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**Maria Diaz**, 62, holds parking tickets while standing next to the RV she lives in on Crisanto Avenue. City officials told residents they didn't need to move on street-sweeping day, but Mountain View police handed out parking tickets.

## City says RV-dwellers can stay put. Cops ticket them anyway

MIXED SIGNALS ON CRISANTO AVENUE ENFORCEMENT LEAD TO \$80 PARKING TICKETS

By Mark Noack

For Maria Diaz, losing \$80 is a big deal. It could be the difference between whether she eats, takes her medication or heats her home.

Like many others in Mountain View, Diaz lives in a rented vehicle parked on the street. And like some of her neighbors

on Crisanto Avenue, she said she was frustrated last week to find an \$80 ticket on her trailer for failing to move her vehicle for street cleaning after city officials explicitly assured residents that they wouldn't be cited.

"I won't pay this," Diaz said, speaking through a Spanish translator. "We got notifications

saying that we didn't need to move on this day."

The incident began early last week when the city's Public Works department posted letters on Crisanto Avenue informing residents that the regular street cleaning was canceled due to nearby work on

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## LASD to sell density rights to fund new school

GETTING DEVELOPERS TO PAY FOR UNUSED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS NEEDED FOR A SAN ANTONIO SCHOOL, DISTRICT SAYS

By Kevin Forestieri

After securing the support of the Mountain View City Council last month, the Los Altos School District has been quietly laying the groundwork to shift nearly 600,000 square feet of development in the San Antonio area in order to build a new school within the city limits.

Using a complex process that still needs final approval from the council, school district officials detailed Monday night how they plan to buy expensive land for a school in the San Antonio area and sell the development rights for any unused square footage to offset the costs. Developers who buy these so-called development rights could build offices or homes elsewhere in the city that are denser or taller than what would normally be allowed

The school district is expected to release the names of the developers who are interested in buying the rights early next month, as well as identify the properties in San Antonio the district plans to pursue purchasing. Depending on the price of the land, which can range from \$10 million to \$15 million per acre, the school district could potentially offset the entire cost of land by using the transfer

of development rights (TDRs), making it financially feasible to construct a school campus north of El Camino Real.

The Los Altos School District's boundaries encompass a swath of Mountain View and close to one-third of its students are Mountain View residents.

At the Nov. 13 board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Randy Kenyon said the district is seeking between 6 and 10 acres of land within the San Antonio Precise Plan area, which includes the shopping center and adjacent properties along Showers Drive, California Street and San Antonio Road. If the district manages to buy eight acres and build a 75,000-square-foot school, Kenyon said, that still leaves 570,000 in unused square footage that could be sold to Mountain View developers like Google to the tune of \$130 per square foot — adding up to a grand total of \$74 million. Areas where the development rights could be used could include North Bayshore, East Whisman and El Camino Real.

The cash windfall would make it possible to buy land in an area where real estate is going for a premium and where rapid development is taking place — both

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## Still no ID on victim of brutal downtown homicide

By Kevin Forestieri

The name of the man who died following a violent attack outside the Center for Performing Arts in Mountain View earlier this month has still not been released to the public as of Wednesday morning, according to the Santa

Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office.

The victim, whom police immediately identified as a 55-year-old man, died at Stanford Hospital around 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, after he was struck multiple times with a metal table, a metal chair and a bicycle. Preliminary autopsy

results indicated that he died from "blunt force trauma to the face" after being struck in the head multiple times.

The suspect, 43-year-old Jan Neal of Marin County, is currently being held without bail in Santa Clara County jail and is facing charges including murder, obstructing or resisting a police

officer and attempt to disarm an officer. Officers said Neal was still attacking the victim when they arrived and ignored commands to stop, continuing his assault even when officers struck him with a wooden baton and used a Taser in an attempt to control him.

The Santa Clara County prosecutor handling the case could

not be reached following multiple requests for comment.

Staffers at the coroner's office say the victim's name, age and city of residence are being withheld until they can confirm his identity, and that the office has been unable to contact next of

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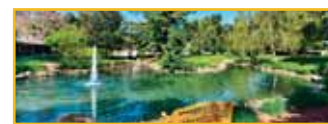
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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos by Stephanie Lee and interviews by Anna Krause and Stephanie Lee.

*What are you thankful for in 2017?*



"I'm thankful for my health."  
**Claudia Galvan**, San Jose



"Stability and new opportunities."  
**Paul Taylor**, Mountain View



"Friends."  
**Myra Nawabia**, Fremont



"Basketball."  
**Jailen Dalton**, Mountain View



"I'm very thankful for my family. I have a wife and five kids. Also thankful for our church community."  
**Andrew Lee**, San Jose



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## Water System Flushing

The City of Mountain View is preparing to begin its annual water system flushing program. System flushing is a process the City uses to maintain water quality by clearing water mains of sand and sediment that may have accumulated during the last year. The City's flushing program accounts for less than 1% of the overall water system use.

In the next several weeks, City staff will be flushing water mains from Cuesta Drive to the northern City limit. The City will post notices in affected neighborhoods several days in advance of the flushing. If you would like more information about the City's water system flushing or have questions or concerns while City personnel are in your neighborhood please contact the Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

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### CRIME BRIEFS

#### WOMAN ARRESTED FOR CHILD ENDANGERMENT

A 38-year-old Sunnyvale woman was arrested on Monday after officers suspected she was under the influence of methamphetamine while in a car with three young children, according to police.

Officers noticed the suspect sitting in her vehicle in a parking lot on the 400 block of Whisman Road, and went to check on her after she remained motionless for an extended period of time. The woman spoke rapidly and mumbled, was sweating and appeared to be under the influence, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

There were children in the back seat, all of whom appeared to be under two years of age, Nelson said.

Officers asked the suspect as well as the passenger, a 30-year-old Sunnyvale resident, to step out of the car, and ultimately arrested both. The 38-year-old woman was arrested for violating her probation, child endangerment and being under the influence of a controlled substance. The 30-year-old suspect was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

The children were placed with the Santa Clara County

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### POLICE LOG

#### ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

300 block Pioneer Way, 11/5

#### AUTO BURGLARY

200 block Castro St., 11/5  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/5  
200 block N. Bernardo Av., 11/6  
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 11/6  
800 block E. El Camino Real, 11/8  
800 block E. El Camino Real, 11/8  
400 block Castro St., 11/10  
700 block Continental Cir., 11/10  
2600 block W. El Camino Real, 11/11  
700 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 11/11  
200 block Castro St., 11/13  
200 block Hope St., 11/13

#### BATTERY

500 block San Antonio Rd., 11/6  
600 block San Antonio Rd., 11/6

#### BRANDISHING A WEAPON

600 block San Antonio Rd., 11/12

#### GRAND THEFT

500 block Showers Dr., 11/6  
400 block Del Medio Av., 11/9  
100 block Castro St., 11/11  
100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 11/13

#### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

800 block E. Dana St., 11/7

#### ROBBERY

1900 block California St., 11/6

#### STOLEN VEHICLE

500 block Mariposa Av., 11/5  
700 block E. Evelyn Av., 11/10  
1000 block Crestview Dr., 11/13

#### VANDALISM

1900 block W. El Camino Real  
600 block Showers Dr., 11/10  
Dierix Dr. & Wasatch Dr., 11/11  
1400 block Springer Rd., 11/12

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

#### COPS AND GOBBLERS

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, the Mountain View Police Department is hosting Cops and Gobblers, an annual Thanksgiving food drive that benefits Mountain View families in need.

Now in its 21st year, the event is aided by the Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) and other local organizations that help identify families in need.

Volunteers are welcome to pitch in on Saturday, no RSVP needed. Donations are needed, and may be mailed to Mountain View Police Department, Attn: Amber Wilson, 1000 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041. Checks should be made out to CHAC, with Cops and Gobblers written in the memo line, and mailed by Nov. 17.

For more information, contact Amber Wilson at [amber.wilson@mountainview.gov](mailto:amber.wilson@mountainview.gov).

