these hearing officers will review about 300 cases filed

by landlords or tenants.

"All of these costs are estimates," warned City Finance Director Patty Kong. "If the costs end up being more than this, we may end up having to ask for (higher) budget amounts."

To defray these costs, the Rental Housing Committee at previous meetings had considered placing a fee on landlords who file petitions seeking higher rents. On Monday, the committee decided to shelve this idea because they wanted to first get a sense for how many petitions the city would receive.

The new budget contains many one-time expenses that shouldn't come back in the future. For example, the committee agreed to spend about \$175,000 on a new database system to register and track all apartments in town. As a one-time cost, the rental committee must pay back about \$431,595 borrowed from the city of Mountain View. That loan helped the committee get established during the first months of 2017.

Committee members agreed they would need to reassess the budget in a few months as the size of the workload became more clear.

"In my opinion, this budget

is probably over inflated a lot, and we can make a course correction after about six months," said committee member Tom Means. "It's speculative, but I think we should go ahead and approve the budget."

To fund the \$2.5 million program, city officials plan to divide up the cost between nearly all the apartments listed in Mountain View, totaling about 16,800 units. That means apartment owners would be expected to pay about \$160 annually for each unit. This fee will be levied on all apartments in the city built prior to Dec. 23, 2016, regardless of whether they are rent controlled. State law does not allow rent control to be imposed on apartments first occupied after Jan. 1995, as well single-family homes and small buildings such as duplexes.

It still remains an open question as to whether landlords can pass through the \$160 fee onto tenants as a modest rent increase. The city's rent-control measure doesn't explicitly allow this, said Assistant City Attorney Krishan Chopra, but he promised to investigate whether it could be applied. ▣

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## Petitions ready for rent adjustments

Mountain View's new system for settling the myriad disputes over the cost of apartment rents is now ready for show time. This week, Mountain View staff uploaded the petition paperwork to the city website for landlords and tenants to request special-case adjustments for the cost of rent-controlled apartments.

Under the city's new rent-control program, increases to the monthly rent on affected apartments are tied to the regional Consumer Price Index. But the city was also required to set up a system for special-case situations, such as a property owner

who is losing money due to an inability to raise rents.

This new city petition process is supposed to give landlords or tenants an opportunity to demonstrate why apartment rents need to deviate from that formula.

But filing out these petitions will be no easy task, especially for landlords seeking higher rents. The new petition for landlords is 22 pages long and requires detailed information, including years of income and expense statements for each apartment building. The form for tenants requires far less information and is only a few pages long.

In past meetings, many landlords have indicated they will immediately file petitions to raise their rent higher. City officials estimate they will see about 300 petitions filed in the first year of the program.

The city of Mountain View is planning a series of new workshops on the new rules. A tenant-focused workshop is planned from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 16. A similar workshop for landlords is scheduled for 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. Both meetings will be held at the City Hall Council Chambers at 500 Castro St. ▣

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## TEEN DRUG USE

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show up in the room, it doesn't matter if you're the best therapist out there, they won't get the treatment."

The core philosophy of the curriculum revolves around building strong friendships and connections with teens, and truly addressing the root causes of why they started taking drugs, Himmelstein said. Sometimes it's trauma or anxiety, other times it's an attempt to fit in with their peers or simply an experimental phase in their lives.

Some teens are turning to drugs because of an emotional disconnect in the family, and using drugs as a way to "grieve" for that loss of emotional support, Foster said. Whether it be high-functioning parents in the corporate world or a single mother working long hours to support her family, lack of quality time can take a serious toll on teens, and there's a constant stream of media messaging pushing the idea that pills and alcohol are the solution.

"There's just this cultural conversation about how, if you don't feel good, you need to take something," she said. "It's a part of our cultural narrative, and a lot of times teens don't understand the danger and don't understand what it's doing to them mentally."

Reliable, recent data on teen drug use in Mountain View is remarkably hard to come by, but a 2013-14 survey of



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**Veronica Foster**, a clinical supervisor at CHAC, and co-therapist **Colin Gray**, offer local teens a new approach to substance abuse treatment.

Mountain View-Los Altos High School District students found that 26 percent of juniors reported drinking in the last 30 days, and 11

percent reported "binge drinking" more than 5 drinks within two hours during the same period. The survey also found 17 percent smoked marijuana

at least once over the same period. More broad data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that 7 percent of California high school students reportedly used inhalants, 6 percent had used cocaine, and 5 percent had used pain relievers for "nonmedical reasons" within a year of the survey.

Foster said teen drug use has gotten worse, but it's difficult to pinpoint the underlying reasons why. It could be that a rise in anxiety and ADHD diagnoses is pumping more prescription drug into the community, making it easier and more acceptable to illicitly take drugs like Adderall and Xanax. It's also something teens have relied on to make money, selling pills for \$20 each to other students.

The underlying strategy of mindfulness-based substance abuse treatment is to give teens the mental strategies they need to recognize cravings, take a step back and control themselves — fighting an initial, reactionary urge to use drugs and alcohol as a coping mechanism. Abouardham said "meta" awareness of his addiction, and watching his own thoughts from a different vantage point, made him feel impervious to addiction. Now 18 years old and graduated from high school, he said he's sobered up and stopped smoking.

"Veronica never criminalized my smoking. She just wanted me to be constantly aware of when I'm smoking, why I'm smoking, who I'm smoking

with — the whole situation," he said. "I realized that I can be sober and still have fun, and the only way that happened is because I was the one who got there."

The Mindfulness Based Relapse Prevention Groups will consist of 12 weekly two-hour sessions at CHAC's headquarters in Mountain View starting this fall, though the exact date has yet to be determined. The program costs \$600 per person, which adds up to about \$25 per hour, but Foster said stipends will be available and that they do not want to turn anyone away. Similar programs based on Himmelstein's curriculum are also launching at Choices Teen Therapy in Campbell and the Youth Services Bureau of San Mateo.

