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**Sophie Hitchon**, an Olympic bronze medalist, watches her throw sail through the air at the hammer throw practice site on Moffett Field.

## Loss of hammer throw range would leave a big hole

RARE TRAINING SITE DRAWS OLYMPIC ATHLETES TO EMPTY CORNER OF MOFFETT FIELD

By Mark Noack

Between preserving Hangar One, the massive Ames Arc Jet Complex or a fleet of vintage aircraft, Moffett Field has myriad landmarks deserving some protection.

Tore Gustafsson, a Swede with a striking handlebar mustache, is spearheading a very different kind of preservation campaign. He and his colleagues are rallying to save what looks like a dirt lot, distinguished only by its many potholes. In fact, the site

is located right on a toxic plume of industrial pollutants left from the area's past semiconductor factories.

A three-time Olympic athlete, Gustafsson agrees that

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## LASD seeks to buy Old Mill site for new school

PROPERTY OWNERS WANT TO BUILD RETAIL AND HOUSING, BUT SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD USE EMINENT DOMAIN

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District is reviving efforts to acquire land for a new school site near the San Antonio Shopping Center, despite the property owners' unwillingness to sell and their vow to fight any attempts at eminent domain.

At the Dec. 11 school board

meeting, the district's 10th Site Committee recommended buying the sites of the former Safeway and Old Mill office building on California Street across from the San Antonio Shopping Center. Committee members called the 8.6-acre site of valuable real estate the ideal location for a school site.

The recommendations come

after a years-long real estate search for the most suitable place to site a new school within the San Antonio Shopping Center area.

But the recommendation, which largely won the favor of the school board and the praise of community members, was

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## Ambitious North Bayshore plan wins council approval

GUIDELINES FOR ADDING 9,850 HOMES NEAR GOOGLE GET UNANIMOUS SUPPORT

By Mark Noack

After years of analysis, an ambitious plan to transform the tech development in North Bayshore by adding a dense, dynamic residential neighborhood received its final round of approvals from the City Council on Tuesday night.

The strategy known as the North Bayshore Precise Plan calls for a spate of rapid and intense housing development that is ultimately expected to bring 9,850 new apartments to the doorstep of the city's tech behemoth, Google. The plan lays out a vision for a new urban community where corporate tech workers could live, work, dine and shop — possibly all within the same building.

For many, the plan has ramifications beyond one Mountain View neighborhood. It signified a dramatic shift away from the Bay Area's diffuse office parks and suburban communities. Council members, city staff and public speakers each underscored the North Bayshore plans as a new paradigm for urban development.

"This is a cutting-edge plan that sets a new standard, not just for the Bay Area, but for much of the country," said Councilman Lenny Siegel, upon approving the plan. "We're not just building housing, we're building a new kind of community for our area."

Those high stakes for the precise plan were on full display on Dec. 12 during the City Council's final discussion of the precise plan, which stretched out over five hours, before ending in a unanimous vote of approval. Housing advocates, business leaders and corporate executives made one final push to urge city leaders to give their approval.

"We believe Mountain View will be making a material impact on the imbalance between housing and jobs," said Mark Golan, Google vice president of real estate. "We're proud to call Mountain View our home, and we look forward to working with the city and other stakeholders."

More than any other entity, Google will be a crucial partner in bringing the city's precise plan to fruition. About three years ago, the company came around to the idea of creating thousands of homes near its headquarters. That support was motivated by the company's own needs — traffic and housing availability had become major problems for Google's growing workforce. In addition, Mountain View city officials made the company's aggressive plans for 3.6 million square feet of new office development contingent on limiting nearby vehicle traffic.

Politically, Mountain View's leadership also went through a similar change of mindset. In 2014, almost three years ago to the day, the City Council signed off on a vastly different North Bay Precise Plan that emphasized office growth and transportation improvements. The total lack of housing in that plan spurred fierce community opposition, and it ultimately became the dominant political issue in the city's elections that year. Pat Showalter, Ken Rosenberg and Siegel were all elected to the City Council on the promise they would immediately bring the office-only plan for North Bayshore back to the drawing board.

