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City sees spike in auto burglaries

THIEVES TARGET THEATERS, COMMERCIAL AREAS
AND ONE BURGER JOINT IN PARTICULAR

By Kevin Forestieri

Nearly one in four auto burglaries reported in Mountain View this year occurred in a small, triangle-shaped In-N-Out Burger parking lot off of North Rengstorff Avenue, according to data from the Mountain View Police Department.

The lot with roughly 70 parking spaces just south of Highway 101 has taken the unenviable title of most burglarized area of the city for years, but reported thefts outside the fast-food restaurant have skyrocketed in 2017. Of the 446 reported car burglaries in Mountain View so far this year, 101 occurred in the In-N-Out parking lot. Police say the close proximity to the highway gives thieves easy access in and out of the parking lot, making it easy to hit multiple vehicles and flee within seconds.

Reported auto burglaries in Mountain View are already up 25 percent this year compared to 2016, and it's only mid-October. Police received 446 reports of car burglaries, according to the crime-tracking website CrimeReports, up from 342 in 2016. There's also a three-year trend

showing that thefts from vehicles are occurring in increasingly concentrated pockets of the city rather than widely interspersed throughout Mountain View.

In 2015, there were 475 reported car burglaries in Mountain View — comparable to this year — but only 26 thefts at the In-N-Out Burger parking lot. During a precipitous drop in property crime in 2016, thefts in the parking lot bucked the trend and actually doubled.

Other bustling areas in the city fell victim to a similar trend. Reported thefts in the Century Cinema 16 parking lots on North Shoreline Boulevard rose from seven cases in 2015 to 20 cases in 2016, increasing again to 30 cases so far this year. Commercial centers and major thoroughfares including El Camino Real (52), the San Antonio Shopping Center (31) and the downtown area (35) have also been prime targets for car burglaries.

The Mountain View Police Department is actively investigating the city's widespread auto burglary cases, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson, and is working with

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MICHELLE LE

John Freeman, a plant physiologist at NASA Ames, walks through a stand of poplar trees at Moffett Field where he is studying the trees' ability to safely break down toxic TCE in groundwater.

A pollution solution that's growing on trees

NEW RESEARCH AT MOFFETT FIELD FINDS POPLARS CAN RID GROUNDWATER OF TCE

By Mark Noack

Like a Cold War relic, the southeastern side of Moffett Field is showing its age with long swaths of empty asphalt lots, shuttered military housing and a former McDonald's that stopped serving burgers years ago.

But amid these drab buildings, there's an oasis of greenery — a small forest of hundreds

of poplar trees tucked between two baseball diamonds.

On a Friday morning, as he does on most days, John Freeman took a walk through the trees, inspecting the leaves for signs of disease or discoloration. It was a routine the 42-year-old had been doing for years, ever since he got permission from NASA Ames officials to plant the trees on an unused dirt lot.

Freeman is no groundskeeper, and his poplar trees are doing more than providing cheerful scenery. In fact, the trees are part of a long-running research program for finding new methods to clean up the chemical contaminants that linger in the area's groundwater. On any given day, his trees are sucking up about 40,000

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Mountain View looks to the sky for future transit line

By Mark Noack

In their quest to lay the groundwork for a future transit system, members of the Mountain View City Council are grappling with more

than one paradox.

To give just a few examples:

■ They want a system customized for solving local traffic congestion, but that can be linked across Santa Clara Valley's cities and transit lines

■ The system should be proven and reliable, yet won't be eclipsed by new, cutting-edge technology

■ Any new transit project should be elevated to ease traffic congestion and costs, but must not block views, impose heavy shadows

or allow peeping into resident's backyards.

The list could go on, but the point is clear. Any transit system that could actually satisfy all those demands might as well include a stop at Hogwarts.

This multifaceted dilemma once again reared its head on Tuesday, Oct. 17, as the Mountain View City Council revisited its long-term study on building an

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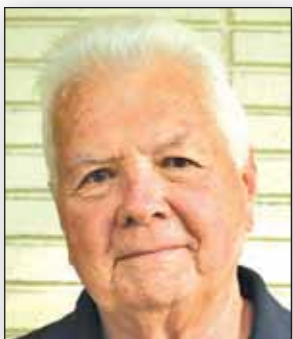
"I couldn't go jogging outside for my 3 miles."

Kella Svetich, San Francisco



"I don't feel like it's affecting me. I'm sick right now, it has nothing to do with the air."

Noelle Keshmiri, Mountain View



"Other than the smell, I think it's probably given us a little irritation in our respiratory tract, and that kept us from walking a couple of days."

Jerry Oliver, Mountain View



"Health-wise, I haven't had itchy eyes, or, you know, smelled anything too bad. It hasn't really affected me."

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"I did just get sick this weekend, I'm barely recovering. I don't know if that has anything to do with it, but it's possible."

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Applicants must reside in the district's service area, which includes the cities of Cupertino, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and portions of San Jose, Santa Clara and Saratoga. Applicants may not be an employee, contractor, consultant or vendor of the district. The Audit and Finance Committee Board Policy 6401 (BP 6401) are available for review at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/fhda/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=9TTW3E-835A8B> or by calling (650) 949-6100.

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- **Consult with independent auditors regarding accounting, fiscal and related management issues.**
- **Monitor operational reviews, findings and recommendations and follow up activities.**

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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

DOWNED POWER LINE SPARKS APARTMENT FIRE

Mountain View firefighters extinguished a one-alarm fire at a two-story apartment building in the 400 block of Escuela Avenue on Saturday morning, Oct. 14.

Fire crews sent to investigate downed power lines shortly before 8:40 a.m. discovered a sparking transformer and flames along the roofline of the 10-unit apartment building, one of three buildings at the small complex. The fire was caused by the downed power line, which overheated and ignited the flashing on the roof, according to fire spokeswoman Laura Gentry.

PG&E crews arrived and deactivated the power lines within about 30 minutes, allowing firefighters safe access to the roof, according to a press release from the Mountain View Fire Department. Firefighters worked around the energized line until it was deactivated, Gentry said.

Fire crews extinguished the flames in about 10 minutes, Gentry said, but stayed at the scene to make sure the fire hadn't extended into the living space of the apartments.

One apartment was damaged but still inhabitable, Gentry said, and its single occupant decided to remain in his apartment.

No injuries were reported. Twenty-five residents of the building were evacuated and waited at a staging area in the parking lot of Castro School while the fire was put out, according to fire officials.

—Andrea Gemmet

TEEN ARRESTED AT CASTRO ELEMENTARY

An 18-year-old man was arrested on Friday last week after officers found him inside a classroom at Castro Elementary School during the early hours of the morning, and he allegedly had an accomplice nearby to warn him of police.

The man set off a silent alarm in one of Castro's classrooms around 1:45 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. Officers found the man inside the classroom where the alarm had gone off, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The man told police he was in the building searching for an outlet to charge his phone, and that he entered the unlocked classroom and was only "looking around" while he was in

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Mountain View firefighters battled the Tubbs fire as part of a team from Santa Clara County aiding the massive effort to control wildfires ravaging the North Bay.

MV firefighters battle deadly North Bay blaze

LOCAL FIRE CREWS FOUGHT TO PROTECT SANTA ROSA NEIGHBORHOODS FROM 'EXTREME' WILDFIRE

By Kevin Forestieri

Thousands of firefighters have finally turned a corner in the battle to control multiple fires in Northern California that have burned through more than 200,000 acres and left 41 people dead, making it collectively the deadliest wildfire in the state's history.

The rapid spread of the region's major fires — The Tubbs, Atlas and Nuns fires across Napa and Sonoma counties — slowed to a trickle as

close to 11,000 fire personnel made strides to contain the fires in recent days. All three of the fires were at least 68 percent contained as of Tuesday morning.

Mountain View firefighters were right in the thick of it, joining the effort to save the hardest-hit areas of Santa Rosa from the Tubbs fire starting early in the morning on Oct. 9. The Tubbs fire was particularly devastating, engulfing large swaths of suburban neighborhoods, leveling homes and leaving "sheer destruction" in

its wake, according to Battalion Chief Zack Bond, who led a county-wide strike team of firefighters from Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San Jose.

"The devastating is unfathomable," Bond said. "It's like nothing I've ever seen before. It literally looks like a bomb went off in some of these neighborhoods."