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MICHELLE LE

**Halluk Ozdemir** looks at the new repairs to an area of Stevens Creek trail that collapsed earlier in the year. The repairs allowed a trail detour to reopen, but a permanent fix for the damaged section of trail will have to wait until next year.

## Stevens Creek Trail detour reopens after emergency repairs

WATER DISTRICT'S RESTORATION OF COLLAPSED TRAIL WILL START NEXT YEAR

By Kevin Forestieri

Emergency repairs to save what's left of the crumbling bank along Stevens Creek Trail north of El Camino Real were completed earlier this week, allowing hundreds of bicyclists and pedestrians to get off the streets and back onto Mountain View's creek-side detour.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District announced that the fix,

aimed at preventing further soil erosion in the area where a huge portion of the bank has slid into the creek, finished up a week ahead of schedule, according to water district board member Gary Kremen. The city's trail detour, through an adjacent hotel property between El Camino and Yuba Drive, reopened Monday afternoon, city staff confirmed Tuesday.

The segment of the popular Stevens Creek Trail has

been closed since January after a heavy storm system and "controlled releases" from the Stevens Creek reservoir weakened the soil along a steep embankment, causing a landslide and creating a nearly vertical 25-foot drop just inches from the edge of the trail. Soil erosion unexpectedly worsened during the spring and summer months, eventually causing a

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## Navy looks to scale back watchdog group

MOFFETT FIELD RAB TO NARROW FOCUS;  
 HANGAR ONE RESTORATION TO TAKE UNTIL 2025

By Mark Noack

The U.S. Navy will take a pause on disbanding the Moffett Field Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), but the environmental watchdog group is still going to be drastically scaled back.

At a Nov. 9 meeting in Mountain View, Navy officials pledged to continue administering the RAB, but they indicated their participation would be reduced. The meetings — previously held every six months — will be reduced to just one per year, and will focus solely on the environmental cleanup at the Navy's sites, but not adjacent areas that are the responsibility of other agencies such as NASA or the U.S. Army, said Navy spokesman Jim Sullivan.

The Navy maintains responsibility for 23 buildings at Moffett Field, according to officials at the meeting.

"Going forward, we'll continue to have RAB meetings but they'll be focused on the Navy's environmental program," Sullivan said. "I don't see us being involved in former areas from a community standpoint."

Established in 1994, the RAB was created to monitor pollution lingering at Moffett Field after the Navy left as part of the military base closure. That pollution includes many chemicals commonly dumped at old military sites, such as industrial solvents, petroleum, paint and hydraulic fluids.

Over the years, that role has expanded to also include preserving Hangar One and development proposed by Google at the company's leased section of the airfields.

By most accounts, the Navy's cleanup program has successfully reduced the contamination in the underground aquifers, although it would be premature to call it mission accomplished. More recently, Navy officials have been signing over responsibility to NASA for their treatment systems used to clean up the pollution.

Nevertheless, concerns over losing the RAB has rattled many people. The group is one of the only public bodies connecting stakeholders at Moffett Field with nearby cities.

RAB chairman Greg Unangst emphasized at the meeting that he wanted to begin discussions soon on creating a new successor organization that could continue the work without being administered by the Navy. He said he would try to schedule a public meeting on this idea in January or February.

### Update on hangar projects

Hangar One won't be restored to its former halcyon days anytime soon. Removing the steel structure's toxic coating and reskinning it with a new cover is expected to take until 2025, according to representatives

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## LinkedIn pledges \$10 million for affordable housing

NEW LOAN PROGRAM WOULD HELP SUBSIDIZED HOUSING PROJECTS ACQUIRE LAND

By Mark Noack

Taking a unique approach to providing affordable housing, LinkedIn is pledging \$10 million in seed money that would be loaned out for new residential developments in Mountain View. This pool of money is described as a new tool to help affordable housing projects that struggle to acquire property in a

competitive real estate market.

Mountain View city officials formally approved the idea last week. If the plan goes forward, the money would be administered by the Housing Trust of Silicon Valley as part of the nonprofit's TECH fund.

"This is an innovative way we can tackle one affordable housing challenge right now," said Kevin Zwick, Housing Trust president. "This is another way

that the city of Mountain View is in the vanguard of showing cities new ways to do affordable housing."

LinkedIn is contributing the \$10 million as an upfront community benefit for the tech giant's proposed 612,000-square-foot expansion of its campus at 700 Middlefield Road. The money would be deducted from the normal housing impact fees for the project, which are expected

to total \$16 million.

Normally, developers pay housing impact fees when they receive building permits, which isn't expected to happen until mid-2019 for the LinkedIn project. In order to put the money to use right away, LinkedIn proposed paying this \$10 million portion in advance to help the Housing Trust's loan program.

City staff emphasized that the upfront payment was not a quid

pro quo to guarantee the city would approve the company's Middlefield project. If the city ends up rejecting the development project, the \$10 million would be eventually repaid to LinkedIn.

LinkedIn's money is being specifically targeted to help affordable housing developers acquire land in Mountain View,

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## NEW SCHOOL

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complicating factors forcing the school district to act fast and cut costs using roundabout strategies like selling developer rights. The district has its own source of cash for a new school, a \$150 million bond that voters approved in 2014, but it would be entirely exhausted by the land purchase and the construction costs.

At the Oct. 3 City Council meeting, Los Altos school board member Bryan Johnson said the district needs the “maximum flexibility” possible, including the ability to convert residential square footage to office space, in order to woo Mountain View developers and shore up as much money as possible to offset the cost of land.

Council members generally agreed, though they did not take a formal vote, to allow Los Altos School District to use the transfer of development rights to build a school in the area with few strings attached, and signaled they were willing to commit up to \$23 million in funding to help finance shared-use park space in the area.

San Antonio has the lowest park acreage per resident in the entire city, at 1.34 acres per 1,000 people.

### San Antonio developers cry foul

Although Mountain View City Council members roundly supported transferring density out of the San Antonio area, two major developers in the region were less than thrilled with the idea, and have demanded that the city go through a formal precise plan amendment before allowing it.

Barton Hechtman, a lawyer representing Greystar, told council members on Oct. 3 that the city has an obligation to study the impacts of density transfers on the San Antonio area, particularly in light of the housing crisis. Greystar currently has a proposal under review by the city to replace the Old Mill office site and former Safeway site, and Hechtman said the property owners have no interest in selling the land to the school district.

Hechtman also warned that eminent domain law does not permit the school district to acquire land with the intent to sell the property rights, and that the developer and property owners would legally challenge such a taking of the property. Even if the school district ultimately wins the day in court, it would take years and be costly, he said.

“We believe that other possible acquisition sites could be obtained in a much shorter time frame with more certainty and

less risk,” he said.

Merlone Geier, which has redeveloped a major section of the San Antonio Shopping Center in recent years, sent a letter to the city earlier this month claiming that it would be harmed if development under the San Antonio Precise Plan could suddenly be pulled out of the region and injected elsewhere in the city. Keeping density within San Antonio is an important part of revitalizing the area, the letter states, and it would harm the company's huge investment if the city strays from the precise plan's zoning.

The letter goes on to say that Merlone Geier would be interested in buying up density rights from the school district if TDRs were allowed only within the confines of the San Antonio Precise Plan, provided that the company is granted the latitude to build up to seven stories, pick the commercial-to-residential density ratios and essentially “bank” the development rights “to sell to other ... landowners in the future.”

*‘Because of the complexities involved in partnering with several different developers ... it is taking longer to get firm commitments than originally assumed.’*

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
RANDY KENYON

The only trouble is that the only remaining place for Merlone Geier to add density is on the corner of California Street and San Antonio Road, which the letter says is “complicated” by parcels owned by Dave Pilling and Steve Rasmussen, the owner of the Milk Pail market.

“It remains to be seen if we can complete the land assemblage, despite further efforts of late to provide a relocation alternative to the Milk Pail,” Merlone Geier representatives wrote.