The format of CHAC's program includes meditation as a staple strategy, which a growing body of neuroscience studies have shown can be an effective approach for mental health therapy, including substance abuse treatment, Foster said. The program also veers away from policing teens and pushing an abstinence-only message, she said, because teens can successfully self-monitor, be self-aware and in control of their lives without being told what to do.

"Adolescents are smart, they're savvy, they're extremely resilient, and they can, on their own, make really good choices. But they need to be given that space," she said. ■

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## BOND MEASURE

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schools are already more or less at capacity. Earlier this year, the district made a quick fix at Los Altos High by converting the school's old weight room into two classrooms just to address enrollment growth this fall.

The other problem is that numerous school facilities date back to the 1950s and 1970s and are plagued by cracks, stains, water damage, dry rot and damaged roofing. Facilities like the small gym at Los Altos High and the entire all-portable campus used by Freestyle Academy — an alternative program focused on art and technology — are in poor condition and ought to be scrapped, according to a study conducted last year. A full list of potential school upgrades is expected to be released later this month as part of the district's facilities master plan.

The survey produced encouraging results about the district's prospects for passing a bond measure, Emily Goodman of

EMC research said at the Oct. 9 school board meeting. Not only did it find widespread support for a school bond and virtually no "sensitivity" between a \$198 million and a \$268 million measure, but public opinion of the district has improved over the years.

Of 611 likely voters, 72 percent rated the district's performance as either "excellent" or "good," up from 54 percent in 2009. By comparison, the same research firm found 56 percent of respondents gave Los Altos School District high marks, and 38 rated Mountain View Whisman School District favorably.

Under the proposed timeline, the district would aim for a bond measure on the June 5 ballot; mid-year election ballots tend to be less crowded than those in November general elections, and the district's measure would likely have to compete with fewer other tax measures, said Charles Heath of TBWB Strategies. If that's the target date, he said, the district needs to get started on an

information campaign as soon as next month, with messaging focused on the facilities needs of the district. The surveys show that more than two-thirds of district residents either don't know the condition of school facilities or believe they are "excellent" or "good."

**Some school facilities are plagued by cracks, stains, water damage, dry rot and damaged roofing.**

Mountain View-Los Altos only recently wrapped up facilities upgrades using funds from Measure A, a \$41.3 million bond that voters approved in 2010 by a wide margin. Among other things, Measure A paid for new classrooms and energy-efficiency improvements including solar panel canopies above school parking lots.

Neither the survey nor the facilities master plan focused on the potential for massive housing growth in North Bayshore, which district officials have treated as an entirely separate problem. Mountain View City Council members are expected to approve plans later this year to allow up to 9,850 new homes in the region, which would add a projected 1,108 students to the district in an area isolated by a major freeway, 2.5 miles from either campus.

Last month, school board members received assurances from the City Council that any major housing project in North Bayshore would have to come with its own separate "local school district strategy" that would clearly outline how developers would support districts taking on the burden of additional students.

The master plan does focus, however, on how Mountain View-Los Altos could use a small parcel of city-owned land north of Alta Vista High School, the district's

continuation program. The district and the city have been in closed-session talks about leasing the parcel for additional classroom space, which would free up much-needed room at the Mountain View High School campus. Earlier this year, Superintendent Jeff Harding told council members that the piece of property could be the new home of Freestyle Academy, located behind the district office in old portables previously used by Alta Vista.

Harding told the *Voice* last month that he is optimistic that the district will reach an agreement with the city to use the vacant parcel. In the past, the city has been reticent to lease out the land because it might be needed for a future pedestrian footbridge across Highway 85.

TBWB Strategies staff suggested that the school board approve a resolution to put a facilities bond on the ballot by the Feb. 5 board meeting. ■

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# Magical Bridge Playground planned for Mountain View

By Mark Noack

Mountain View could soon be the latest Bay Area city to build an all-inclusive play space known as a Magical Bridge Playground. On Tuesday night, Oct. 3, elected leaders approved a contract committing \$1 million to begin a larger fundraising push for building a playground at Rengstorff Park.

Ever since the first Magical Bridge playground opened at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park in 2015, the concept has quickly caught on among other Bay Area cities. The idea behind Magical Bridge is that many standard play structures — slides, swings, climbing bars and the like — can be severely prohibitive for children with cognitive, sensory or physical disabilities.

In contrast, Magical Bridge playgrounds are specifically designed to accommodate as many children as possible, regardless of ability. The playground at Palo Alto's Mitchell Park, for example, includes a wheelchair-accessible merry-go-round, different types of harness-equipped swing sets, and a music zone with equipment designed to produce an array of sounds.

Other Magical Bridge playgrounds are currently being planned at Redwood City, Sunnyvale and Morgan Hill. Bringing this new type of playground to Mountain View has gained resounding support in recent months, and city officials allocated \$1 million as part of the city's annual capital improvement list.

The total cost for building a Magical Bridge playground is expected to be \$4.5 million. City officials expect to raise an



PALO ALTO WEEKLY FILE PHOTO

*The Magical Bridge playground in Palo Alto was designed to be accessible to children with disabilities and opened in 2015. Mountain View plans to create a Magical Bridge playground at Rengstorff Park.*

additional \$1 million through a matching grant from Santa Clara County. The remainder is expected to come through fundraising through the Magical Bridge Foundation, [magicalbridge.org](http://magicalbridge.org).

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## ■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

# New school should serve the neighborhood

Nearly one-third of students in the Los Altos School District live in Mountain View, but only one of the district's schools is located in this city. And that school, Springer Elementary, is just this side of the Mountain View-Los Altos border. For a school district that seeks to maintain small neighborhood schools, that's not a good record.