When the strike team arrived in Sonoma County, they were immediately assigned a neighborhood within Santa Rosa and tasked with fighting structure fires and preventing more homes and commercial buildings from catching fire. There wasn't a lot of oversight at that stage, Bond said, and it was up to each team to use engines as "strategically as possible" to

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Voice changes policy on naming arrestees

PUBLISHER: WITH INTERNET, REPORTS OF ARRESTS LINGER FOR YEARS

By Embarcadero Media staff

Concerned about the lasting impact that online search engines have on individuals arrested for crimes, the *Mountain View Voice* and its sister papers are implementing new policies regarding when the names and photos of arrestees will be published.

The new policy, posted online at embarcaderomediagroup.com/policy/arrest, states that,

except in limited instances, news stories will not name those arrested until they are formally charged by the county's District Attorney.

"We have become increasingly concerned about the unfairness of stories naming people arrested for crimes remaining on the internet forever," said *Voice* Publisher Bill Johnson.

"Not only is an arrest not a conviction, but it is only an initial and often over-stated allegation

against a person. What a person is booked for is often reduced by the District Attorney's Office and in some cases not prosecuted at all," he said.

"There is also an unfair, disproportionate effect on those with unusual names, since an internet search for an unusual name is much more likely to display a story on the arrest high in search results than if the person

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Caltrain work forces Crisanto RV-dwellers to leave

FENCE REPAIRS CREATING A NO-PARKING ZONE ALONG ONE SIDE OF DENSELY POPULATED ROAD

By Mark Noack

One of Mountain View's largest encampments of people living out of their vehicles was shaken up this week after city officials warned residents they needed to clear out for a Caltrain construction project.

Motorhomes, trailers and other vehicles parked along one side of Crisanto Avenue were warned they needed to move out no later than Thursday, Oct. 19. That space along the street would be needed for work crews to replace a safety fence along the train tracks, which they estimated would take about a month to complete.

On Tuesday afternoon, dozens of vehicles had already left Crisanto. Motorhomes along the southern side of the street were allowed to remain since they wouldn't be directly in the way of the construction work.

A man who identified himself as Scott said he was startled when he heard that he needed to move his motorhome earlier this week. He was able to snag the last curbside spot on the southern side of Crisanto.

"I'm feeling pretty lucky," Scott said. "I have no idea where all the other people living here are going to go."

City officials say they also had little time to prepare for the construction work, which they learned about only late last

week. The fence replacement was reportedly part of long list of capital improvements planned along the 77-mile train corridor. Caltrain officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

For nearly two years, dozens of families and individuals have been living out of their vehicles along Crisanto Avenue. The spot is an obvious choice since it is adjacent to public restrooms and facilities at Rengstorff Park.

City officials have tacitly allowed families living along Crisanto and other areas of Mountain View to stay so long as they moved their vehicles regularly and observed city rules. City officials eventually provided a portable toilet and hired a mobile shower service for the people living on Crisanto.

However, the improvised RV parks have drawn many complaints from nearby residents that they were creating crime and causing sanitation problems.

Those concerns culminated last month when the Mountain View Police officials towed five vehicles from Crisanto, two of which were reportedly leaking sewage.

Mountain View officials say they deliberately avoided telling families where to relocate to since the encampment situation was already technically unsanctioned.

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MICHELLE LE

On Crisanto Avenue, Caltrain workers and city officials notified people living in vehicles that a Caltrain fence-replacement project will create a no-parking zone on one side of the street for the next month.

Long-time CSA director retires

MAUREEN WADIAK HELPED CREATE PROGRAMS FOR HOUSING STABILITY, HEALTH AND NUTRITION

By Kevin Forestieri

After 20 years of weaving a safety net of social services for low-income families, seniors and the homeless in Mountain View and Los Altos, Maureen Wadiak, the associate director of Community Services Agency (CSA), announced that she is retiring and moving away.

Wadiak has worked behind the scenes implementing programs at CSA designed to fill the ever-shifting needs of struggling North County residents, whether it be food pantry services at schools, short-term rental assistance or sending a social worker out to vehicle dwellers to ensure that they are getting the social services they need. Many city and countywide homeless initiatives send money directly to CSA, and it's been up to Wadiak to set up the logistics and infrastructure to make it work.

Wadiak has been in charge of recent efforts to provide health care for seniors, fight diabetes and prevent homelessness, which has been particularly challenging given the rapid increase in housing costs in the region, according to Tom Myers, CSA's executive director. There has been a huge increase in people being priced out of their homes — disproportionately affecting seniors — and it's a constant battle trying to reach people who are struggling with poverty but “afraid to come out of the shadows.”

“These changing needs have forced CSA to be incredibly flexible,” Myers said. “As such, Wadiak needed to be our person who can think outside of the box and come up with the kinds of things we can do to help low-income people.”

Santa Clara County's biennial homeless count shows that Mountain View's homeless population has tripled in just four years, to 416 people, many of

whom reside in vehicles along Latham Street, Crisanto Avenue and Shoreline Boulevard. A previous survey conducted in June last year found 128 vehicles within the city that were likely inhabited, and that the high cost of rent was the most common reason for why vehicle-dwellers were living on the street.

Wadiak told the *Voice* that the goal right now is to tailor CSA's services so they can reach clients where they are, fully acknowledging that low-income families struggling with two or three jobs don't have the time or means to get to the nonprofit's headquarters on Stierlin Road during normal business hours.

“These are challenging times, particularly for seniors, working poor individuals and families,” she said. “The housing crisis is really hurting them the most.”

‘(Mountain View has) the lovely sophistication of the Bay Area but the feel of a small town, in terms of people really caring for their neighbors.’

MAUREEN WADIAK OF CSA

Wadiak's first experience CSA began when she moved to the Bay Area and served as a director at United Way of Santa Clara County, where she worked closely with Myers' predecessor and “fell in love” with the CSA's mission. She said the organization also had a reputation for attracting and retaining passionate, committed professionals who, with the help of a reliable volunteer base, have been able to find creative ways to help the community.

Looking back at her decades

of service in Mountain View, Wadiak said she was always struck by the resilience of CSA's clients, the sheer coping skills of people who are facing “incredible odds” but still find a way to see the positive side of things. This is particularly striking among seniors, who may not have the same kind of flexibility to adapt as younger residents.

“Even though their bodies may not be as cooperative or as flexible as they used to be, they are resilient and can maintain their independence and keep their perspective,” she said.

CSA plans to hire in-house to replace Wadiak, announcing Monday that Nicole Fargo Nosich, the agency's homeless prevention services director, will be picking up the torch starting this month. Nosich has been a “rising star” at CSA since joining in 2013, Myers said in an Oct. 16 statement, serving in multiple roles, including as the agency's housing case manager, where she helped displaced residents find new, affordable places to live.

Following her retirement, Wadiak and her husband plan to move out of San Jose and go to Washington, where she suspects she will do some part time work. Myers said it probably won't take long before she starts getting involved in community services in her new home.

Wadiak said she will miss CSA and Mountain View, in part because a whole confluence of the community — volunteers, private donors and local city governments — shows an unrelenting commitment to helping one another.

“It's the lovely sophistication of the Bay Area but the feel of a small town, in terms of people really caring for their neighbors,” she said. “That's amazing, and makes our jobs in human services a whole lot easier.” ▣



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gallons of toxic water through their roots and then breaking down the worst contaminants into benign byproducts.

Freeman, a plant physiologist, has become NASA's lead expert on phytoremediation — using plant life to help clean up pollution. This research is showing promise for providing a cheaper, natural alternative to clean up trichloroethene (TCE), the carcinogenic contaminant found in groundwater flowing under Moffett Field, parts of Mountain View and about 1,000 Superfund sites across the United States.

“We have a number of collaborators and we hope to deploy this technology for everyone,” Freeman said. “Trees have been used for this for decades, but now we're finding ways to up the efficiencies.”

In August, Freeman and nine colleagues published their phytoremediation study based on the Moffett Field poplar trees in the science journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. Their research is the first phytoremediation field test of its kind, and experts are hailing it as a potential game-changer for the \$2.5 billion market for cleaning up TCE contamination.

James Landmeyer, a U.S. Geological Survey research hydrologist who has closely studied phytoremediation, estimated that the technology highlighted in the study showed promise to cut the costs of groundwater remediation by 75 percent, given the right circumstances.

“The biggest benefit of having the trees pumping water from the ground is you're able to effectively remediate a much larger volume of water and

you're able to do it at a much faster pace,” he said. “This is a cleanup method that's publicly appealing, effective and it's not resource intensive.”