### Slow to start

The Los Altos School District successfully passed its \$150 million bond measure more than three years ago, but still doesn't have much to show for it. A rigorous master plan showing upgrades at existing school sites has yet to be developed, and there isn't a detailed design drawn up for what the new campus will look like either. The school board has yet to officially say whether the new school would be a district-operated elementary school or the new campus for Bullis Charter School — something Mountain

View City Council members said the district should decide on its own.

District staff and board members say there's been a rigorous and exhaustive search for a suitable school site going on, and that all of the major decisions about the size of the school, the permanent facility plans for Bullis and the design can only fall in place once the location has been selected.

Even finalizing the agreements to transfer development rights has been delayed. The school district was expecting to have the letters of intent — agreements essentially saying a developer wants to buy increased density from the school district — ready to go by the Nov. 13 board meeting along with an agreement with the city of Mountain View to formally allow the transfer of development rights. That date has since been pushed back to the Dec. 11.

“Because of the complexities involved in partnering with several different developers ... it is taking longer to get firm commitments than originally assumed,” Kenyon told board members.

During the search, there has also been lengthy debate over the last three years on whether land acquisition is really the best course of action. Some district residents, as well as representatives from Bullis Charter School, banded together to form a group called Creative Facilities Solutions, which argues that the bond money could be better spent converting one of its larger school sites, like Covington Elementary or Egan Junior High School, into a two-school campus with staggered start times to avoid major traffic snarls.

Kenyon said that reconfiguring an existing school and constructing new facilities on the same site may not be the money-saver people think it is. He told board members that it could cost an estimated \$77.7 million to build a two-school site at Covington and \$78.6 million for a two-school site at Egan or Blach Intermediate schools.

Superintendent Jeff Baier told the *Voice* that district residents still mostly favor the school district's strategy to buy land in order to accommodate growing enrollment. He said the district's Enrollment Growth Task Force, Facilities Advisory Committee and Facilities Master Plan Committee all agreed that the district needs to expand its footprint and acquire one — or even two — new school sites. Future enrollment growth is largely expected to occur north of El Camino Real in the San Antonio area, making it all the more desirable to have a school in the area. ▣

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#### YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

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#### Community Services Agency

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# County of Santa Clara Planning Commission

**DATE:** November 30, 2017, Special Meeting  
**TIME:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Palo Alto Arts Center Auditorium  
 1313 Newell Road  
 Palo Alto, CA 94303

## Agenda

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## Opening

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

2. Public Comment:

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3. Receive public comment on the Stanford 2018 General Use Permit Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). File No. 7165-16P-16GP-16Z-16EIR.

The Stanford 2018 General Use Permit DEIR can be viewed online at the following link:

[https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Programs/Stanford/Pages/GUP2018\\_CEQA.aspx](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/dpd/Programs/Stanford/Pages/GUP2018_CEQA.aspx)  
 (ID# 89011)

## Adjourn

4. Adjourn.  
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## MOFFETT FIELD

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from Planetary Ventures, an arm of Google that's overseeing the project.

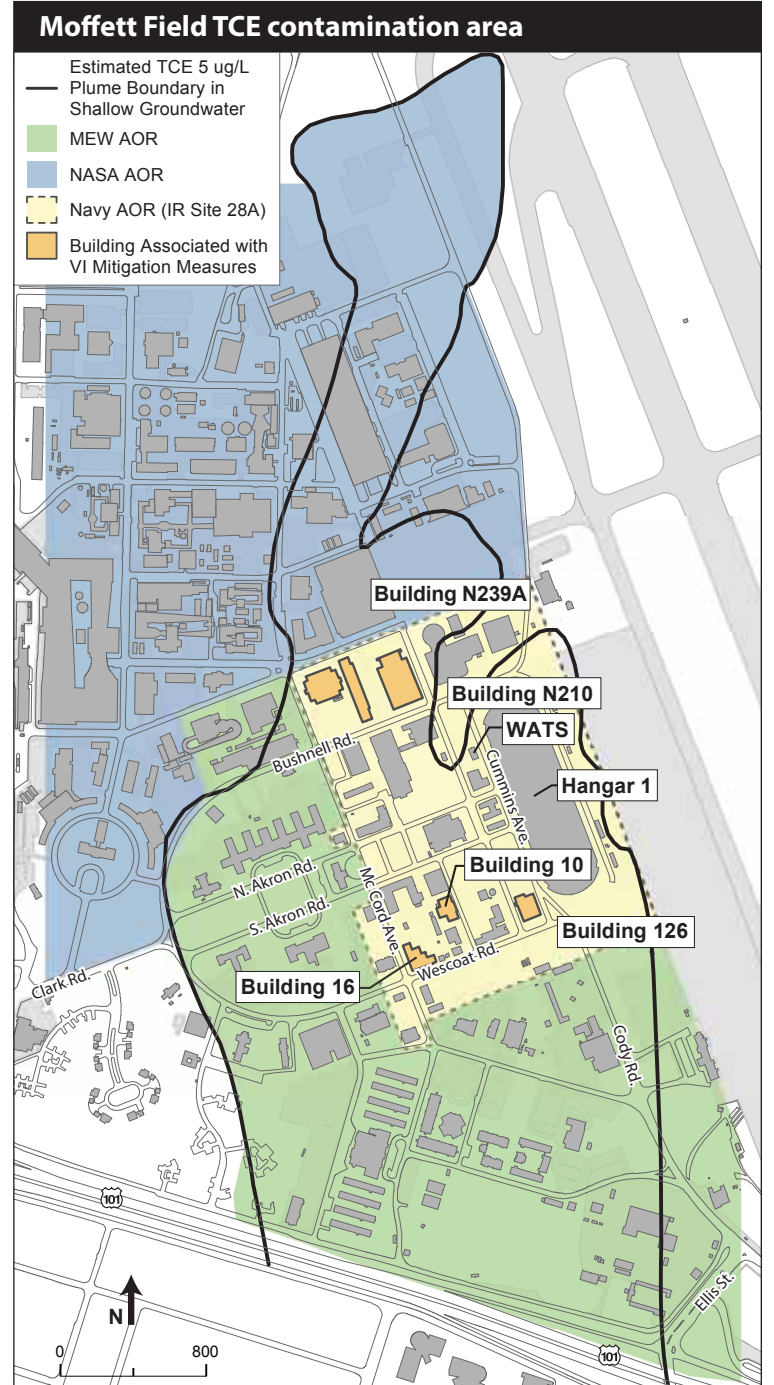
However, the Planetary Ventures team did provide an update from a new pilot study on different methods for removing paint containing toxic lead and PCBs from the structure. Starting in March, Google's contractor CBRE began testing out three different methods for blasting the coating off the steel skeleton, which admittedly is a difficult job. All the work area had to be lined with plastic to ensure no traces of material drifted away, explained Anthony LaMarca, project manager at CBRE.

"Anything that touches the structure has to be captured," he said. "All these step take a very long time, and there's a lot of design and effort that goes into it."

Workers tested out high-pressure blasting of the structure with water, sand and a vaporized abrasive material. Based on the test, the work would likely proceed with either sand or vapor, according to the study.

Getting NASA, the EPA and other agencies to sign off on the cleanup effort is expected to take up about 18 months, LaMarca told the *Voice*.

In related news, Planetary Ventures is also conducting upgrades and repairs to the smaller hangars Two and Three. Both structures are located on the eastern side of Moffett's runways and have recently been found to have significant levels of trichloroethylene (TCE) and other contaminants underneath their foundations. These chemicals could be hazardous particularly if their vapors accumulate inside the buildings. Prolonged exposure to TCE can cause



**This 2011 EPA map** shows how federal agencies divide responsibility for the pollution at Moffett Field. The black line marks the boundary of the area's toxic groundwater plume.

cancer and other significant health problems according to the EPA.

Earlier this year, Planetary Ventures proposed installing a subterranean depressurization system under Hangar 2. The

company is also working to repair the wooden doors and beams on both hangars, which have deteriorated over the years. ▣

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMITTEES SEEK APPLICANTS

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District is seeking two district residents to serve on advisory committees: the Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and the Audit and Finance Committee.