But district officials and Mountain View city leaders have been hard at work on creating an opportunity for the district to buy otherwise prohibitively costly property here and establish a new school — specifically, in the San Antonio area, where the district's largest enrollment growth is expected in the foreseeable future.

The plan, which the City Council is poised to approve soon, is complicated, and could eliminate potential housing at a time there's a critical need for it. At an Oct. 3 study session at which the plan was reviewed, council members indicated that they weren't thrilled by the potential loss of housing opportunities, but that having an LASD school in the city is worth the sacrifice. And sweetening the deal is a component that will create a nearby public park in an area that has the lowest ratio of park space per resident than any other area of the city.

The council is on the right track in supporting this creative plan, which sets the stage for the school district to buy land in the San Antonio area but sell its development rights to builders elsewhere in the city, thereby allowing the district to acquire otherwise unaffordable property to build a campus.

Although the plan offers an exciting opportunity for the community, there's one aspect of it that gives serious pause: The council is leaving the question of the type of school to be built on this prize property completely up to the school district. That means a neighborhood school that will allow children to attend class close to home is not guaranteed; instead, the district will have the option of creating a magnet school, or housing Bullis Charter School, on the site. Under that scenario, two of the key benefits of establishing a neighborhood school — reducing morning and afternoon school-related vehicle traffic, and allowing kids to walk or bike to school — would be lost.

Should the city stipulate that the district build a neighborhood school if it signs on to the plan? We believe it should. The concessions by the city built into this proposed deal are "tremendously generous," in the words of Councilwoman Pat Showalter. And, as Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga correctly noted, if the district builds a magnet school, "we would have people driving from all over, and we would have traffic issues, and we know San Antonio is already congested as it is."

Requiring the district to build a neighborhood school on this site is reasonable and wise. It would offer the community protection from an inordinate increase of traffic on already overburdened streets. It makes sense, and we hope that the council rethinks its reluctance and puts such a requirement into place before approving a deal. ■

## ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SCORE 'HOME RUN'

The students of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District (MVLA) hit a home run on the latest statewide exam. While the results of one test are not an ideal measure of a high school, the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) exam is given to every 11th grader in the state of California and is widely used by the public as a measuring stick. The test is closely aligned with California Common Core standards and, as such, serves as a gauge of teaching and learning those standards.

Last spring, 83 percent of MVLA 11th graders met or exceeded proficiency standards on the new, more rigorous statewide English exam. This is up from 71 percent the prior year and significantly higher than the statewide average of 59 percent. Our students also showed significant gains in math, exceeding statewide proficiency averages by 36 points.

To put this accomplishment in

context, consider that the majority of students who did not meet English standards (17 percent of the 11th grade class) are enrolled in Special Education or are recent immigrants who have not yet mastered academic English skills, although our teachers are working hard to help them catch up.

Some of the most remarkable improvements in SBAC scores were among our Latino students at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools. At Mountain View High, 58 percent of Latino students met or exceeded standards in English. At Los Altos High, 56 percent of Latino students met or exceeded standards in English, up from 43 percent the prior year. The statewide proficiency rate for Latino students is 20 percent.

My colleagues and I are proud of our seniors who gave this test their full focus last spring, despite the test falling during a very busy and stressful part of their junior year. I also congratulate MVLA, Los Altos Elementary and Mountain View Whisman

district teachers for their continuous work to prepare our students to perform at this level. The recent SBAC scores are evidence of exceptional instruction at all levels.

Congratulations to the MVLA Class of 2018 for their many outstanding accomplishments. It is a privilege to be part of this amazing community of young scholars and the dedicated people who support them.

*Jeff Harding*  
Superintendent, Mountain View  
Los Altos High School District

### IN SUPPORT OF MICRO-HOUSING

What's missing from Mountain View housing solutions? Developers and the city talk of housing at both economic extremes, but the middle is missing. Housing for middle-class residents isn't subsidized or as profitable, yet the middle class numerically is the largest group in the city, and these residents, too, are suffering.

For example, the city's public

school teachers do not qualify for most housing subsidies. What's needed is a market solution for the middle, ideally a diversified path to home ownership. To either rent or buy million-dollar homes is not a diversified housing market.

In Asia and Europe, the only affordable path to home ownership in hot markets is micro-housing. Take a moment to "Google" micro-housing to see what Mountain View is missing by missing tiny homes that are both more ecological and economically scalable. If you are in the middle class, speak up to your City Council.

If you work at Google and can't afford housing, speak up at your company. Teachers, speak up to the board and district to model micro-housing for teachers on any of the unused land parcels owned by the school district in Mountain View. San Francisco and San Mateo school districts are already working on this for their teachers.

*Christopher Chiang*  
Space Park Way

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



*Everest Cuisine in Mountain View distinguishes itself with its Indo-Nepali menu, which includes a mixed plate of tandoori chicken and chicken tikka kebabs.*

## New heights

NEW OWNERS ELEVATE EVEREST CUISINE'S INDO-NEPALI MENU

Story by Monica Schreiber | Photos by Veronica Weber

Eight-month-old Everest Cuisine is lighting up a quiet corner of southeast Mountain View with delicious Indo-Nepali standards, tented outdoor seating and a focus on take-out.

The sleek little restaurant is in the building once occupied by Simply Thai Street Food. It is the lone dining establishment on the mostly-residential North Whisman Road, near the Hetch-Hetchy Trail and a block from the campuses of Google, Symantec and Veritas. Everest appears to be quickly distinguishing itself in a region replete with Indian cuisine. In

July, *Voice* readers voted Everest Cuisine the city's "Best New Restaurant" for 2017.