Even in antiquity, ancient Greek and Roman scholars noted that certain plants could proliferate in metal-loaded soils near mining excavations. For hundreds of years, human communities have unintentionally dabbled in phytoremediation by consolidating their waste in certain areas, often bogs and wetlands, forcing native plants to adapt to survive.

It wasn't until the last 40 years that researchers began deliberately working to identify and harness the microbes in plants that break down specific pollutants. In the lab, this idea has shown promise to break down a wide array of contaminants, including petroleum, explosives, metals and coal byproducts.

Freeman and his research firm, Intrinsyx, came to Moffett about four years ago through a two-year research grant provided by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The project gained later funding from NASA, Intrinsyx, and a Colorado-based phytoremediation firm. To date, the research has cost more than \$500,000.

For the experiment, the team decided the best spot to plant the trees would be a sliver of land where maps of the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman Superfund site showed an underground channel of toxic water flowing north across Highway 101. This was a good location because the trees could serve as a firewall across the groundwater, going right between two wells that would serve for analysis, he said.

Poplars were the obvious plant to use, Freeman said. The trees are “water hogs,” each capable of absorbing about 50 gallons a day. Poplars also are easy to uproot and move; they are adaptable and grow easily; and they have deep roots that can bore down into aquifers.

But most important, he said poplar trees are excellent candidates for bioaugmentation, or fortifying the trees with helpful bacteria to help break down specific compounds. Freeman's co-authors at the University of Washington had previously isolated a poplar microbe called *Enterobacter PDN3*. This bacteria strain was derived from poplars that had grown at a TCE-contaminated site in the Midwest, and it proved to have a ravenous hunger for consuming the chemical.

Prior to planting, Freeman



MICHELLE LE

John Freeman compares the healthy leaf of a poplar that's been treated to effectively break down TCE-contaminated water with an unhealthy leaf from a tree in his control group.

and his team soaked poplar cuttings in a broth of PDN3 in order to inoculate them with the bacteria. Then, along the southeastern border of Moffett Field they planted about 800 poplars, about half of which had no bioaugmentation, to serve as a control group.

As months passed, the bioaugmented trees clearly had an advantage — they grew taller, with wider trunks and healthier leaves. Meanwhile, the control group's trees apparently suffered from absorbing too much toxic material, showing stunted growth and withered leaves.

Perhaps most remarkable, the bioaugmented trees showed dramatic results in cleaning up the groundwater. Like a river,

the study, expressed enthusiasm that the new phytoremediation techniques could be quickly implemented at waste sites across the country.

“By partnering appropriate tree species with pollutant-degrading microbes, we were able to advance phytoremediation dramatically,” she wrote in an email. “The overall method... is so easy and so much cheaper than conventional engineering methods that it can be deployed on the many contaminated sites so far being ignored.”

For many sites around Mountain View, the predominant system for purging these contaminants is a “pump and treat” method, which can cost up to \$3 million per site, plus annual operating expenses. NASA Ames operates three such systems.

In the near future, Freeman said he would like to introduce his team's TCE-fighting trees to office campuses and neighborhoods in contaminated areas.

“We hope this can replace the pump-and-treat systems — those systems are expensive and electric,” Freeman said.

TCE was used as an industrial degreaser and solvent at hundreds of industrial and military sites across the country. In recent years, the chemical has been identified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a carcinogen through any route of exposure. In Mountain View, the biggest risk is via fumes that seep up from contaminated groundwater and build up to unsafe levels inside buildings.

NASA Ames Restoration Program Manager Kimberly Finch told the *Voice* that the agency will continue pursuing phytoremediation where it is feasible. ■

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automated guideway system. The meeting was a demonstration of the immense challenges inherent to transportation, even for a city with access to an enviable supply of money and brainpower.

Mountain View officials were trying to start small by targeting only the city's worst traffic hot-spots. They asked consultants from the firm Lea+Elliott to focus on a transit line connecting the city's downtown transit hub with jobs-heavy North Bayshore and the NASA Ames Research Center. If that could be achieved, then the city could someday expand the system to other neighborhoods.

"It's clear what we're trying to achieve here — we're trying to get more cars off the road," said Mayor Ken Rosenberg. "If we design a system that's user-friendly, people will be happy to get out of their cars."

The city's consultants presented a list of four general transit technologies that they studied for Mountain View. Right from the start, they advised eliminating two of those systems from consideration. Aerial gondola cars, like those found at ski resorts, would be too slow and difficult to expand, they said. Automated people-movers and monorails would be hard to adapt and require the most expensive infrastructure of the four options.

What was left was two newer technologies that are still far from perfect. This included what they dubbed an automated transit network — perhaps better known as podcars — aerial vehicles intended to ferry just a few people at a time to a wide range of destinations. City consultants suggested this idea could be tweaked to include larger cars, which they called "group rapid transit." This would cost up to \$130 million per mile to install, the

consultants reported.

The second idea they supported was autonomous transit, much like the ubiquitous Waymo cars, that could transport large groups of riders quickly across town on a dedicated roadway. This would also cost about \$130 million per mile, they reported.

"These are the (technologies) that are least mature, but have the best options for service and flexibility," said Jim Lightbody, the project manager. "These will be viable systems in the future."

Multiple public speakers assured the council that even better technologies would

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MAYOR KEN ROSENBERG

soon be coming. Burford Furman, a San Jose State University mechanical engineering professor, described how his team hoped to break ground next year on a test track for an automated solar-powered transit system. Representatives from local start-up SkyTran explained they would be developing their first full maglev transportation track in 2020, which would reportedly go in Lagos, Nigeria.

"We urge the council to consider our technology," said SkyTran founder Robert Baertsch. "You're setting the system that can grow across Silicon Valley. I urge you to think this can grow across all the Bay Area."

Both Furman and Baertsch said their systems could be built for about \$15 million a mile, a fraction of the cost of any of the four technologies examined by the Lea+Elliott team. In

response, the council asked its consultant team to research the emerging technologies.

The city has the benefit of time to explore emerging technologies since this ambitious project would likely take more than a decade to achieve, said Councilwoman Pat Showalter. Along with others on the council, she suggested the best immediate preparations would be to secure the property needed for a future transit line.

"This is going to be a protracted project because it's so complicated and expensive," she said. "We need to keep an open mind and design the infrastructure to be retrofitted with other systems."

Exactly how the city would pay for any future transit project remains unclear. Lea+Elliott officials said the city could seek a public-private partnership with local companies along with aid from the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

But the city's obvious partners are in the middle of developing their own solutions for Mountain View's traffic woes. VTA and Google have been working for nearly two years on a study of extending the existing light-rail system into the North Bayshore area. That study should be completed within the next few weeks, said City Public Works Director Mike Fuller.

Meanwhile, Councilman John McAlister reminded his colleagues that VTA was also investigating a new transit line along the Highway 85 corridor. For that matter, the city transit needs could drastically change as the autonomous vehicle technology being developed right in Mountain View begins saturating the consumer market.

The City Council agreed to continue investigating podcars and autonomous transit technology. City staff said that they will continue working to finalize a report by early next year. ■

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City looks to create human-rights institute

By Mark Noack

Last year Mountain View formally declared itself a human-rights city — now, it is being primed to be *the* human-rights city.

At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Ken Rosenberg pitched a personal project to launch a International Institute for Human Rights Learning based in Mountain View. This institute would foster human-rights education and spread the word by encouraging more cities to sign onto the movement. Thanks to the local tech community and its iconic status, Mountain View was well positioned to take on this role, he said.

“We have a chance now, given the use of technology to communicate with the world’s population, and change it for the better,” Rosenberg said. “This could be one of the largest social movements in humankind.”

The mayor explained that this ambitious dream came to him after attending a human-rights convention in Washington, D.C. last year. There he met Shulamith

Koenig, a Berkeley resident who is one of the few Americans to receive the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights. For decades, she has championed education on social tolerance and basic freedoms.

Attending the meeting in Mountain View, Koenig urged city leaders to sign up as a partner for the human rights institute project.

“Your city stands to be at the center of the world, and to make a world that lives by human rights,” she said. “I hope you take a chance and join this group.”

But what kind of chance would Mountain View be taking? Some on the council made clear their hesitations about signing up, however impressive it sounded. Many asked for more details: What would the city be committing? Would it cost money? What were the bylaws?

Rosenberg gave repeated assurances that the city wouldn’t be dedicating any resources beyond having a council member sit on the institute’s steering committee. It was a “small ask,” he said.