The Measure C Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee reviews expenditures for projects funded by Measure C and reports annually to the Board of Trustees and

the public about the spending and progress of the Measure C bond program. The term is two years long, and representatives meet four times a year.

The Audit and Finance Committee reviews and monitors budget and financial matters, including audit reports and operational reviews. The committee will meet at least once each quarter. Applicants are required to have a background in budget, finance, and/or audits and have special interest in and knowledge of organizational financial matters. The term of service is four years.

Applicants for both committees must reside within the district's service area, which

includes Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and small portions of San Jose, Santa Clara and Saratoga. Applicants may not be an employee, contractor, consultant or vendor of the district.

Terms begin in January. Positions are voluntary and committee members will not be financially compensated.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and sent to [chancellor@fhda.edu](mailto:chancellor@fhda.edu) or Chancellor, Foothill-De Anza Community College District, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

—Stephanie Lee

## County touts open enrollment for Covered California

Santa Clara County announced this month that the 2018 open enrollment period for residents to register for Covered California health insurance is underway.

The enrollment period, which started on Nov. 1 and lasts through Jan. 31, 2018, allows for individuals to apply for health insurance through state-sponsored programs through the Affordable Care Act.

The county said that more than 59,000 Santa Clara County residents renewed qualified health insurance plans during

last year's enrollment period and the county wants to make this year's process as easy as possible for the 8 percent of county residents who are uninsured.

"We want to maximize the benefits of the Affordable Care Act for our residents," said Santa Clara County Health System Director Rene Santiago in a statement. "Despite the talk in Washington of repealing or replacing it, the Affordable Care Act is alive and well in our community.

We are committed to reaching out to our diverse community to make sure they know that programs are available to help cover potential health insurance costs."

Those wishing to register for health insurance before the New Year starts must do so by Dec. 15 to avoid any potential future tax penalties, county officials said.

About 4 million people in the state have health coverage through Covered California.

Santa Clara County has one

commercial health plan that is based in the county, Valley Health Plan.

"Valley Health Plan is the only locally-based commercial health plan in our county," Bruce Butler, CEO of Valley Health Plan said in a statement. "We are dedicated to helping families find the right services and essential health benefits."

Residents looking to enroll can visit [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com) or contact VHP's patient access

department to enroll in person by calling 866-967-4677.

The county reminds residents that Medi-Cal, a free health insurance to those who qualify with low incomes, is available year-round and that children in low-income families are eligible for it regardless of immigration status. About 330,000 residents currently receive Medi-Cal benefits, according to county officials.

—Bay City News Service

### HOMICIDE

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kin as of Nov. 15 — 10 days after the attack. The Mountain View Police Department has what officials believe is "potential" identification, which is why his age was revealed the night of the attack, but it's the coroner's office that makes the final determination on when to release the identity of the victim, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Officers reported that the victim was already unconscious when they arrived at the downtown Civic Center Plaza on Saturday, Nov. 4, at around 6:30 p.m. After restraining the suspect, the victim was treated with emergency first aid before he was transported to Stanford Hospital in "serious condition." The injuries include lacerations to the face, and his right eye was "completely removed from his eye socket," according to a statement of fact submitted to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office by police.

This is the first homicide in Mountain View since 2014, and police are actively investigating the incident. Anyone who may have more information on the case is asked to contact Det. Dan Garcia at 650-903-6624. ■

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### LINKEDIN

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which has been an ongoing challenge given the super-heated real estate market.

The loan program would last for five years, and LinkedIn officials said they hoped multiple affordable housing projects could benefit from it. Zwick, of the Housing Trust, promised that city officials would be consulted about which projects should benefit from the investment loans. ■

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**CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW**

**COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND FAIR RENT ACT**  
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The City is hosting a series of workshops to provide updated information regarding implementation of the CSFRA, including the allowable annual general adjustment of rent (AGA) and the petition process for landlords and tenants.

Get your questions answered!

**Landlord Focused Workshops:**  
Wednesday, November 29, 2017  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Tenant Focused Workshops:**  
Thursday, November 30, 2017  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View

For more information, you can also visit the weekly walk-in office hours at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, 1st floor Public works Front Conference Room

**Each Thursday from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.**

Call (650) 282-2514 or email [csfra@housing.org](mailto:csfra@housing.org)

[www.mountainview.gov/rentstabilization](http://www.mountainview.gov/rentstabilization)

## TRAIL

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60-foot portion of the trail itself to collapse into the creek bed.

In August, water district CEO Norma Camacho declared the bank erosion an emergency after a memo revealed that, barring immediate repair work, soil loss had the potential to cause further damage to the creek bank, and threatened to erode the city's trail detour and undermine several nearby redwood trees.

The district hired Blue Iron Foundations and Shoring to create a "soldier pile wall system" to preserve what remained of the bank along the problematic portion of Stevens Creek. The strategy is a short-term fix to stop further erosion and is separate from the major repair work needed to restore the paved creek trail itself, which is not expected to begin until next year.

Kremen said the emergency work was originally estimated to cost \$494,700, and that the actual price tag will be available sometime in the next few weeks as the contractor submits invoices. Costs are expected to increase because of inclement weather, which resulted in extra work on the trail.

The Mountain View City Council agreed in April to set aside \$175,000 for an asphalt trail detour through the Extended



**The \$500,000 repair job** should prevent further erosion to the creek bank until permanent repairs can be made next year.

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Stay Hotel property, which opened to the public as an alternative to the closed-off trail segment in June. But because of the extensive erosion damage and the repair work, the detour was also closed, starting in late September, forcing people to take a roundabout route along El Camino Real and Yuba Drive to get back onto the trail.

During the emergency declaration in August, Mountain

View residents, city officials and business leaders sent comments to the water district urging the agency to save the bank and the creek trail, calling it a vital commute path and recreational resource that thousands of people enjoy every day. John Igoe, Google's real estate director, wrote in a letter that Stevens Creek Trail is an important commute alternative to local streets and Highway 85, and

that it would be a "tremendous loss" if immediate action wasn't taken.

For now, residents will have to settle for the detour. The water district typically does creek repair work during the dry spring and summer months, not during wet season period which extends from Oct. 15 through June. ▣

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## CRIME BRIEFS

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Department of Family and Children's Service.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARREST

Police arrested a Redwood City man who allegedly robbed his ex-girlfriend at her home in Mountain View, pushing her to the ground and grabbing her phone and the keys to her vehicle, police said.

The 25-year-old suspect reportedly came to her home in the 1900 block of California Street around 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, after becoming upset that the victim had not called him back, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. He took the phone and keys and grabbed her arm and pushed her to the ground during the altercation, Nelson said.

The suspect had previously come to the victim's home without permission since the two had separated, Nelson said.

The suspect was arrested at his home in Redwood City on suspicion of robbery and domestic violence. He was booked into Santa Clara County jail with a bail set at \$50,000.

## RV

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a Caltrain fence. No one needed to move their vehicles, the letter said.

But the city's parking enforcement apparently didn't get that memo. On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Diaz and other residents came home to find citations left on their windshields. Each \$80 ticket cited the city code violation -- parking along the curb during street-cleaning hours.

A total of eight citations were handed out, according to police officials.

Multiple residents said they went to the Mountain View Police Department to complain about the tickets and police officials told them that they couldn't do anything -- all complaints would have to be taken to the Parking Violations Office in downtown San Jose.

Daniel, a Crisanto resident who asked that his last name

not be printed, said he was also ticketed. It felt unfair to have to travel all the way down to San Jose for someone else's mistake, he said.

"I'm upset because this looks like the city did a bad job," he said. "We feel powerless. If we complain, there could be retaliation."

It was his third parking citation, he said. For Diaz, it was her ninth parking citation since 2015.