Co-owners Shiva Reddy and Muthu Marimuthu took over the restaurant in March from another team that had launched Everest just three months earlier. When the original owners found themselves in over their heads, Reddy and Marimuthu, who had worked together in Sunnyvale's now-defunct Godavari, seized the opportunity. Reddy handles the business side while Marimuthu runs the kitchen. Reddy describes his chef-partner as a prize-winning chef who moved

to the Bay Area from India about six years ago.

Everest's large menu tilts heavily toward northern Indian fare, with occasional nods to India's mountainous neighbor to the north, as well as a few dishes that fall more into the Indo-Chinese category. If you look for Everest Cuisine online, be sure to go to [everestcuisine-ca.com](http://everestcuisine-ca.com) or you may end up on a copycat site operated by Beyond Menu. Reddy said he is working to resolve the situation.

The food is excellent and the servings are generous. The

► See *EVEREST CUISINE*, page 18



*A customer pays for a buffet meal to-go.*



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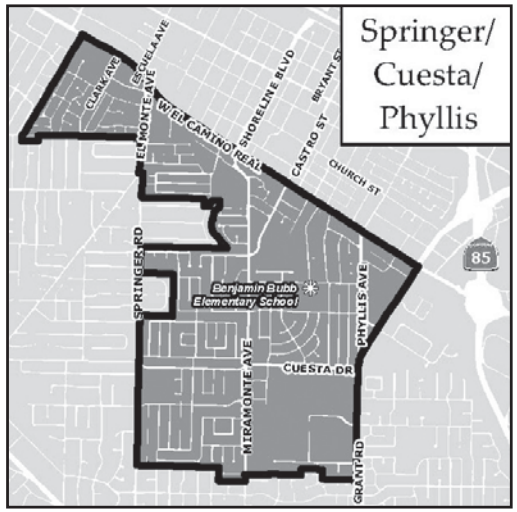
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For more information, please call the City's Housing and Neighborhood Services Division at (650) 903-6379.



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## EVEREST CUISINE

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service can be a bit uneven: sometimes attentive, but tending toward slow. The issue appears to be an intense focus on fulfilling take-out orders with too few staff members to cover both the small dining room and the constant stream from Door Dash, Grubhub, Uber Eats and individual phone orders. During one Saturday evening visit, we shared the dining room with only one other party of two. They had the misfortune of arriving in the middle of a slew of phone orders and had to wait, visibly annoyed, for at least 15 minutes for someone to take their order.

Occasional service missteps can be forgiven in light of the fact that the off-the-beaten path Everest has wisely chosen to focus much of its business on take-out and its excellent lunch buffet. In any case, the food is worth the wait. The gobi Manchurian appetizer (\$8.99), a typical Indo-Chinese cauliflower snack, was outstanding: lightly breaded, delicately fried florets in a zingy, Szechuan-style sauce. The dish lacked heat, but not flavor. We ate the generous serving like candy. The mushroom pakora (\$7.99) was another addictive appetizer, thinly sliced mushrooms coated in lentil flour and gently fried.

The chicken zam zam (\$10.99), bite-sized, bone-in fried chicken pieces in a spicy, garlicky sauce and studded with jalapeños and other peppers, turned up the heat factor significantly. We were grateful for the pitchers of water on each of the pretty wooden tables. The zam zam is one of chef Marimuthu's specialties that you won't find anywhere else.

Virtually every cuisine has dumplings and in Nepal they're called momos, sturdy pockets of dough filled with meat and spices and pinched at the top like Chinese xiaolongbao, or soup dumplings. Everest's chicken momos (\$4.99 for five pieces; \$9.99 for 10) are savory and moist pockets of ground chicken, onions, ginger, garlic and Nepalese spices.

The vegetable fried rice (\$8.99) was one of the few disappointments. We didn't care for the over-the-top spicy basmati rice with a scattering of cubed carrots and so many onions the kitchen crew must have been chopping for hours.

Vegetarians will appreciate that the menu is organized into "vegetarian" and "non vegetarian" categories. Everyone will appreciate the free, self-service chai, which is sweet, milky and spiced with cardamom and cloves. The sarbat, or Himalayan lemonade (\$2.99), was delicious — fresh-squeezed lemonade infused with fresh mint

## Weekend

and served in a plastic glass with a lid. The focus is on take-out here, but the fantastic lemonade would have gone over so much better in a real glass.

The only quibble with the daily

lunch buffet (\$11.99 including tax) would be that trays of some of the most popular items, such as the tandoori and butter chicken, can remain unfilled for a bit too long while the staff



*The Kathmandu goat curry at Everest Cuisine highlights spices unique to Nepali cooking.*



*The lunch buffet features a wide selection of dishes from biryani, fried okra and paneer tikka masala to Himalayan dal, aalu golbheda, butter chicken and thakali kukura curry.*

## Weekend

is scurrying to handle take-out orders. Otherwise, the decently-sized buffet is a great deal and contains some dishes you won't find at your typical Indian buffet -- the Kathmandu goat curry, for example. Chunks of goat meat are stewed in an intensely savory sauce with hints of something fruity and a nutty finish. This fantastic sauce was like the culinary love child of a Mexican mole and an Indian curry. The goat was tender, similar in texture and taste to slow-braised short ribs.

Another standout buffet item was the eggplant fry, lightly breaded eggplant and onions, tossed with peanuts and gently fried.

Naan is brought warm to your table and there are a number of sauce options beyond the usual mint chutney and cooling raita. I loved the silky, complex sesame sauce, but was scratching my head a little over the inclusion of ketchup and ranch dressing.