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other agencies in the Bay Area to address the problem on a regional level. While Nelson said she couldn’t go into detail about the department’s Crime Suppression Unit and what they are doing to prevent the thefts, she said there’s definitely a concerted effort to address the problem.

“Our department is working around the clock literally to address this, which includes enforcement and serious investigative legwork,” she said.

Nelson said that the problem is not exclusive to Mountain View, and that other neighboring cities are dealing with a similar increase in car break-ins. As of Tuesday, CrimeReports shows that Palo Alto’s auto burglaries were up to 668 cases so far in 2017, compared to 518 in 2016, with a huge portion occurring within the city’s downtown corridor.

Mountain View’s auto burglaries tend to come in clusters and can shift wildly from month to month, ranging from just 14 cases in May to 74 in August and 64 in March. Following a lengthy investigation into the In-N-Out parking lot thefts in March, detectives arrested two men suspected of burglarizing



MICHELLE LE

The parking lot at Mountain View’s In-N-Out Burger is a hot spot for auto burglaries, with over 100 break-ins so far this year.

vehicles leading to a violent confrontation. One of the suspects got into his vehicle and slammed into an occupied police car in an attempt to escape the parking lot, which left one officer with serious injuries, Nelson said.

Police are advising that residents lock car doors and windows, park in well-lit areas and never leave their car running in order to prevent auto burglaries as well as vehicle thefts. Drivers should also avoid leaving valuable belongings in the car including electronic devices, purses, wallets or credit cards, especially within view.

“The most tried-and-true method still holds: Don’t leave

anything in your vehicle,” Nelson said. “It is much easier to ensure your personal belongings are safe by taking them with you than leaving them behind because you’ll be gone for ‘just a few minutes.’”

Police are also hosting an informational event on residential and auto burglaries on Nov. 7, including tips on what attracts burglars as well as ways to prevent burglaries. It is the first in a series of educational events hosted by the Mountain View Police Department, and is open to the public. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the police department’s auditorium, located at 1000 Villa Street in Mountain View. ▣

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ARREST POLICY

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has a common name," Johnson said.

The policy cites four exceptions in which the name of an arrested person will be named in a news story:

- The arrestee is a prominent person in the community, a public safety employee or a school employee.

- The arrest was for a major violent crime.

- The arrest was the result of an extended police or FBI investigation.

- In the judgment of the editor, the crime was widely reported and is of broad public interest or concern.

However, in an online story on an arrest, the *Voice* will include a link to a law-enforcement agency's press release and booking photos when they are available.

The new policy also describes the stance of the *Voice's* parent company, Embarcadero Media, on reporting about sexual crimes and the circumstances under which an arrestee's name will be published. The policy extends to the *Voice's* sister publications, the Palo Alto Weekly and the Almanac.

Santa Clara County District Attorney Jeff Rosen endorsed the policy change.

"Transparency is one of this office's core values. Another one is integrity. The ... new policy, crafted around the fact that an arrest is not a charge, has both. We proudly share a

mission of responsibly balancing privacy rights and the public's right to know," he said in a statement.

Molly O'Neal, Santa Clara County public defender, saw the new policy as a good step, but she said she hopes it would go further.

"It is commendable that you've changed the policy, although the link to law enforcement's release of the name means the policy change may not have the actual impact you intend," she said in an email to the Palo Alto Weekly, suggesting that the link could be omitted or the press release reposted with arrested person's name redacted.

"It certainly does impact people's lives to have arrests listed when no charges have been filed," O'Neal said.

Police departments are the usual agencies that distribute names and booking photos of arrestees to the media; district attorney's offices occasionally publish the information after someone has been charged with a crime in a high-profile case or after a lengthy investigation, such as when 16 people were arrested and charged for gang-related violent crimes in the Operation Sunny Day case in San Mateo County.

The new policy about arrestees' names was developed over several months, together with another policy, posted online at embarcaderomediagroup.com/policy/removal-of-content, concerning when names in archived online content will be removed or edited. ▣



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CRIME BRIEFS

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there, Nelson said. Officers say another person, identified only as a juvenile and a friend of the suspect, was nearby and allegedly warned him that officers had arrived at the school. Officers were unable to find the accomplice, Nelson said.

Officers concluded that the man had no reason to be in the classroom or on school grounds, and arrested him on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy to commit a crime.

TEENS CITED FOR VEHICLE THEFT

A Mountain View woman's car was stolen and ended up in a Sunnyvale impound lot early last week after four teens reportedly took the vehicle for a late-night spin, according to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

The four suspects, all teenage boys from Sunnyvale, were stopped by a sheriff's deputy in Cupertino shortly before 2 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, according to Sgt. Rich Glennon.

The vehicle, a silver Toyota Corolla, had also been reportedly seen in Cupertino earlier that morning, and that the occupants were seen trying to open car doors, Glennon said. The teens' story for why they

had the car didn't add up, and the driver of the vehicle did not have a license, Glennon said.

All four teens were cited and released to their parents, but the sheriff's office was forced to store the car in a Sunnyvale tow yard after Mountain View police were unable to contact the registered owner, Glennon said.

Later Sunday morning, around 8:20 a.m., the Mountain View woman called police to report that her car had been stolen from her carport in an apartment complex on Crestview Drive, next to the Sunnyvale border. Mountain View police told her it was recovered and being held in a nearby tow yard, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

—Kevin Forestieri

WRONG-WAY DRIVER CAUSES MAJOR CRASH

A man who drove the wrong way for miles on two freeways crashed into another car, causing a shutdown of southbound Interstate 280 early Sunday morning, the California Highway Patrol said.

The motorist, of Morgan

Hill, was reportedly driving his white Toyota Corolla southbound in the northbound lanes of Interstate 680 at Berryessa Road in San Jose at 3:42 a.m. He was allegedly still driving the wrong way as the freeway turned into Interstate 280, at which point he was driving north in the southbound lanes.

CHP officers set up spike strips at Sand Hill Road in Menlo Park to attempt to stop the car. The driver collided with a Ford van being driven by San Jose resident, who was driving in the southbound lane near Los Altos Hills.

The Toyota came to rest in the No. 4 lane and the Ford van ended up in the Nos. 1 and 2 lanes, both on the freeway's southbound side.

Palo Alto fire transported both men to Stanford Hospital with major injuries. CHP said in a statement that it appeared the driver was driving under the influence of alcohol.

All lanes of southbound Highway 280 were closed for almost three hours during the investigation.

Witnesses to this collision are asked to contact CHP Officer Anthony Wheeler at 650-369-6261.

—Sue Dremann

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"We're always going to take the compassionate approach, but we never at any point said these are the areas in Mountain View where it's OK to park," said Mountain View spokeswoman Shonda Ranson. "If we tell them where to relocate to, then we'd be sort of authorizing this."

City officials had been working with local nonprofits and churches on a safe-parking program that would provide space off the street where families could stay temporarily. That coalition has been working to launch a nonprofit to administer the program. ▣

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Phyllis Reed

April 6, 1928 – October 7, 2017

Phyllis L. Reed, 89, of Mountain View, California passed away on October 7, 2017. Funeral Services were held on October 13, 2017 at Christ Episcopal Church of Los Altos. Burial followed at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos. Spangler Mortuary of Los Altos handled the funeral arrangements.

Phyllis was born in Lynn, Massachusetts to Lester and Hilda Little, also of Lynn. After graduating from English High School, Phyllis went on to earn her Bachelor's and Masters Degrees from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. Phyllis met her late husband, William H. Reed, of Wareham, Massachusetts, while studying at Tufts. They had a long and loving marriage to one another.

Phyllis was devoted in every way to her husband and family. Phyllis' three children and their spouses, Leslie and Dennis, Valerie and Beth, and Joanne and Mark, seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews survive her. She is preceded in death by her husband, William, as well as her brothers, Gordon and Richard, and niece, Bonnie Simes.

In lieu of flowers, Phyllis' family suggest that memorial donations in Phyllis' name be given to the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, California, to Christ Episcopal Church of Los Altos, or to other social service charities that would honor the memory of Phyllis Reed.

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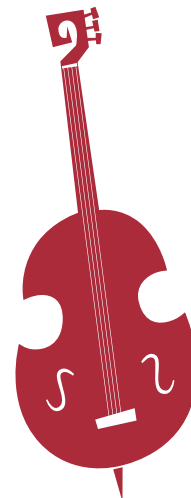
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save what they could. Conditions had radically improved by Tuesday this week, with firefighters now largely focused on putting out remaining hot spots and assisting returning residents.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, the local 129th Rescue Wing helped transport approximately 100 infantry soldiers from Los Alamitos to Moffett Field, who provided support at shelters in Napa and Solano counties, according to Capt. Roderick Bersamina of the Rescue Wing.