Following that election, city officials convened a total of 24 public meetings to study how aggressive housing development

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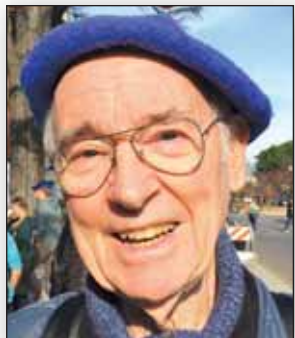
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Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Anna Krause.

*“What is your opinion of the privatization of National Park land?”*



“It’s selling off the national heritage. What are they going to sell off next?”

**Paul Berry**, Mountain View



“It doesn’t seem like it’s a very good idea because of the lack of control without government.”

**David Beatty**, Los Altos



“It needs to be for the public. In general, public access is most important.”

**Ginny Babbitt**, Mountain View



“The privatization of park land is a symptom of capitalism’s incentive to commoditize every life object to be exploited by the wealthy and privileged ruling class.”

**John Chapman**, Mountain View



“It should not happen ... it’s another grab by corporate America. It belongs to the public.”

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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

#### TOWN HOUSE FIRE

A fire caused significant damage to a two-story town house on Forest Glen Street on Sunday morning, Dec. 10, according to the Mountain View Fire Department.

The fire started behind the clothes dryer and was spreading to the walls when firefighters arrived just before 8 a.m. Though the fire was quickly extinguished, firefighters discovered it had spread to interior walls, fire officials said in a press release. The cause is under investigation.

The damage to the town house is significant enough that the residents will have to relocate until repairs can be completed. The fire department is working with the residents to help them find temporary housing, according to fire department spokeswoman Laura Gentry.

No injuries were reported, and none of the adjacent town houses was affected, Gentry said in the press release.

—Andrea Gemmet

#### PEEPING TOM ARREST

A 26-year-old Mountain View man was arrested last week after he was suspected of peeping into homes in a North Whisman condominium complex.

Multiple residents in the area called police to report that a man was peeping and prowling in the area, located on the 100 block of Flynn Avenue, on Friday, Dec. 8, at around 11 p.m., according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Officers found the suspect just down the street from the complex, and one of the residents was able to identify him as the man who was looking into the homes, Nelson said. The man was arrested for peeping while prowling and booked into Santa Clara County jail.

The same man had previously been arrested by Mountain View Police for a similar crime in August, when he was allegedly caught looking into windows at the Country Inn on Leong Drive.

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL EVACUATED OVER GAS ODOR

Students at Crittenden Middle School were briefly evacuated on Friday, Dec. 8, after reports of a smell of gas in the area caused by a controlled release by PG&E that the company failed to report to the school.

School officials sent out an email reporting that students were evacuated, at the direction of the Mountain View Fire Department, after people reported smelling gas on the campus. Only after the evacuation did the school learn that the source was a planned gas release conducted by PG&E on a nearby property, according to Principal Angela Dillman.

“We were not informed of the planned gas release, and proceeded as if it was an emergency,” Dillman said in the email to parents. “A few minutes later, the MVFD cleared the school for students to return.”

A PG&E spokeswoman told the *Voice* that PG&E crews performed maintenance at a gas facility at Sierra Vista Avenue and Rock Street to “enhance the safety and reliability,” which

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### POLICE LOG

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**Medical Assistant Febe Jimenez-Morales** checks the vital signs of a client at the MayView Clinic on Dec. 11. MayView provides low-cost health care and is one of the recipients of donations to the Voice's annual Holiday Fund.

## MayView struggles amid rising costs

INFLUX OF LOW-INCOME PATIENTS THREATENS STABILITY OF MEDICAL CLINIC

By Mark Noack

The South Bay's social safety net is still intact — but it's showing signs of fraying.

This is clear once you walk in the door at any of the clinics operated by MayView, the only low-income healthcare provider in the North County. The nonprofit's Mountain View clinic — by far its largest — typically has a waiting room packed with people hoping to see a physician. Anyone in need of an appointment is quickly warned that its doctors are booked solid through February.