Considering the restaurant's early ownership shake-ups, Reddy and Marimuthu appear to have found a nice groove in a region with significant competition in the realm of Indian cuisine. We hope they can resolve the confusing website situation quickly, and perhaps hire an extra server to tend the dining room. ▽

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### DINING NOTES

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## ■ MOVIE REVIEWS

### BLADE RUNNER 2049

★★★

A strange and beautiful beast indeed, "Blade Runner 2049" is a science-fiction epic for adults. This large-scale, 35-years-later sequel to Ridley Scott's "Blade Runner" chips away at today's audiences one anxiety at a time and pivots into a science-fiction detective story that tumbles further down the rabbit hole in pursuit of the meaning of humanity and our relationship to technology. In the film, Ryan Gosling plays a new "blade runner" (that is, a hunter of replicants, working for the LAPD) who eventually comes face-to-face with Rick Deckard, the blade runner introduced by Harrison Ford in 1982. Gosling's blade runner "K" (a Kafka-esque nod to his Everyman status and/or authorial surrogacy) drifts through his work with a cold professionalism that nonetheless feels as if it may thaw at any moment into dewy-eyed emotion. And as he drifts, so do we — into and out of wildly overpopulated urban hellscape and blighted exurban deserts that write large our own projections of lifestyle decay and

collapsed ecosystems. The sequel shares with the original a haunted quality both in its aesthetic and its spare dialogue, which tends to the lyrical. We're still in a steampunk dystopia, but one easily tracked as being closer than we'd like to admit. *Rated R for violence, some sexuality, nudity and language. Two hours, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

### AMERICAN MADE ★★★

Doug Liman's "American Made" makes a legend out of Barry Seal, a criminally corrupt pilot who — in order to save his skin — went to work for the Reagan-era government. Just in time after the debacle of "The Mummy," Tom Cruise delivers a winningly old-school star performance as Seal, a TWA pilot who supplements his income by smuggling contraband. As the film has it, Seal gets recruited by the CIA, in the form of a handler going by "Schafer" (Domhnall Gleeson). Seal's subsequent work as a reconnaissance pilot over Central America (and courier to and from Manuel Noriega) puts him on the radar of the incipient Medellín cartel, so Seal starts running drugs on the side for Pablo Escobar and company. The filmmakers streamline Seal's story considerably, and given his shadowy role in history, it's a story that invites conjecture. Depending on whom you believe, this version of Barry Seal either dumbs down a longtime CIA operator to a



Haley Lu Richardson and John Cho star in "Columbus."

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## 'Columbus' days

INDIE ROMANCE EXPLORES THE LITERAL AND FIGURATIVE ARCHITECTURE OF OUR LIVES

★★★1/2 (Guild)

Architecture can be understood as the spaces we build ourselves, in nature, to shelter us from harsh influences and provide the wherewithal to define our own existences. As such, the art and craft of architecture make a suitable metaphor for the art and craft of narrative storytelling or, indeed, cinema. So it's no surprise that first-time writer-director Kogonada — whose fascination with film manifested previously in critical video essays about filmmakers like Richard Linklater and Hirokazu Koreeda — should adopt that apt symbolism for his indie romance "Columbus."

Columbus, Indiana, has a reputation as a "mecca" for modernist architecture, with seven National Historic Landmarks chosen for their architectural significance. Four of those were designed by either Finnish architect Eliel Saarinen or his son Eero Saarinen, a bit of trivia that plays into the film's familial concerns. The leading characters find themselves feeling parental obligations that keep them, if only temporarily, trapped in the town. And yet, there's something magic and mysterious about the place and its buildings that bonds the two in mutual discovery.

skilled hustler or elevates a DEA informant to a CIA operative. Either way, Seal's story is a fascinating one worth investigating, and "Made" will draw mass attention to it. *Rated R for language throughout and some sexuality/nudity. One hour, 55 minutes.* — P.C.

### STRONGER ★★★

"Stronger" single-handedly restores humanity to the movies with moments built

around human behavior. Early and often, the movie catches one off guard with the characters' open-hearted gestures under duress, earning tears instead of jerking them. Jake Gyllenhaal plays Jeff Bauman, the 28-year-old Boston native who became a double amputee after terrorist bombs exploded along the sidelines of the 2013 Boston Marathon. Bauman was there to cheer on his on-again, off-again girlfriend Erin Hurley (Tatiana Maslany), a point

falling for each other over conversation conjures "The Before Trilogy") and Koreeda (the beautiful aesthetic, the lazy-river pacing, the familial concerns). Although the performances can at times feel a bit self-conscious in their slow-talking melancholy and the dialogue occasionally oversteps to make a point, the overall impression is one of elegant composition, especially in Elisha Christian's gorgeously on-point cinematography.

One character has only known Columbus: college-age Casey (emotionally resonant up-and-comer Haley Lu Richardson) works in a library (where she rolls with the affections of a friend and potential boyfriend played by Rory Culkin) and as a tour guide, rattling off spiels about the town's significant buildings. Some of the buildings have special significance to her, a point investigated by intrigued newcomer Jin (John Cho of "Star Trek"). Translator Jin arrives from his native Korea only reluctantly, summoned because his geographically and emotionally remote father, a noted architecture critic, fell critically ill there. Meanwhile, Casey feels the need to keep a watchful eye on her mother (Michelle Forbes, compelling as ever), whose addiction issues keep concern alive.

If the architecture they regard and discuss as Casey shows Jin around town serves to connect them, so do their disappointments, which they unconsciously attempt to pin on their parents. As the film's title implies, individual and mutual breakthroughs are to be had on Kogonada's patient watch. One can easily identify the influences of Linklater (two smart people

falling for each other over conversation conjures "The Before Trilogy") and Koreeda (the beautiful aesthetic, the lazy-river pacing, the familial concerns). Although the performances can at times feel a bit self-conscious in their slow-talking melancholy and the dialogue occasionally oversteps to make a point, the overall impression is one of elegant composition, especially in Elisha Christian's gorgeously on-point cinematography.