The North Bay wildfires have generated significant air pollution, causing record-breaking hazardous conditions in Sonoma and Napa counties and casting a haze of smoke over the Peninsula. Readings from an air monitoring site in Redwood City shows that concentrations of fine particulate matter — which can get deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems — reached “unhealthy” levels throughout last week. The poor air quality prompted local school districts to cancel outdoor sports events and activities, including homecoming events at Los Altos High

School on Oct. 13.

Although air quality improved over the weekend as winds pushed heavy smoke west, conditions worsened on the Peninsula again on Tuesday, Oct. 17, prompting the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to release a health advisory recommending that residents affected by the smoke stay indoors. Young children, the elderly and people with respiratory and heart conditions are particularly at risk, and should take extra precautions to avoid exposure.

Up in Sonoma where air pollution reached several times the federal safety standards, Bond said there really isn't much firefighters can do to safeguard themselves from the smoke. Long shifts full of strenuous labor makes it infeasible to cover up with a respiratory device, so they make do without protection.

Speaking from the North Bay on Tuesday afternoon, Bond said there's no question that nine straight days of battling the blaze in 24-hour shifts has taken its toll on his team of 20 firefighters, and that they knew that it was going to be physically and emotionally draining. But Bond said he and his colleagues have never seen a wildfire quite

as destructive as the Tubbs fire before. Unlike most wildfires that scorch sparsely populated rural areas, the fire went directly into a relatively metropolitan area along a major highway — Highway 101 — and the “extreme fire behavior” destroyed thousands of peoples' homes and possessions.

“Even in the (recent) Oakland Hills fire you're still up in the hills,” he said. “It would've been like if that fire spread into the city of Oakland and started burning down neighborhoods.”

Despite the devastation, Bond said there were small glimpses of good news. He recalled evacuated residents who recently returned to Santa Rosa thinking that their home had been reduced to rubble, only to find it had been saved. First responders also did a fantastic job assisting residents out of the city before it was set ablaze, he said.

“Words can't even describe what the men and women of the Santa Rosa Fire Department and the residents were faced with,” he said.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

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But other council members were still suspicious.

“This is more than being symbolic,” said Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. “My concern is that down the road ... there will be financial asks, and if we're on the board we'll be expected to contribute.”

Council members Lisa Matchak and John McAlister were equally circumspect. Matchak suggested waiting at least until Mountain View officials establish the city's policies for being a human-rights city. McAlister wondering if the idea would be better pursued independent of the city.

Rosenberg was exasperated that at least three of his colleagues seemed poised to vote down the partnership. Most of the costs for the human-rights institute, he said, would likely come from local tech companies.

“It'd be embarrassing not to send a representative,” he said. “I'm quite frustrated because this is the lowest of the low ask.”

The split on the council was reminiscent of last year's debate over becoming a human-rights city. At that time, Rosenberg and other advocates for the idea were making a tricky argument — on

one hand, they insisted becoming a human-rights city was more than a symbolic gesture, but they also promised it wouldn't commit Mountain View to outside policies or liabilities. A vocal opposition warned that being a human-rights city seemed redundant since citizens already had their freedoms enshrined in U.S. laws. In the end, the council approved the declaration in a 5-2 vote with McAlister and then-Councilman John Inks opposed.

Since then, Mountain View has taken other steps to burnish its commitment to human freedoms. Last month, council members signed up Mountain View as a “Freedom City,” agreeing to a set of policies designed to protect the civil liberties of immigrants. Later this month, city leaders will also consider formally declaring Mountain View as a sanctuary city.

As for the human-rights institute, the City Council came to an agreement. Abe-Koga and other skeptics asked for a city representative to join the board initially for no more than two years. They also asked for a future updates on any goals or bylaws set by the steering committee.

The City Council voted unanimously to approve sending a committee representative. ▣

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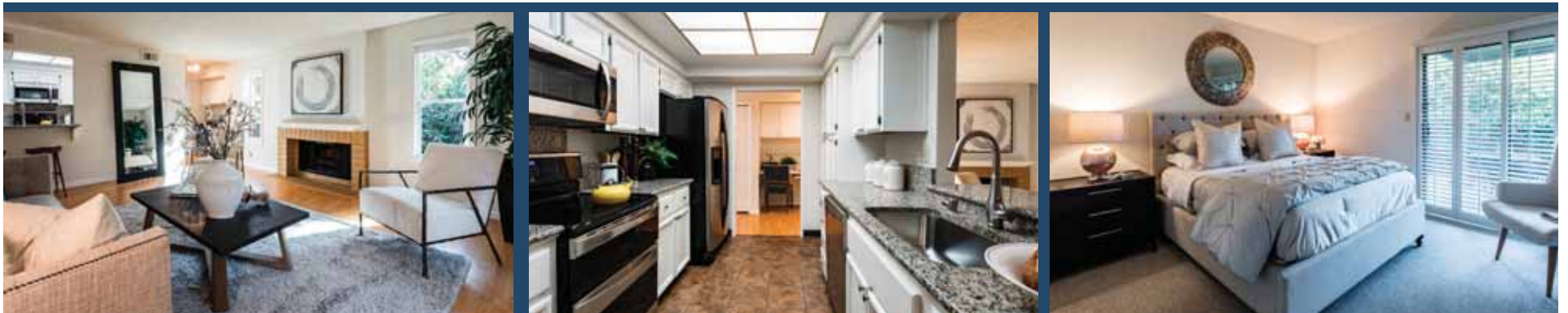


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■ EDITORIAL THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

Our reporting on arrests

WHY WE'RE CHANGING OUR POLICIES ON PUBLISHING THE NAMES OF THOSE ARRESTED

At age 19, Joe Smith, home from college and enjoying catching up with some old high school friends the night after Thanksgiving at a downtown bar, gets drunk and winds up arrested at 2 a.m. for being drunk in public, disorderly conduct, assault with a deadly weapon (a beer bottle) and resisting arrest.

Local media, including the *Mountain View Voice*, include the incident and Smith's arrest in an article, as has long been the tradition of local newspapers, satisfying readers' appetite for details of crime stories.

When the case gets submitted by police to the District Attorney's office, the DA decides the incident doesn't warrant prosecution and offers Smith three months' probation in exchange for a no-contest plea to disorderly conduct. Smith takes the deal and, after serving his probation successfully, asks the court to expunge the case from its records, as allowed in California and most states.

Since Smith's name is so common, his arrest will likely not follow him around the rest of his life, in spite of it being on the internet as an archived story of the local newspaper. He is lucky, only because of his name.

But what if his name were Rashid Poedoseporo? The one short news story on his initial arrest could be the first and possibly only result in a Google search for his name by a future employer, even 10 or 15 years later.

While the above facts and names are made up, they are typical of a growing ethical and moral problem facing news organizations, whose content lives on forever on the internet rather than virtually vanishing into the basement archives of local libraries, as it did not long ago.

When we first began receiving pleas for us to remove such content from our archives by those arrested years earlier, we took the hard line that most newspapers have long taken — our story was factually correct and our policy is to not alter the permanent record of the news.

But as these requests multiplied (we now receive two or three each month on average) we began looking at the issue from the perspective of the person arrested and the disproportionality and unfairness of the lifelong effects on someone with an unusual name.

After reviewing countless instances involving the arrests of young people, many of them with unusual names because of their ethnicity, we began looking at this partly as a discrimination and social-justice issue. In a nation of immigrants with

many unusual last names, why should our reporting and editing decisions have disproportionate impacts depending on a person's ethnicity, or simply the uniqueness of his or her name?

In addition, in many instances police will arrest and book suspects for every conceivable crime that could be charged, despite knowing that the charges ultimately filed by the DA are often much less serious.

In crafting what we think is a thoughtful policy on removing names from archived stories, we discovered that removing a name from our story doesn't affect the Google search result for that person, nor does it solve the problem of "public shaming" websites that grab our original crime stories and propagate the information for their own financial gain.

So this led us to a re-evaluation of how we approach the initial reporting of arrests, as well as the publication of booking photos provided by the police.