On a citywide basis, the total number of parking citations written in Mountain View has been dramatically declining, dropping more than 42 percent over the last three years. But neighborhoods with large numbers of car campers may be the exception. Diaz and other residents say parking enforcement has become more frequent and patrols on their streets happen like clockwork.

Police officials could not immediately provide the *Voice*

with the total number of citations written at Crisanto and other Mountain View car encampments.

Police spokeswoman Katie Nelson described the Nov. 7 citations as a communications error. The police traffic unit wasn't informed in time that the street sweeping was called off. She gave assurances that all the citations handed out would be dismissed.

"We have been in the process of attempting to contact everyone to let them know that we will dismiss the citations immediately," she told the *Voice* via email. Anyone with questions should call Lt. Saul Jaeger at 650-903-6344.

City officials warn that people living along Crisanto Avenue will be asked to relocate later this month for sewer work, which is expected to start on Nov. 27 and run through Dec. 8. That project is expected to require digging and trenching work during daytime hours.

## Latham Street restrictions

Recently, police officials have stepped up parking enforcement at another vehicle encampment on Latham Street. Earlier this month, new signs were posted along the street to prohibit vehicles over six

6 feet high from parking there.

In recent city meetings, residents from the nearby apartments complained it was becoming dangerous to pull out onto Latham, saying they couldn't see oncoming traffic because the larger parked trailers and motorhomes were creating a wall that blocked their view.

Technically, the Mountain View municipal code since the late 1980s has prohibited vehicles over 6 feet in height from parking along the curbs, but it's unclear if that rule has ever been rigorously enforced. Along with Latham, warning signs about the height limit are also posted along Oak Lane, Wyandotte Street and along sections of El Camino Real, according to city officials.

Assistant City Manager Kimberly Thomas said the city had previously tried restricting parking along Latham Street by painting curbs red near driveways, but nearby residents and businesses owners complained that more needed to be done to stop large vehicle from blocking visibility, she said.

Police officials estimate a dozen vehicles parked on Latham had to relocate due to the new height restrictions. They could not specify how many people were cited for exceeding the height limit. ▣

## POLICE SEEK MAN IN METAL ROD ATTACK

A 25-year-old man told police that his ex-girlfriend's current boyfriend attacked him with a metal rod early last week and threatened to hit his windshield during a fight in the Whisman area.

Officers received reports of the fight at 4:50 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, but the suspect had left by the time they arrived. The victim told police he had met with his ex-girlfriend at the 300 block of Pioneer Way in order to return her vehicle, which was parked nearby, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The two men got into a fight during the meeting, and the suspect allegedly used a metal rod to strike the victim and threatened to hit his windshield with the rod as well, the victim told officers. He suffered wounds to the head, hand and lower torso, Nelson said.

The suspect and the victim's ex-girlfriend drove away before police arrived. A warrant has been issued for the suspect, who could face charges of assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats and vandalism, Nelson said. Police were still searching for him as of Nov. 9.

—Kevin Forestieri

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

Sue Pettegrew walks through "Play" at the Palo Alto Art Center.

## Joie de 'Play!'

PALO ALTO ART CENTER CELEBRATES THE ART OF PLAYFULNESS AND THE PLAYFULNESS OF ART

By Alexandria Cavallaro

"Play!" is a vibrant and interactive art exhibition focused on the concept of playfulness, and it's on display at the Palo Alto Art Center through Dec. 29.

The exhibition, which strikes a balance between real and surreal, imaginativeness and inventiveness and light and dark, is full of nontraditional interactions with everyday objects.

"Play!" seeks to celebrate the mundane becoming the transformative, said Palo Alto Art Center Director Karen Kienzle during a walk-through. It also highlights the overall importance of play for health and well being.

"(Play!) is interested in the restorative power of play as an intellectual tool for the development of children ... it is critical for children's stress relief," she said.

Starting at the entrance, the entirety of the Palo Alto Art Center is decked out in whimsy, encouraging visitors not just to see and enjoy the art, but in many cases, to interact with it and ultimately create their own.

Play can take the form of banging on Terry Berlier's musical pots and pans and frolicking in packing peanuts, or sitting in a quiet teepee for some time away from the inevitable ruckus.

A game of Twister is painted on the floor tiles of the waiting area, and interactive art pieces, such as Hero Design's "Everbright Mini" (a touch-sensitive illuminated surface reminiscent of the classic

Lite-Brite toy), prompts viewers to "Please play!" Children are encouraged to touch and explore, and adults are encouraged to reflect on the times when they, without restraint, would have done the same.

The entryway of the gallery, designed by Sofie Ramos, sets the stage for both the playfulness and the ambiguity of the exhibition as a whole. Ramos' brightly colored installation (made from contact paper, wood and found objects) called "round and round and round and," snakes up and around the walls of the entrance and spills over the entirety of the room without beginning or end. Ramos' work, like play, Kienzle said, "is a game, open-ended, and not just goal-oriented."

Nils Völker's "Bits and Pieces," a series of Hoberman spheres, hangs at left in the main gallery on a timer, with each piece opening and closing as they breathe in the air around them. Matthew Goldberg's "Whiffer Sniffer," a conglomerate sculpture of ceramic shaped into a giant nose, wiffle ball equipment, a joystick and machine claw, takes found objects into a new type of creative space, making a perplexingly playful scene. Tim Hawkinson's "Bosun's Bass," an amazing motion-censored machine built from bicycle parts and found objects, plays with sound, belting three octaves lower than the traditional a sailor's call.

Then there is Robert Xavier Burden's "Battle for the Arctic,"

a stained glass-like painting immortalizing an array of characters from cartoons, movies, games, and life. While the painting itself showcases the whimsical nature of imagination and fantasy worlds intertwining in an amazing arctic tundra, Kienzle also highlighted the more insightful side of the piece, linking its blue stained glass borders to the level of significance which we put upon characters and figures from contemporary imaginations. While in the past, stained glass was used to tell religious stories, "Our religion is now pop culture," Kienzle said.

Towering tall and proud (at least in the early days of the exhibition) at the center of the gallery was Hans Hemmert's "Luftschloss," a castle made of balloons. Kienzle pointed out that using balloons in the place of bricks to build something that was traditionally a permanent fortress is doubly playful, especially as the castle has slowly deflated.

"And that's the humor," she said, "How ephemeral it is." ■

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### ■ INFORMATION

**What:** "Play!"

**Where:** Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road.

**When:** Through Dec. 29, Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday 1-5 p.m.

**Cost:** Free.

**Info:** Go to [cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter](http://cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/artcenter).

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Currently, one committee member is needed for two-year terms in the following category:

• **Taxpayers association representative**

This committee is responsible for reviewing expenditures related to the district's \$490,800,000 general obligation bond, Measure C, approved by the voters on June 6, 2006.

Interested applicants should submit a resume and cover letter detailing their qualifications, and noting the above category they would represent, to any of the following:

**E-mail:** [chancellor@fhda.edu](mailto:chancellor@fhda.edu)

**Mail:** Office of the Chancellor  
Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

**Fax:** (650) 941-1638

**Completed applications must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017.** For more information, please call (650) 949-6100 or email [chancellor@fhda.edu](mailto:chancellor@fhda.edu)

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## It's decision time for city on preserving our heritage

*"A good decision is based on knowledge, and not on numbers." — Plato*

By Jerry Steach and Jean McCloskey

The city of Mountain View would do well to pause, reflect and take to heart that axiom when making decisions regarding planning and development.

The City Council makes such decisions seemingly at every one of its meetings — decisions often informed by competing interests, which pose regular challenges to the council. Notable among them is striking a balance between commercial interests and the characteristics that make Mountain View so special, not the least of them being its downtown.

Decades ago, Mountain View city planners implemented a vision for the downtown that's since become known in planning circles as "smart growth," which has helped turn our downtown into the appealing destination it is today. People now from all over the Bay Area are drawn by its variety of restaurants, bars and shops; its walkability and proximity to multiple modes of public transit; and its unique character and historic treasures.