Kogonada's cleverly integrated use of the architecture, beautifully framed from visual and narrative standpoints, lends his freshman feature a sense of modernist mastery (astonishingly, the production lasted only 18 days). "Columbus" poses thoughtful questions about modern culture ("Are we losing interest in things that matter?... Are we losing interest in everyday life?"), the responsibilities we take for others' lives and our own, and the roles of art: it can be a distraction — for better or worse — but here, as a therapeutic enhancer of experience and comprehension, it draws the eye, the heart, the soul.

*Not MPAA rated. One hour, 44 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

that binds the two in grief and guilt, appreciation and resentment, but most powerfully by love. Our hero is surrounded by a loud and tenacious family that offers its own brands of love, support and distraction, in this case with alcoholic matriarch Patty (Miranda Richardson) the lightning rod at its center. *Rated R for language throughout, some graphic injury images, and brief sexuality/nudity. One hour, 56 minutes.* — P.C.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

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TheatreWorks Silicon Valley will present the world premiere of the musical "The Prince of Egypt" by the award-winning composer of "Wicked," Stephen Schwartz. Oct. 6-Nov. 5, times vary. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search [theatreworks.org](http://theatreworks.org) for more info.

## THEATER

**Event: 'The On Hold Music Dance Party'** "The On Hold Music Dance Party," a concept invented by Katchadourian, is a dance party consisting of music and other sounds recorded entirely from phone calls where she was placed on hold. Oct. 19, 9-10 p.m. The On Hold Music Dance Party takes place from 9-10 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Opera: 'Norma'** Bellini's opera "Norma," is presented by West Bay Opera in its powerful original Pagan/Wicca setting, with a world-class cast, orchestra and chorus. Oct. 13 and 21, 8-11 p.m.; Oct. 15 and 22, 2-5 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [wbopera.org](http://wbopera.org)

**Pear Theatre: 'An Enemy of the People'** Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" still rings disturbingly true: the story of an altruistic man undermined by people concerned with profit, the moral dilemmas inherent in whistleblowing and the nature of truth itself. Betsy Kruse Craig directs this classic in a recent adaptation by Rebecca Lenkiewicz. Oct. 18-Nov. 12. \$15, previews; \$35, opening; \$32, regular. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. [thepear.org](http://thepear.org)

## CONCERTS

**American Brass Quintet** Created in 1970, the venerable quintet hailed by Newsweek as "the high priests of brass" pays its first visit to the Bing with a program devoted to the early days of the American republic. The quintet has dedicated itself to music originally written for brass, also commissioning new chamber works. Oct. 15, 2:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Andrew Bird** Chicago-born Andrew Bird is a multi-instrumentalist who pays equal attention to his violin and guitar onstage and an arcane lyricist who whistles full solos with blithe, perfect clarity. His recent collaborations include artists like St. Vincent, Fiona Apple, Blake Mills and more. Oct. 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**California Bach Society: Cantata 21 & Missa Brevis in G** California Bach Society presents Bach's Cantata 21 and Missa Brevis in G. Paul Flight leads the 30-voice chorus, soloists and Baroque orchestra. Oct. 21, 8-10 p.m. discounts for advance purchase, all under 30 and seniors. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. [calbach.org/#missa-breviis](http://calbach.org/#missa-breviis)

**Luke Bryan: Huntin', Fishin' & Lovin' Everyday Tour 2017** The "Huntin', Fishin' and Lovin' Every Day Tour" is the fifth and current headlining concert tour by American country music artist Luke Bryan. Oct. 14, 7 p.m. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy., Mountain View. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**Palo Alto Philharmonic Orchestra: 'Dances with Flute'** The Palo Alto Philharmonic, under the direction of Thomas Shoebottom, begins its 30th season with "Dances with Flute," featuring Principal Flutist Natalie Haworth-Liu. Oct. 21, 8-10 p.m. \$22, general; \$18, senior; \$10, student. Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paphil.org/performances/2017/10/21/dances-with-flute/](http://paphil.org/performances/2017/10/21/dances-with-flute/)

## MUSIC

**12th Annual French Fair** This French Fair will feature live music, food court, fashion show, French vintage cars and exhibition and entertainment. The family event includes about 60 vendors, face painting and balloons. Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free, under 18; \$3, adult. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, East Palo Alto. Search [flavorsoffrance.com](http://flavorsoffrance.com) for more info.

**Adam Shulman / Larry Vukovich Jazz Piano Duo** Two generations of Bay Area jazz pianists will perform in a duo setting. Adam Shulman, a young acclaimed jazz pianist, will be joined by Larry Vukovich, who has also performed duos with Vince Guaraldi and Buddy Montgomery. Together, they will be performing a two-piano twist to jazz standards. Oct. 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$20, at the door. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos. [ilcosaltos.com](http://ilcosaltos.com)

**Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah - Film Event** A film made about the bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah will be shown twice in English with Spanish subtitles (at 10 a.m. and again at noon). A reception with live music will be held in between showings. Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. The Americana Apartment - Community Room, 701 Continental Circle, Mountain View. [mvbahais.org/](http://mvbahais.org/)

**Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah - Bench Dedication & Picnic** The Baha'i Community of Mountain View has donated a bench to Shoreline Park in honor of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah. All are invited to a picnic, featuring live music, a reading of the proclamation signed by Mayor Ken Rosenberg and a ribbon cutting. There will also be kite flying. Oct. 21, noon-1:30 p.m. Free. Shoreline Park - Kite Lot, 1 Amphitheatre Pkwy., Mountain View. [mvbahais.org/](http://mvbahais.org/)

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

**Book Arts Jam presented by BABA - Bay Area Book Artists** Book Arts Jam is a celebration of the book, print and paper arts, held in Palo Alto, featuring work for sale, an exhibition of artists' books, a boutique of new and used art and book art items, prints, handmade papers, make-and-take activities and an all-day letterpress printing demonstration. Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Elks Lodge, Palo Alto, CA, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [bookartsjam.org/index.php](http://bookartsjam.org/index.php)