In balancing our First Amendment right to publish information on any arrest, an arrestee's right to be assumed innocent until proven guilty and the public's right to know the details of crime taking place in their community, we formulated a new policy, implemented last week, on when we will (and won't) report the names of those arrested by law enforcement.

Our new policy states that except in limited instances, news stories will not name those arrested (or include photos) until they are formally charged by the District Attorney. The exceptions are the arrest of a prominent person in the community or a public safety or school employee; if the arrest was for a major violent crime or the result of an extended police or FBI investigation; or, if in the judgment of the editor, the crime was widely reported and is of broad public interest or concern.

The policy is intentionally flexible because every situation is different. And we make no promises about later adding to a story the name of a person charged for a crime by the DA after leaving the name out of the original story. Our news judgment of the public interest in publishing the person's identity will guide that determination.

As only one news source, our change in policy won't by itself solve the problems described above. And it will probably encourage some readers to look elsewhere for the information we won't be publishing. But we think the media has a responsibility to regularly look at the consequences of its editorial practices and to modify them as circumstances change, as has certainly happened due to the permanence of information on the internet. ▣

■ LETTER

VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

PITCHING IN TO HELP RV-DWELLERS

Many thanks to Lisa Rogan for her very thoughtful comments in the Sept. 29 issue of the *Voice*. Lisa, I appreciate your kindness and willingness to "put your money where your mouth is." Like you, I believe that it's very important to demonstrate compassion for those who are struggling. Not everyone has high-paying high-tech jobs.

As all of us are painfully aware, it's horribly expensive

living in this valley. Making it more difficult for those who are already struggling is — in my opinion — immoral; it just adds insult to injury. Homelessness can happen to any of us.

Like you and Job Lopez, my wife and I would like to make a contribution to help these people in need — to provide them with the essentials required to keep their RVs functional and keep police officials off their back. How are contributions be coordinated and distributed?

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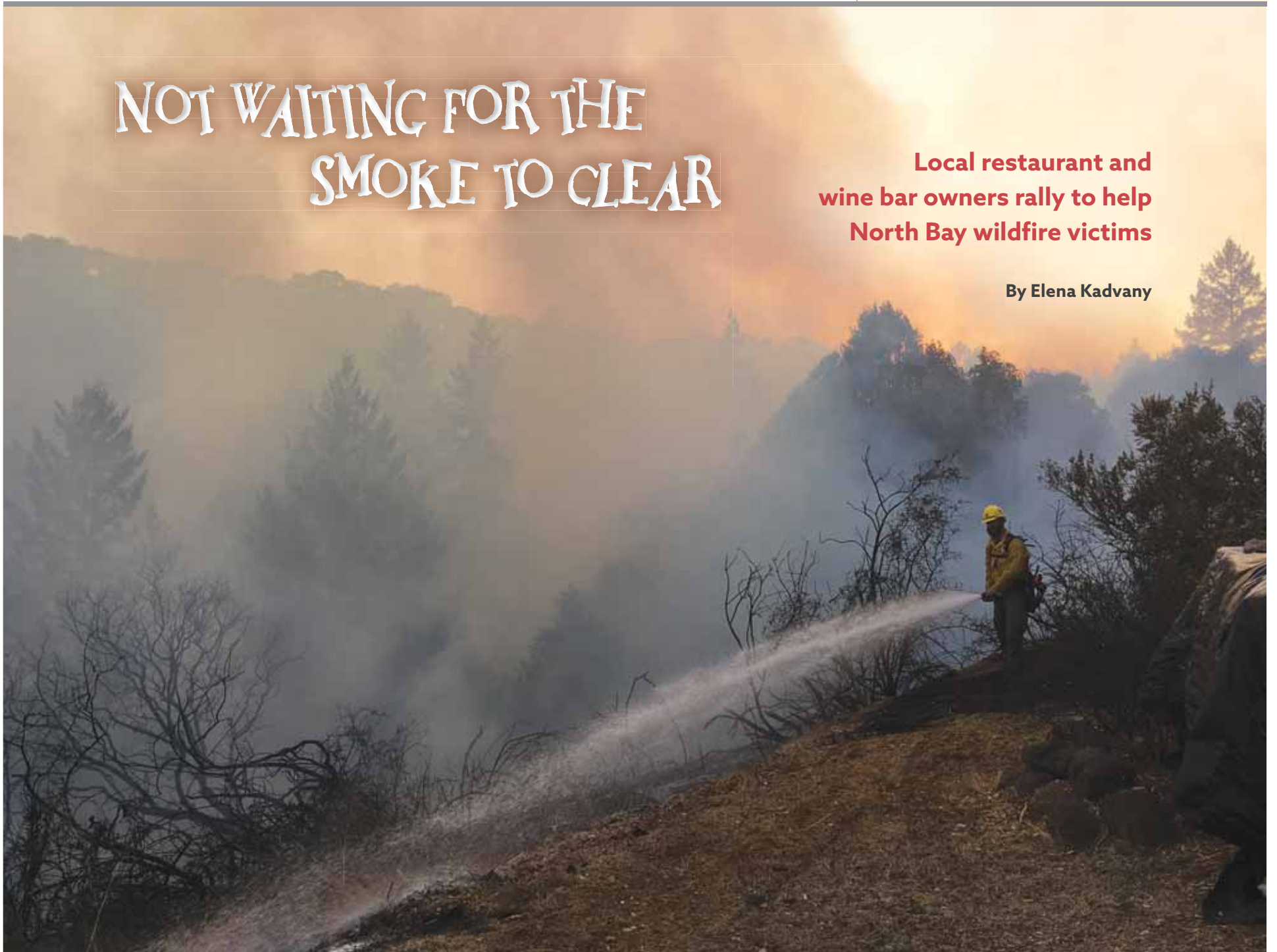
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NOT WAITING FOR THE SMOKE TO CLEAR

Local restaurant and wine bar owners rally to help North Bay wildfire victims

By Elena Kadwany



COURTESY OF ZACK BOND/MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE DEPARTMENT

Local firefighters aren't the only ones pitching in to help North Bay residents suffering from devastating wildfires. Local restaurant and wine bar owners are pitching in with relief efforts.



COURTESY OF SAVVY CELLARS

A line-up of wines from areas affected by wildfire were part of a recent tasting at Savvy Cellar in Mountain View.

■ FOOD FEATURE

Last Sunday afternoon in downtown Mountain View, close to 100 miles south of the North Bay fires that have left unimaginable damage in their wake, customers gathered at Savvy Cellar for a wine tasting.

Owner Holly Orchard poured a sparkling wine from Mendocino County, a chardonnay from Healdsburg, a cabernet from Alexander Valley and a merlot and petit verdot from Napa Valley — all areas that have been impacted by the fires. In an interview, she said she hoped to help customers draw the connection between

the wines they enjoy and the far-reaching need for support in the regions they come from.

The fires have had a “chain reaction” impact, Orchard said.

“It’s not just the wineries and people working at the wineries, it’s the whole community — everything from agricultural workers to local grocery stores and restaurants. There are so many connections and so much reach,” she said.

Midpeninsula wine bars and restaurants are part of that ecosystem. Many of them source products from North

Bay wineries, farms and other vendors, and beyond that, are members of the Bay Area’s close-knit food-and-wine communities.

In the wake of the fires, numerous local restaurant and wine bar owners have sprung to action, launching fundraisers, donation drop-offs and efforts to raise awareness and support.

Orchard launched an online crowdfunding campaign to raise money for the Napa County Firefighters Association. She chose to support firefighters, she said, in order

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to have as wide an impact as possible and to highlight a group that might be overlooked in the immediate aftermath of the fires.

“I just think of how much this is going to deplete their resources in terms of equipment and overtime pay,” she said. “I thought this would be a way with my minimal influence ... (to) at least make the biggest impact.”

Her goal is to raise \$2,500; to contribute, go to <https://is.gd/SavvyFire17>.

At Pizzeria Delfina in Palo Alto, the restaurant is collecting donations of non-perishable food, new or unused clothes and blankets, gift cards and other items. Owner Craig Stoll is one of several San Francisco restaurant owners and chefs who teamed up to coordinate thousands of food deliveries and donations. Their website, SFightsFire.com, includes information about what food is needed and where, volunteer sign-ups and other organizations in need of donations. They're also raising money to partially reimburse smaller restaurant owners who want



VERONICA WEBER

Ceri Smith of Biondivino in Palo Alto has been collecting donated items like diapers, flashlights and eye-drops and delivering them to the North Bay.

to donate food but have tighter margins, said Greta Miersma, Delfina's communications director.