Inexplicably, though, that smart-growth vision became blurred and commercial interests quickly seized the opportunity to gain disproportionate — and disturbing — influence over the city's development. Today's Mountain View City Council, however, is in a position to put smart growth back on track.

At its Nov. 28 meeting, the council will hear arguments for and against an out-of-town developer's proposal that flies in the face of smart growth and Mountain View's rich history. That meeting will include a study session on the developer's intention to remove two historic buildings downtown — the Weilheimer House (home to Chez TJ) and the Tied House building next to it — to erect an office building. You read that correctly: Another large office building, which would replace a 120-year-old Victorian house steeped in history and its slightly newer but still historic neighbor. A structure as unwelcome as an office building at that location would be disastrous both for keeping Mountain View's heritage alive and for ensuring that downtown streets remain unique, appealing and walkable.

We're not talking about empty, dilapidated rodent-magnets here;

both of the existing buildings are structurally sound and serve as venues for two successful restaurants. They are also two of the oldest in Mountain View and have withstood the test of time, while helping create the downtown's distinctive sense of place and character.

There are viable alternatives to the developer's proposal, such as erecting the developer's office building in a different location that doesn't ruin the downtown's unique character. Moreover, the Weilheimer House and Tied House buildings could, relatively easily, be repurposed for future commercial and/or nonprofit uses, once those restaurants eventually close.

Smart Growth America, a national coalition of advocacy organizations devoted to improving communities, lists *Ten Tools for Smart Growth*. Among them, two stand out as highly relevant to downtown Mountain View:

"Take advantage of existing community assets," and "Promote distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place, including the rehabilitation and use of historic buildings."

It's decision time for the Mountain View City Council. That decision isn't just on preserving community assets such as these historic buildings in question, or on creating a strong sense of place; it will also be on righting the ship that's been listing dangerously toward unbridled, poorly planned development. Council members will need to make that crucial decision based on their *knowledge* of what sensible planning entails, rather than on any misleading *numbers* as to what development could yield.

Livable Mountain View, a volunteer group working to help guide the city's growth, has collected more than 2,000 signatures in support of preserving the two buildings, in place. The group strongly encourages residents to write to the City Council, sign the petition (accessible via LMV's website) and come to the council's Nov. 28 meeting to let council members know the community favors the only sensible decision — to preserve our historical resources and restore smart growth to its rightful place in planning Mountain View's future.

*Jerry Steach and Jean McCloskey are members of Livable Mountain View ([www.livablemountainview.com](http://www.livablemountainview.com)).*

## Guest Opinion

## ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### ADA LAWSUIT AGAINST AVA'S MARKET

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While I am disheartened by this kind of disingenuous behavior, I know it represents a minority of disabled people and attorneys. Let's hope the bill being co-sponsored by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-San Mateo) passes soon so we can put a stop to this shameful practice.

David Bell  
Loreto Street

### A GROWN-UP WISH

When I was a young child I came to realize that it was far easier to break something than to build or create it.

When I was a young teen I experienced the thrill of minor vandalism but soon realized that whatever gratification I received was more than outweighed by the harm I'd done to others.

I wish that the GOP and our benighted chief executive would grow up and realize that their destruction of critical environmental, health, and social safety net programs may feel thrilling, but that the harm caused will hugely outweigh the momentary electoral thrills anticipated.

Ed Taub  
Devoto Street

### MOUNTAIN VIEW KIWANIS KEEP GIVING

Last year, I complimented Mountain View Kiwanis for

its Child Spree with Kohl's, where 30 children from Castro and Mistral Elementary Schools were treated to school wardrobes. This year, to the tune of \$7,000 dollars, 38 of the neediest children of these two schools received new clothes and backpacks. Both schools also received \$4,000 for eight teacher mini-grants for classroom enrichment.

Kiwanis also helps Hope's Corner, offers college scholarships, and supports local non-profits to the tune of \$165,500 this year and over \$2 million over the last two decades. So, again, cheers and gratitude to our Kiwanians and Key Clubbers (youth organization of Kiwanis) that do so much for our community.

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



## TEMPTING THAI

GENEROUS PORTIONS, AROMATIC CUISINE  
AT AROY THAI BISTRO

Story by Dale F. Bentson | Photos by Veronica Weber

Like so many ethnic cuisines, the first Thai restaurants in America served dumbed-down versions of the cuisine — bland, sweet and largely without spice.

That's changed with America's golden age of food, doubtlessly helped along by the over 200,000 Thais living in California, according to the Thai Consulate In Los Angeles. Thai cuisine is complex, a balance of sweet, sour, salt and spice, the spice coming from the

generous use of fiery chilies.

Tom and Chutima Vongampai have operated Thai restaurants all over the South Bay and Midpeninsula for over 25 years. Opened in 2016, Aroy Thai Bistro on University Avenue in Palo Alto is their ninth, and according to Tom Vongampai, their signature restaurant. The Vongampais also own the nearby Thaiphoon.

Aroy has high ceilings with

► See **AROY THAI BISTRO**, page 16



**Above:** Sine Wanida Saosap, left, and Worasa Chaodorn set tables for dinner at Aroy Thai Bistro in Palo Alto. **Top:** The pad ped eggplant with stir-fried chicken includes bell peppers and mushrooms in a coconut red curry sauce.

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The barbecued chicken at Aroy Thai Bistro is marinated in chili sauce with lemongrass and garlic.



Fried egg rolls have either pork or vegetarian fillings and are served with a sweet chili sauce.

**AROY THAI BISTRO**

► Continued from page 15

exposed wood beams, wood tables and padded banquettes and a few seats around the backlit bar. The décor is contemporary with just enough Siamese wall decorations to carry the theme.

Aroy means “delicious” and the food certainly is. In the kitchen are two Laotian chefs who cooked in Thailand for a decade. They split duties between making curry dishes and wok frying. Food is cooked to order and diners wanting added heat need just ask. The heat meter is generally mild.

An appetizing beginning were the fried pork egg rolls (\$9, there's also a veggie option). Eight searing, hot-from-the-fryer rolls were filled with tender pork and served with a sweet chili sauce that wasn't too sugary.

Sweet and spicy wings (\$11) were served with a homemade sweet-chili dipping sauce, tangy but not hot. The wings, dare I say it, were finger-licking good. The sauce was so tasty, I spooned it over the Sai Oua lemongrass sausages (\$10), which were flecked with herbs, spices and lemongrass.

The Thai basil roasted duck (\$15) came sautéed with chilies, garlic, tender bamboo shoots, Thai basil and lots of brown rice. The dish was a little shy on duck but otherwise satisfying. Most entrees could be ordered with either sole, catfish, prawns, beef, chicken, pork, vegetables or tofu.

I loved the brimming bowl of pad ped eggplant (\$15) with mushrooms, bell pepper, coconut milk, red curry, sautéed eggplant, kaffir lime leaves and Thai basil. It was like a stew — comforting



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Pineapple fried rice with shrimp is served in a hollowed-out pineapple half.

and aromatic, with deep flavors.

The yellow curry with prawns (\$16) was soupy but just as delicious, with great depth of flavor. The curry had been simmered in coconut milk with potatoes, tomato, carrot and onion. The clean-flavored mango and cashews (\$12) featured tender chunks of sautéed chicken with fresh mango, cashews, bell peppers, onions, roasted peppers and crunchy water chestnuts.

Pad Thai noodles with lamb (\$14) came with a heaping plate of pan-fried rice noodles, chili powder, egg, green onions, bean sprouts and peanuts separated on the plate so I could add as much crunch as I wanted. Tricky to cook, the lamb was on the chewy side. In fact, I liked the dish better without the lamb.

The barbecued chicken (\$13) had been marinated in a seasoned chili sauce with lemongrass and a hint of garlic. The chicken was cut into uneven pieces, which was visually interesting on the plate and even better in the mouth.

Aroy serves five desserts. Vongampai said the sweet sticky rice with fresh mango (\$7) is the most popular, but I opted for the fried banana with homemade coconut ice cream (\$7). A worthwhile conclusion, it was a huge portion and not too sweet.