**Harvest Craft Faire 2017** This is the church's 38th annual Harvest Craft Faire, which offers a large selection of high quality, handcrafted items, made by over 40 artisans. Gourmet and garden shops, a DIY succulent garden and a beekeeping demo will also be featured. Proceeds support many local charities. Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. [facebook.com/HarvestCraftFaire](http://facebook.com/HarvestCraftFaire)

**Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival Opening Night: 'Jungle'** All are invited to join for this northern California premiere of "Jungle" and guests author/speaker Yossi Ghinsberg and producer Dana Lustig. "Jungle" is based on true events of Ghinsberg in the Amazon jungle (played by Daniel Radcliffe) and Ghinsberg's bestselling book "Jungle." Oct. 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$40, online or phone; \$45, at the door. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [svjff.org/films/jungle.shtml](http://svjff.org/films/jungle.shtml)

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Artist Talk: Nina Katchadourian** Brooklyn-based artist Nina Katchadourian discusses her artistic practice and

the exhibition "Nina Katchadourian: Curiouser" on view in Pigott Family Gallery at Cantor Arts Center from Sept. 15 to Jan. 7, 2018. Oct. 19, 6:3-8 p.m. Free. CEMEX Auditorium, 655 Knight Way, Stanford. Search [events.stanford.edu](http://events.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Matt Black** Documentary photographer Matt Black, a member of Magnum, has explored in his work the connections between migration, poverty, agriculture and the environment in his native rural California and in southern Mexico. Black will present his latest work from the ongoing project The Geography of Poverty. Oct. 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$15-\$30. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paloaltoforum.org](http://paloaltoforum.org)

**Maximizing Your Social Security Benefits after the Bipartisan Act** This workshop will explore the strategies that are now available after the changes made in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 to maximize social security benefits for one's household. Oct. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. Free, RSVP required. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.gov/librarycalendar](http://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar)

**Sunday Spotlight: Homelessness and What We Can Do to Help**

This is an opportunity to learn about an organization that is making a difference. The guest in October is Pastor Paul J. Bains, co-founder of Project WeHOPE, a program that serves homeless individuals and families in the city of East Palo Alto. Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Neutra House, 181 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. Search [meetup.com](http://meetup.com) for more info.

## FAMILY

**Children's Art Book Story Hour** President of PACE Palo Alto Elizabeth Sullivan will be reading about the life and works of renowned artist Pablo Picasso from Patricia Geis' playful pop-up, "Pablo Picasso: Meet the Artist." Children will be encouraged to express their own creativity with Picasso-inspired crafts and activities. Oct. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Free. Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

**Play Family Day at Palo Alto Art Center** The Palo Alto Art Center will host a Play Family Day featuring hands-on artmaking and performances inspired by our current exhibition, "Play!" Art Center teaching artists will demonstrate how to create mini golf holes, work with balloons, play pinball, blow bubbles and more. Oct. 15, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Search [cityofpaloalto.org](http://cityofpaloalto.org) for more info.

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**'I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story'**

The exhibition tells the rich and complex stories of the first Asian laborers arriving along the Gulf and eastern American seaboards throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. From there, it tells stories of Asian immigrants finding homes and participating in key moments of U.S. history. Oct. 19-Jan. 7, Thurs.-Sun., noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/want-wide-american-earth/](http://losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/want-wide-american-earth/)

## GALLERIES

**Pace Palo Alto: Sip and See** In honor of Loie Hollowell, "Point of Entry," Pace Gallery invites the community to Sip and See, a celebration of its exhibition with tours and light refreshments. Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m. Free. Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Search [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more info.

## DANCE

**The Art of the Pas De Deux** Western Ballet invites the community to an evening performance at its new black box theater. Western Ballet will be presenting pas de deux from Vicente Nebrada's "La Luna" and "Our Waltzes," Alexi Zubiria's "Passage," and "Diana and Actaeon" by Marius Petipa. Oct. 14, 5-7 p.m. Western Ballet, 914 N. Rengstorff Ave., Unit A, Mountain View. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**Festival of Lights: Diwali Celebration** With her distinct stage presence, Deepa Menon leads her audiences with effortless ease and grace through a whole range of aesthetic dance experiences. She and her students will be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights. Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search [mountainview.gov/librarycalendar](http://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar) for more info.

## FILM

**Mystery Movie Matinee: 'And Then There Were None' (1945)** The library will be screening the film based on the quintessential whodunit novel from the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie. When 10 guests are invited to an exclusive and secluded estate in England by a mysterious host, they do not know the reason they are invited is to be ... murdered one by one. Popcorn and film trivia will be served before the movie. Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search [mountainview.gov/librarycalendar](http://mountainview.gov/librarycalendar) for more info.

## FOOD & DRINK

**ATHENA Professional Women Awards Luncheon** The ATHENA Awards Luncheon is the premier, annual event for professional women in mid-Silicon Valley to honor and celebrate extraordinary women who are leaders and role models in their work and contributors to the community in significant ways. Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; luncheon starts at noon. Hosted by the Garden Court hotel, 520 Cowper St., Palo Alto. Search [paloaltochamber.com/events](http://paloaltochamber.com/events) for more info.

**Tails & Ales** Humane Society Silicon Valley's first annual Tails & Ales will feature family fun, breweries, wineries and more. Guests can enter the pet photo contest at [Tailsales.org](http://Tailsales.org). Tails & Ales is presented by Abaxis Global Diagnostics, Google and VCA Hospitals. Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$10-\$50. Google Crittenden Campus, 1200 Crittenden Lane, Mountain View. [tailsales.org](http://tailsales.org)

## LESSONS & CLASSES

**3D Design** Adults and teens are invited to learn about 3D Design. Space is limited to 15 attendees, and availability is first come, first served. Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search [sccd.org/losaltos](http://sccd.org/losaltos) for more info.