Collectively, the SF Fights Fire effort has delivered about 17,000 meals in less than a week, Miersma said. The food is primarily going to people in shelters, but some restaurants have gone out of their way to feed first responders or people who may be fearful of going to official shelters, such as undocumented immigrants, she said.

“The needs are greater than delivering breakfast one day or

dinner the next, which is where you come in,” the SF Fights Fire founders write on the website. “As a group, we are harnessing the power of our community of restaurants and food purveyors with the idea that by focusing all those who are wanting to help, we will be most effective.”

“This tragedy will not define us, our response will,” they wrote. “Any action, no matter how small, is helpful and greatly appreciated.”

Recognizing that more action will be needed beyond the first days, or even months after the

fire, the Delfina restaurant group is preparing to be able to continue to provide food as the needs arise, on a daily basis, “however long they need us,” Miersma said.

All Pizzeria Delfina locations, including in Palo Alto, will soon host a by-the-glass event where wines from the affected regions will be sold, with all proceeds going to impacted wineries.

Biondivino Wine Boutique, though primarily an Italian wine shop, quickly started collecting donations at both its locations in Palo Alto and San Francisco after the fires started. There was an “overwhelming response,” said general manager Tyler Kavanagh.

They drove “two jam-packed carloads” of face masks, eye drops, pillowcases, diapers, flashlights and other items to distribution centers in the North Bay and will be doing a third run this week, he said.

Despite an announcement on Instagram last week that the Italian-focused Biondivino was “breaking ranks” to get California wines into the shop, they were unable to do so.

“Due to the destruction up north, almost all wine distributions warehouses (which are

based in Napa and Sonoma) have been shut down for over a week — we haven't been able to receive any wine, in fact,” Kavanagh said.

Miersma said wine deliveries were also halted at Delfina's restaurants last week.

Biondivino has stopped accepting physical donations for the time being — relief agencies are now saying they're in need of gift cards, and are overwhelmed by the clothes, food and other items that have been sent — but will notify customers if they start again, Kavanagh said. Moving forward, the wine shop also plans to stock a small selection of North Bay wines, with proceeds going to fire relief efforts.

Palo Alto restaurant Bird Dog is also highlighting wineries that have been affected by the fires with a dedicated by-the-glass menu. The list currently features wines from Mayacamas Vineyards, Storybrook Mountain Vineyards, Gundlach Bundschu and White Rock Vineyards, with plans to add more.

Lori Romero, owner of Palo Alto wine bar Calave, said she's seen a “massive influx” of customers ordering wines from



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Napa Valley and Mendocino County in support. She's considering other ways to help, including a fundraising campaign and partnering with distributors to "align plans where we can see the biggest impact."

Long-term, she said she potentially anticipates "higher prices from the fire-impacted regions while it looks at the road to recovery."

Downtown Palo Alto wine bar Vino Locale on Kipling Street is also collecting gift cards for Target, Safeway or any other stores where food, toiletries, and basic necessities can be purchased.

Palo Alto Italian restaurant Vina Enoteca will be hosting a fundraiser this Saturday, Oct. 21, at 11 a.m. in its outdoor courtyard, said owner Rocco Scordella. Dried pasta, cookies made by the Vina Enoteca pastry chef and baked goods from local pastry chef John Shelsta will be on sale, with all proceeds going to fire relief. The restaurant will be serving sangria and meatless Impossible Burgers. Scordella said he is also donating 20 percent of lunch sales from both of his restaurants, Vina Enoteca and Tootsie's, to fire relief efforts.

Jarad Gallagher, the executive chef at Chez TJ in Mountain View, spent last weekend at a friend's house in Calistoga, cooking meals for firefighters, friends and family. Some people just wanted to stop by, he said, "to have community and say 'hi,' (to) be normal."

He said he plans to ride out the immediate wave of donations and support and step in to support smaller, independent farms and producers when that initial spotlight fades, perhaps in the new year.

"The main media focus has been on the big-name wineries. Up in that area, the people who are really going to struggle



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Chef Jarad Gallagher of *Chez TJ in Mountain View*.

are the lower-income workers. They're out of work for quite some time," he said.

"Those are people we're going to go after and help — farms that are going to struggle to pay their employees."

Gallagher said it was personally "overwhelming" to be in the North Bay last weekend, but he's confident that the region will rebound.

"Yes, there's going to be long-term effects but ... I know the wineries and the farms up in that area are very resilient," he said.

Though the extent of damage to the North Bay wine industry remains to be seen, some owners are already concerned. Some wineries have been destroyed, while other facilities or property were damaged or closed temporarily during the worst of the fire last week. Though most of the harvesting has been completed, vintners who had to evacuate have been unable to tend to their grapes during the wine-making process.

Orchard said she and customers talked on Sunday about what this year's wines from the impacted regions will be like.

"We were discussing: 'Will there be a 2017 vintage or what will the style be?' It probably won't be what people think of as a quintessential Napa or Sonoma wine, but I would also encourage people to continue to seek out the wine, to go to wineries as soon as they're open, to give business to the local area ... as a long-term effort to help the whole community grow again," Orchard said.

Every person interviewed for this article urged the same, particularly for those who might be unsure where to direct their support: patronize the region's wineries, farms and producers.

"Drink lots of Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino wine," Kavanaugh said. ▀

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'ONLY THE BRAVE' PAYS TRIBUTE TO FIREFIGHTING HEROES

★★★ (Century 16 & 20)

If you're looking for escapism at the movies this week, you've come to the wrong place. Whether the timing is fortuitous or disastrous, firefighting movie "Only the Brave" arrives in Northern California theaters as the area continues to reel from its own devastating fires. If you go, you'll see imagery of chaotic fleeing from homes as a wildfire rapidly closes in. But you'll also find an emotional tribute to those who stand between the fires and the small towns they threaten to consume.

Based on true events and the GQ article "No Exit: The Granite Fire Yarnell Investigation" by Sean Flynn, "Only the Brave" concerns an elite team that's been called the Navy Seals of firefighters.

Armed only with ax and shovel, the Granite Mountain Hotshots dig trenches and use controlled burns, literally fighting fire with fire. Building to a climax set during the Yarnell Hill Fire of 2013, the film establishes the training required for, and practical strategies of, fighting and surviving

wildfires, as well as the camaraderie that inevitably results.

At the time, the team was all-male, and there's a distinctive bros-without-hose energy as the men squabble and prank each other. Of course, the frat-house shenanigans belie a depth of feeling. These guys have each other's backs, and not only during fires. The film's point of view teeters back and forth between Eric Marsh (Josh Brolin, whose still waters run deep) — a taciturn "Type 2" firefighter and superintendent of Prescott, Arizona's Group 7 — and new recruit Brendan "Donut" McDonough (a bleached blond Miles Teller), a ne'er-do-well who's determined at last to do well, especially by his newborn daughter. Marsh wants nothing more than for his team to qualify for "Hotshot" status, and it's no spoiler to say that four years of effort culminate in the crew renaming themselves the Granite Mountain Hotshots.

In most respects, "Only the Brave" resembles a war movie: the boot camp theatrics, the



COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURES.

Josh Brolin stars as a member of a group of elite firefighters in "Only the Brave."

procedures and gear and briefings, the male bonding, the charging into mortal danger. But this is also a domestic story, with Marsh and wife, Amanda (professional sufferer Jennifer Connelly in a thankfully substantial role), troubleshooting a trying life at the mercy of nature and questioning their long-held agreement not to have kids. Screenwriters Ken Nolan and Eric Warren Singer also explore the profound similarities

between young Brendan and his middle-aged mentor, who gives his charge a much-needed second chance in life, and the manners in which Brendan develops a slow-burn friendship with a skeptical peer (Taylor Kitsch's Mackenzie).

Like "Deepwater Horizon," the film does a creditable job of offering docudrama education and dramatic catharsis. As always, there's something queasy about turning these mortal combats into multiplex movies, but director

Joseph Kosinski (reunited here with his "Tron Legacy" star Jeff Bridges, who plays Brolin's mentor) and Oscar-winning cinematographer Claudio Miranda make a convincing case for the spirituality and dark beauty to be found in revisiting these true events and getting the details right.