For beverages, Aroy offers beer, wine and wine cocktails, soft

drinks, teas and lemonade.

Aroy offers enticing Thai fare, a step above what many of us are used to eating. This is no secret; the place is usually packed. ■

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## ■ MOVIE REVIEWS

**DADDY'S HOME 2 ★1/2**

"Daddy's Home 2" is a lazy family comedy sequel. Along with co-writer/director Sean Anders, the cast of 2015's "Daddy's Home" returns, now enhanced by an elder generation of stars. Co-dads Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg must contend with their own fathers, played by John Lithgow and Mel Gibson, respectively. The original movie, while hardly subversive, made hay from the chemistry of Ferrell and Wahlberg and located some edge in its premise of a "dad vs. stepdad" competition for two children's love. The sequel finds that situation curdled into a passive-aggressive acceptance, mischievously exploited by an otherwise grumpy and insecure granddad (Gibson's Kurt) who can see the resentments bubbling under the surfaces of Dusty (Wahlberg) and Brad (Ferrell). Brad's dad (Lithgow) has buried his own problems yet deeper, promising his out-sized, cheery demeanor will eventually yield to a manic emotional breakdown. "Daddy's Home 2" isn't unbearable for adults, and it's likely to delight kids to no end as the adults act stupid and the kids get their triumphs. *Rated PG-13 for suggestive material and some language. One hour, 40 minutes.* — P.C.

**THOR: RAGNAROK ★★★**

Marvel has successfully doubled down on the laughs in "Thor: Ragnarok" by mashing up Thor, Hulk and the "Guardians of the Galaxy" sensibility for a rollicking comedy. In his third (more or less) solo outing, the god of thunder (Chris Hemsworth's Thor) tentatively teams up with his half-brother, the god of mischief (Tom Hiddleston's Loki), to protect their realm from the their long-lost sister — uh oh — the goddess of death (Cate Blanchett's Hela). The fast-moving plot allows for plenty of wry bouncing around the universe, Douglas Adams-style. Much of the action takes place on the planet Sakaar, a sci-fi Roman Empire where a Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum) distracts from his tyrannical elitism with gladiatorial contests, and a runaway Valkyrie (Tessa Thompson of "Dear White People") exploits the system. Add the return of Anthony Hopkins as Asgardian ruler Odin, and you have another superhero movie bursting with riches. "Thor: Ragnarok" doesn't have much to offer, but it does devote some effort to rounding off a trilogy of films while opening a door to future adventures for its lead character. Above all, Waititi revs up this vehicle for a wild ride, the sort of wide-eyed adventure likely to send Marvel's giant core audience staggering out of the theater wearing a collective smile. *Rated PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and brief suggestive material. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — P.C.

## ■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Ezra Miller, Ben Affleck and Gal Gadot reunite in "Justice League."

# Justice lag

DC SUPERHERO TEAM-UP FLIES HIGH BUT FALLS SHORT

★★★1/2 (Century 16 &amp; 20)

The thing about comic book cinematic universes is that they train audiences to see the forest for the trees: "Trust us," say the bigwigs, "It's all a part of a bigger picture, so if this picture doesn't quite come into focus, just hang in there." But the best advice I can offer the legions of superhero fans heading into the hotly anticipated DC superhero team-up movie "Justice League" is this: Enjoy the trees.

For the forest is a tad gnarly. Yes, "Justice League" does pay off some of the weirder threads from Zack Snyder's "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," and it lays some groundwork for future DC movies (first and foremost, "Aquaman"). And yet, problems abound in this patchwork film, in which directorial credit goes to Snyder but was largely directed—in extensive "bless this mess" reshoots — by Joss Whedon (switching sides after directing two "Avengers" movies for Marvel).

The schizophrenic results are about 60 percent Snyder, 40 percent Whedon, and their sensibilities aren't a good fit. In getting the DC all-stars together — Batman (Ben Affleck), Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), the Flash (Ezra Miller), Aquaman (Jason Momoa), Cyborg (Ray Fisher) and eventually

the presumed-dead Superman (Henry Cavill) — Warner Bros. and DC Entertainment have entrusted Whedon to breathe life into spare parts with his rewrites earning him a co-screenwriting credit with original scribe Chris Terrio (Oscar-winning screenwriter of Affleck's "Argo").

Before delving any further, I give you the suspiciously familiar plot: a power struggle over three mightily powerful cubes (the "Mother Boxes"), protected by our heroes and coveted by god-like alien Steppenwolf (voiced Ciaran Hinds). This very, very fake-looking computer-generated longhorn commands an army of flying monkeys — sorry, Parademons — and makes the least-compelling villain this new wave of DC films has yet offered up. (Stick around to the film's very end to get a glimpse of a couple of more interesting threats.)

In the film's pre-credit sequence, "archival footage" of Superman finds him confirming for a couple of kids that the S-shaped emblem on his chest means "hope." Like hope, the "S" "winds like a river; it comes and goes." And so comes and goes "Justice League," taking our hope on a wild ride with it. Danny Elfman's throwback score charges in to accompany a couple of fine

sequences that reintroduce Batman and Wonder Woman. The latter feels especially well-timed, as the heroine we need now, our feminist crusader, first fights injustice by deflecting a mass shooting in the making.

But once the film gets down to its relevant plotting, "Justice League" slows its breathless roll and starts trending toward the airless. With so many characters to serve (also including Jeremy Irons as Batman's trusty valet Alfred, Amy Adams as reporter Lois Lane, and Diane Lane as her almost mother-in-law Martha Kent), there's never a dull moment in the film's studio-mandated two-hour running time.

Warner Bros.' shift to Whedon also signals a studio mandate: to chase Marvel's success by lightening up. Whedon obligingly whips up some yuks — mostly from the Spidey-style wisecracking Flash, but golly if that ol' Boy Scout Superman doesn't make a funny or two. In all honesty, "Justice League" is a pretty darn dumb movie, but it's nice to see a little optimism spill again onto what always used to be the sunnier side of the comic book street.

*Rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi violence and action. Two hours, 1 minute.*

— Peter Canavese

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A populist candidate, promising to return the country to greatness, becomes president of the United States and then all hell breaks loose in "It Can't Happen Here," a new play based on Sinclair Lewis' prescient 1935 novel, adapted for the stage by Tony Taccone and Bennett S. Cohen. Nov. 2-19, times vary. Discounts for students/seniors/Foothill staff/groups. Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [foothill.edu/theatre/productions/ichh.html](http://foothill.edu/theatre/productions/ichh.html)

## THEATER

**'The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler'** Dragon Theatre presents "The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler." \$27-\$35, students and seniors get a discount. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/furtheradventures.html](http://dragonproductions.net/box-office/2017season/furtheradventures.html)

**Oshman Family JCC: 'Vincent'** Leonard Nimoy spent years researching 500 letters of Vincent Van Gogh's, using them as the basis for the play "Vincent." Actor Jim Jarrett assumed the role in 1994 and will perform in Palo Alto. Nov. 18, 7 p.m. \$20-\$55. Oshman Family JCC - Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. [paloaltojcc.org/Events/vincent-1](http://paloaltojcc.org/Events/vincent-1)

**Palo Alto Players: 'Peter Pan'** Palo Alto Players presents the classic musical "Peter Pan," featuring pirates, adventures and songs such as "I Won't Grow Up" and "I Gotta Crow." Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [paplayers.org/on-stage-now](http://paplayers.org/on-stage-now)

**'Singin' in the Rain'** Broadway by the Bay presents the songs and dances of "Singin' in the Rain," set in the days just after the success of the first talkies. Nov. 3-19, times vary. \$44-\$66. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St, Redwood City. [broadwaybythebay.org](http://broadwaybythebay.org)

## CONCERTS

**New Esterházy Quartet Performance** A performance of music from Haydn, Mozart, Ditters and Vanhal. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverly, Palo Alto. Search [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) for more info.