**3D Printing** Adults and teens are invited to learn about 3D Printing. Space is limited to 10 attendees and is first come, first served. Oct. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search [sccd.org/losaltos](http://sccd.org/losaltos) for more info.

**Shopping Online** This workshop will explore the ins and outs of shopping online. Participants will learn how to search for products and complete purchases in this class. Space is limited, and basic computer skills are required. Oct. 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**The 14th Annual Avenidas Caregiver Conference** Avenidas and NurseRegistry will present "The Road to Resilience: Helping Families Thrive!" Conference attendees will enjoy hearing inspiring keynote speech, learning from info-packed workshops and eating a tasty lunch, among other activities. Oct. 21, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. [avenidas.org/conferences-events/caregiver-conference/](http://avenidas.org/conferences-events/caregiver-conference/)

**Health Fair** County Supervisor Joe Simitian and Assemblymember Marc Berman are hosting a health fair at Mountain View City Hall on the first floor and in the outdoor courtyard. Local health care organizations will be there offering health screenings, flu shots and other services to local residents. Oct. 21, 1-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro St., Mountain View.

**Walk 'n Run to Remember** This event is an opportunity for individuals, families and organizations to walk in memory of a loved one; to walk to support friends, family or someone grieving a loss; and to help Kara bring healing to the Bay Area community through its grief support services. Oct. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Donations requested; see website. Children under 12, free. Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. [kara-grief.org/walknrun17](http://kara-grief.org/walknrun17)

## SENIORS

**CSA info / Referral - Emergency Assistance** Community Services Agency's Senior Case Managers will be providing resources on rental/mortgage assistance, Lifeline and other emergency response devices and crisis resources. This session will not include any legal or financial advice. Oct. 17, 10-11 a.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

## TEENS

**Fostering Resilience in Children and Teens & Why it Matters** Challenge Success will host an evening of education and inspiration at their biggest parent education event of the year, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Ken Ginsburg, pediatrician and author of "Building Resilience in Children and Teens." Oct. 20, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [challengesuccess.org/fostering-resilience-event/](http://challengesuccess.org/fostering-resilience-event/)

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## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**LUJIA'S PLACE FOR HAIRCUTS**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN634078

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
 Lujia's Place For Haircuts, located at 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
 LUJIA LI  
 2483 Old Middlefield Way Suite B Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2013. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 18, 2017. (MVV Sept. 22, 29; Oct. 6, 13, 2017)

**M & D TRUCKING**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN634159

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
 M & D Trucking, located at 1925 Hackett Ave., Apt. # 3, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
 MARTIN CARBAJAL  
 1925 Hackett Ave., Apt. # 3 Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on N/A. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 19, 2017. (MVV Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2017)

**VOGUE CLEANERS**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN634193

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
 Vogue Cleaners, located at 595 Escuela Ave., Mountain View, Cali 94040, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
 HYUNJIN JI  
 1886 Latham St. Mountain View, Cali 94041  
 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 21, 2017. (MVV Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2017)

**CALDERON CLEANERS**  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No.: FBN634194  
 The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
 Calderon Cleaners, located at 693 Calderon Ave., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County. This business is owned by: An Individual. The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
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 Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 09/01/2017. This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 21, 2017. (MVV Sept. 29; Oct. 6, 13, 20, 2017)

**997 All Other Legals**  
 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: PATRICIA Y. LIANG Case No.: 17PR181548  
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA Y. LIANG. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: ELIZABETH P. LIANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: ELIZABETH P. LIANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Elizabeth P. Liang P.O. Box 446 Alviso, CA 95002-0446 (408)887-2858 (MVV Oct. 13, 20, 27, 2017)

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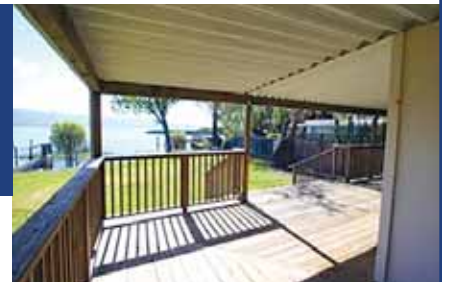
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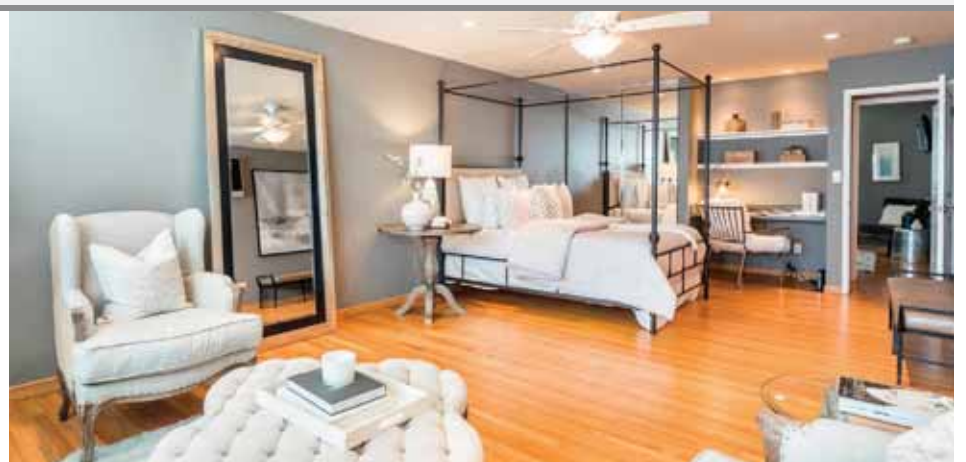
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