Rated PG-13 for thematic content, some sexual references, language and drug material. Two hours, 13 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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My Little Pony: The Movie (PG)

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Only the Brave (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Professor Marston & The Wonder Women (R)

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

Sane Kind of Different as Me (PG-13)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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■ HIGHLIGHT

PEAR THEATRE: 'AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE'

Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" is the story about 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. 20 - Nov. 12. \$35, opening on Oct. 20; \$32, regular. Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

THEATER

'A Brimful of Asha' Studio Culture clash, Canadian-style, comes to life in "A Brimful of Asha," a two-person play written by and starring mother and son Asha and Ravi Jain. The story is about a first-generation twenty-something who wants to connect with his Indian heritage but not necessarily all of it. Oct. 20-21, 8 p.m.; Oct. 22, 2:30 p.m. \$50. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler This comedy, directed by Dale Albright and written by Jeff Whitty (one of the creators of Avenue Q), follows Hedda Gabler's journey with Medea (from Greek mythology) and Mammy (from "Gone With the Wind") through fictional character purgatory to "The Furnace," where it is said all fictional characters are born. Opening night is Oct. 27; Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. through Nov. 19. \$35 general admission, \$27 students and seniors. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/furtheradventures.html

Opera: 'Norma' West Bay Opera presents Bellini's opera "Norma" in its original Pagan/Wicca setting, with a cast, orchestra and chorus. Oct. 21, 8-11 p.m.; Oct. 22, 2-5 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wboopera.org

Oshman Family JCC: 'Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey' Lightwire Theater brings "Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey" from New Orleans to Palo Alto. Combining dance, puppetry and technology, the glow-in-the-dark shows are

for all ages. Oct. 22, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/Events/moon-mouse-a-space-odyssey-1st-show

CONCERTS

California Bach Society 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, people under 30 and seniors. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. calbach.org/#misa-brevi

Celebrate Halloween Choral-Style Schola Cantorum Silicon Valley invites audiences to don costumes for a spooky-fun concert, "Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls." Concertgoers will be treated to a selection of spirituals, folk and musical theater songs featuring witches, vampires and zombies, and a rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. \$28, admission; free, children and students 21 and under. First Congregational Church of Palo Alto, 625 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Also Oct. 29, 3 p.m. at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. scholacantorum.org.

Mark Russo and The Classy Cats Mark Russo and The Classy Cats present a family-friendly afternoon of swing music from the 1920s, '30s and '40s performed by the band and a jazz vocalist. This event is recommended for ages 6 and up. Oct. 22, 2 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/mark-russo-the-classy-cats

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/

MUSIC

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. The event will feature a picnic, 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/

Eat, Drink & Be Techie Friday Nights @ CHM is offering a new way to experience the Computer History Museum: from 5 to 9 p.m. at a block party featuring curbside cuisine and live music from Off the Grid, patio festivities at the Cloud Bistro beer garden and live programming on select Fridays for visitors of all ages. Fridays through Oct. 27, 5 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming/

Harmony and Hope: Live Art & Music This event, in celebration of diversity and peace in the community, is a family-friendly evening of "Harmony & Hope" with the Mendelssohn D Minor Piano Trio and cello quartet pop tunes set to live art. Admission is free, with all donations benefiting refugee aid through the International Rescue Committee. Oct. 21, 7-8 p.m. Free. University Lutheran Church, 1611 Stanford Ave., Palo Alto. RED-CELLO.com

Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays welcomes musicians and poets (21 and up) to share material appropriate for all ages. The sign up sheet is available at 6:30 p.m.; starts at 7 p.m. Participants can drop in or reserve tables in advance. Wednesdays through Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Tasting Room, 366 Main St., Los Altos. Search bookeo.com/byington for more info.

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

57th Annual Witches' Delight This community-friendly event will feature a carnival of rides, festival of games and BBQ dinner. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the costume contest for prizes, stroll the cakewalk to take home their choice of spooky desserts and dance the night away. Oct. 27, 3-8 p.m. Free, but tickets can be purchased for food and rides. Santa Rita Elementary, 700 Los Altos Ave., Los Altos. santaritaschool.org/santaritaes/9481-Witches-Delight.html

6th Annual Shoreline Pumpkin Splash! The Pumpkin Splash includes the Shoreline Lake pumpkin patch. Through Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (weekends) and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (weekdays). Free; pricing varies by activity. Shoreline Lake Boathouse & American Bistro, 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. shorelinelake.com/upcoming.html

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27th annual One from the Heart Awards Breakfast Stanford University Professor Dr. Abraham Verghese, author of fiction and non-fiction, will discuss his books and his vision of the future of medical care. Pathways will present awards for Leadership in Healthcare and Healthcare Philanthropy. Oct. 26, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Crowne Plaza Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. pathwayshealth.org/event/ofth

FAMILY

Halloween Storytime This Halloween Storytime will feature readings of "Creepy Pair of Underwear" and "Little Boo." Plus, there will be themed activities. Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/halloween-storytime-books-inc-mountain-view-1

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Art Exhibit: 'The Crown under the Hammer: Russia, Romanovs, Revolution' Marking the centenary of the Russian Revolution of 1917, this exhibition examines the political, social and cultural upheavals that transformed Russia in the final decades of the Romanov dynasty and the first years of Soviet Communism. Oct. 18-ongoing, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; Thursdays, open Free. Cantor Arts Center & Herbert Hoover Memorial Exhibit Pavilion, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/view/exhibition_sched_new.html#Crown

Gallery 9: Naomi Mindelzun Naomi Mindelzun continues her ongoing cycle of paintings using a variety of mediums in her exploration of common elements in natural and man-made structures. Oct. 3-29, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com/

'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 US history. Oct. 19 to 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/

DANCE

Festival of Lights: Diwali Celebration Deepa Menon and her students will be celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights, leading the audience through a whole range of aesthetic dance experiences. Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search mountainview.gov/library for more info.

COMEDY

Comedians at Red Rock Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host his monthly comedy showcase at Red Rock Coffee. This comedy event is held on the third Saturday of each month: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. kevinwongcomedy.com/shows/

Comedy Night at O'Malley's Comedy Night at O'Malley's features some of the best comedians in the Bay Area. The show starts at 8:30 p.m., or as soon as the Sunday Night Football game finishes. Sundays, Oct. 22 and 29, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free. O'Malley's Sports Pub, 2135 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. facebook.com/comedynightatomalley's/

FILM

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival: 'A Second Time Around' The OFJCC will screen this West Coast Premiere about how two senior citizens discover it's never too late to fall in love in "The Second Time Around," a valentine to second chances and the power of love. Oct. 23, 6:30-8 p.m. \$11, senior, student; \$13, general; \$15, at the door. OFJCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. svjff.org/films/second_time_around.shtml

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival: 'Aida's Secrets' This documentary tells the story of Izak and Shepsel, who were born in the post-war chaos of the Bergen-Belsen displaced persons camp but never told of each other's

existence. While Izak was sent away for adoption in Israel, his visually impaired brother Shepsel ended up in Canada, both separated from their Polish birth mother, Aida. Oct. 25, 6:30-8 p.m. \$11, senior, student; \$13, general; \$15, at the door. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. svjff.org/films/aidas_secrets.shtml

Silicon Valley Jewish Film Festival: 'An Israeli Love Story' "An Israeli Love Story" is based on the true story of the love affair between Pnina Gary, from Nahalal, and Eli Ben-Zvi, son of Rachel and Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, the second president of the state of Israel. Oct. 25, 8:30-10 p.m. \$11, senior, student; \$13, general; \$15, at the door. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. svjff.org/films/israeli_love_story.shtml

LESSONS & CLASSES

Journeys to Mars This presentation will examine the surface of Mars, look back at past missions and look forward to the future, including an examination of some potential landing sites for the first human missions to Mars. Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search mountainview.gov/library for more info.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The 14th Annual Avenidas Caregiver Conference Avenidas and NurseRegistry will present "The Road to Resilience: Helping Families Thrive!" Conference will include a keynote speech, info-packed workshops and 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/

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.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

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

TEENS

Fostering Resilience in Children and Teens & Why it Matters Challenge Success will host a parent-education evening 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/

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Bicentenary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah - Dawn Prayers Dawn can symbolize spiritual renewal. There will be prayers for peace, unity and fellowship in celebration on the day of the 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah. Guests are encouraged to bring prayers, poems, quotes or songs to share. Oct. 21. Free. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St., Mountain View. mvbahais.org/

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Adult Book Discussion All are invited to join the discussion about Fiona Barton's "The Widow." Copies are available for checkout at Los Altos Library. Oct. 24, 7-8 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search scl.evanced.info/signup/calendar for more info.

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File No.: FBN634193

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File No.: FBN634194

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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.

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