**Redwood Symphony: Dvorak, Corigliano, Bartók** Redwood Symphony presents selections of Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" conducted by Kristin Link as well as the Bay Area premiere of "Mr. Tambourine Man" with Diane Squires, soprano. The program will end with Bartók's "Miraculous Mandarin." \$10-\$30. Canada College Main Theatre, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City. [redwoodsymphony.org](http://redwoodsymphony.org)

## MUSIC

**Bachata with Pantea** Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea features bachata lessons for all skill levels. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; class starts 8 p.m.; social dancing at 9 p.m. No partner necessary. Bachata is a form of music and sensual dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. Wednesdays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m. Cover charge: \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

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

**Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays** Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays welcomes musicians and poets (21 and up) sharing material appropriate for all ages. Wednesdays through Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Tasting Room, 366 Main St., Los Altos. [byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/](http://byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/)

**Sabados Latinoamericanos** Alberto's Night Club presents Sabados Latinoamericanos (Latin American Saturdays) with reggae, hip hop, merengue, salsa, rock, pop music and more. Saturdays, ongoing. Cover charge: \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

### 3rd i's 15th Annual International South Asian Film Festival 2017

The 3rd i International South Asian Film Festival will feature four films: "The Cinema Travellers," "The World of Goopi and Bagha," "Bad, Brown, Bride: 3 Desi Series" and "Dance Like a Man." Nov. 18, 1, 3, 5 and 7:30 p.m. Each film \$11-\$13. CineArts, 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. [thirdi.org](http://thirdi.org)

**ART on the Square** ART on the Square presents its second annual holiday show in the San Mateo County History Museum. More than 25 artists will sell original work accompanied by live music and performances. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. [historysmc.org/holiday-show](http://historysmc.org/holiday-show)

**Holiday Bazaar** This holiday craft faire features handcrafted items by local seniors, raffle and live entertainment. Nov. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search [facebook.com/events](http://facebook.com/events) for more info.

## FAMILY

**Santa Photos at Stanford Shopping Center** The Simon Santa Photo Experience at Stanford Shopping Center will host its annual Simon Santa Photo Experience for children and families this holiday season. Nov. 5 - Dec. 24, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Photo package costs vary. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**Art Exhibit: 'About Face: Intimacy and Abstraction in Photographic Portraits'** This exhibition considers the voyeuristic intimacy of the close-up portrait in 13 photographs by celebrated photographers Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Barbara Morgan and Edward Weston. Each photograph captures a likeness and the mood set by the subject's personality. Nov. 1-March 4, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Art Exhibit: 'Earthy Hollows: Cave and Kiln Transformations'** "Earthy Hollows: Cave and Kiln Transformations" examines the dynamic ways in which caves, be they mountain grottoes, kilns or tunnel-like chambers made of earth and clay, interface mundane and mystical realms. Through March 18, 2018; 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; Thursdays, open until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Art Exhibit: 'In Dialogue: African Arts'** "In Dialogue" represents the vibrant and dynamic arts of the continent and its diasporas. Drawing primarily from the Cantor's own collection, it considers the arts of Africa to be rooted in a deep and rich history that is locally, as much as globally, connected. Through May 5, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; open till 8 p.m. Thursdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Art Exhibit: 'The Buddha's Word'** This exhibition showcases Buddhist manuscripts and prints held at the Cantor and in Stanford libraries, ranging in dates from around the 11th century to the early 20th century. They come from various parts of the traditional Buddhist world, from Sri Lanka to Japan. Through March 18, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays;

open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**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. Through March 4, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; Thursdays, open until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center & Herbert Hoover Memorial Exhibit Pavilion, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

### '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. Through Jan. 7, Thursday-Sunday, 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/)

**Nina Katchadourian: Curiouser** This mid-career survey of artist Nina Katchadourian — who is based in Brooklyn but was raised on the Stanford University campus — explores several major bodies of her work including video, photography, sculpture and sound art. Through Jan. 7, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays open till 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search [museum.stanford.edu](http://museum.stanford.edu) for more info.

**Portola Art Gallery presents Marsha Heimbecker's 'Kind of Shy'** The Portola Art Gallery presents "Kind of Shy," expressive oil paintings by Marsha Heimbecker, whose paintings are known for their bold brushwork and color. This latest collection is inspired by the orphaned elephants of Tsavo. Nov. 1-30, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Rd., Menlo Park. [portolaartgallery.com](http://portolaartgallery.com)

**Rengstorff House Art of Gratitude** The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) will be a part of the 2017 Rengstorff House Art of Gratitude exhibit, featuring student artwork from CSMA's Art4Schools program in the Mountain View elementary schools. Nov. 1-30, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays; 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. Rengstorff House, 3070 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/rengstorff-house-art-of-gratitude](http://arts4all.org/events/rengstorff-house-art-of-gratitude)

## GALLERIES

**Plein Air by Veronica Gross** Veronica Gross and Viewpoints Gallery present Plein Air, featuring watercolor works from throughout the artist's career. Oct. 31-Nov. 26. Free and open to the public Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State Street, Los Altos. [viewpointsgallery.com](http://viewpointsgallery.com)

## DANCE

**Argentine Tango** Alberto's Nightclub presents Argentine Tango on Sundays. Ongoing, 7 p.m. Cover charge: \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

**New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria (Mambo Mondays)** New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria Mambo will be held Mondays, with lessons for

all skill levels. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Level 1 at 8 p.m.; level 2 at 9 p.m.; social dancing starts at 10 p.m. No partner necessary. For people 21 years and older. Ongoing. Cover charge: \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St, Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

**Salsa Fridays** Salsa dance lessons every Friday for all skill levels. Doors open at 8 p.m.; beginner lessons start at 8:30 p.m.; intermediate lessons at 9:30 p.m. and social dance starts at 10:15 p.m. No partner necessary. Ages 21 and older. Ongoing. Cover charge: \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

**Salsa with Pantea** Salsa Tuesdays with Pantea features salsa lessons for all levels. Doors open at 7 p.m.; beginner lessons are at 7:30 p.m.; intermediate lessons are at 8:30 p.m.; social dancing starts at 10 p.m. Ongoing. \$6, with college ID; \$10, two-hour lesson and dancing. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. [albertos.com/calendar](http://albertos.com/calendar)

## COMEDY

**Comedians at Red Rock** Bay Area comedian Kevin Wong will host his monthly comedy showcase at Red Rock Coffee. Nov. 18, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Free, donations welcome. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. [kevinwongcomedy.com/shows/](http://kevinwongcomedy.com/shows/)

## FILM

**10th Annual Bitra Prize for Persian Arts: Marjane Satrapi** Hamid and Christina Moghadam Program in Iranian Studies and the Bitra Daryabari Endowment in Persian Letters will host the 10th Annual Bitra Prize of Persian Arts in which the writer of the book "Persepolis" and director of the film version, Marjane Satrapi, will be recognized. Nov. 17, 6:30-8 p.m. Stanford University, Cemex Auditorium, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu/events/714/71491](http://events.stanford.edu/events/714/71491)

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Eating Disorders and Body Image Support Group** This support group is designed for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. Tuesdays, ongoing, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Conference Room C, Mountain View. [edrcsv.org/?s=support+groups](http://edrcsv.org/?s=support+groups)

**Heartfulness Meditation** In this class, participants will learn relaxation and meditation techniques with Heartfulness Certified Instructor Radhalakshmi Ramakrishnan. Mondays, through Dec. 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [scll.org/losaltos](http://scll.org/losaltos)

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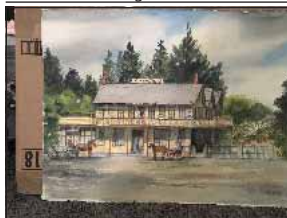
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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
TAMIKA BYER

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/21/2017.  
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GOLDEN KEY SPA  
GOLDEN KEY HEALTH CENTER INC.  
GOLDEN KEY INC.  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN635466  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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Health Center Inc., 3.) Golden Key Inc., located at 1313 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
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Registrant began transacting business

under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 10/26/2011.  
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STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN635725  
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