It's been a rough year, admitted Ashley Peil, the clinic's finance director. For now, MayView has its largest staff and budget, yet its mission to provide health care regardless of payment is looking like an uphill battle.

"We don't want to compromise anyone's care — nobody here is ever going to tell someone you won't get care if you can't pay," she said. "But we have to get MayView to a point

of stability, just in case."

Peil, who joined MayView 10 months ago, has become the nonprofit's in-house expert in the myriad proposals to change federal health care programs. In recent months, it seems like another plan emerges every week on how to defund or replace the Affordable Care Act. Her latest worry is proposed cuts to Medicaid through either a block grant or per capita cap funding model. Many of these proposals would have the same impact — they would leave MayView and other nonprofit clinics

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## County's goal for shelter beds runs into difficulty

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara County is searching for new ways open up more temporary shelters, safe parking programs and other short-term means of housing just some of the thousands of county homeless residents, citing a slow start to the effort and setbacks in both San Jose and Mountain View over the last 10 months.

At the Dec. 5 Board of Supervisors meeting, the county's Office of Supportive Housing laid out its multifaceted approach intended to add 500 new emergency shelter beds and housing opportunities for the homeless over the next 36 months, including small grants and "specialized" programs aimed at helping people living out of cars and RVs on the streets of Mountain View and Palo Alto.

Reports released earlier this year found that there are 7,400 homeless people in Santa Clara County on any given night, many of whom are considered "unsheltered" because of a lack of emergency beds throughout the county. Although the passage of a \$950 million housing bond last year will bring thousands of permanent supportive housing units to the county, the county has made it a priority to bring immediate emergency housing through temporary shelters, RV parks and even "tiny home" villages, said Ky Le, the director of the Office for Supportive Housing.

"At our maximum we can only accommodate about 2,600 of those (homeless)," Le said at

the Dec. 5 meeting. "We have outlined other methods, other approaches that I think can add to and contribute to the needs of homeless persons on a daily basis."

Among the new ideas, the Office of Supportive Housing is looking into \$20,000 grants for organizations such as church groups to establish small-scale shelter and safe parking programs suitable for at least five people each night. The county is also exploring the idea of funding "specialized" RV programs that could pay for spaces in existing RV parks, temporary motel stays and even buying RVs from homeless residents and disposing of them — all with a goal of getting RVs off of city streets.

Homeless residents living in RVs has been a growing problem in Mountain View and Palo Alto, representing a nuisance to neighborhoods and businesses and a public safety problem because of leaking vehicle fluids and biological waste disposal, according to a county staff report. Complicating the problem is that homeless residents living in RVs are often reluctant to part ways with their vehicles even when presented with a housing opportunity, out of fear that they won't have a place to sleep in future emergencies.

County officials plan to work with RV park owners who would be willing to expand to make room for vehicle dwellers, though they wouldn't gain any special exemptions from existing legal

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## Retiring adult ed director guided MVLA through big changes

KEITH MOODY FOCUSED DISTRICT'S PROGRAMS ON CAREER TRAINING, COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFERS

By Kevin Forestieri

Keith Moody, the director of Mountain View-Los Adult High School District's adult education program, is retiring this week after serving more than 15 years as an administrator for local schools. Moody led the adult school during a period of big changes aimed at turning local adult schools and community colleges into a strong network of career training programs.

Moody joined the district in 2002, quickly jumping from assistant principal at Mountain View High to principal in 2005. He shifted gears in 2013, taking over as the director of the district's Adult Education program, which he said was uncharted waters for him.

"I had little experience with



Keith Moody

adult education, so it was a big learning curve for me," he recalled.

It may not look like it from the outside, but the adult school on Moffett Boulevard has been a major engine for jobs training in northern Santa Clara County, with nearly 8,000 people coming in each year to pick up valuable job skills, finish up high school diplomas or GEDs, and acclimatize to the country through its English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The school has students

ranging from ages 18 to 80.

The clinical nursing assistant and medical assistant programs offered at the school are popular and packed to the brim each year with a six-month waiting list, Moody said, and students enrolled in the program successfully fan out to 30 clinical sites throughout the region for internship opportunities.

Although it took some time learning the ropes, Moody said he was lucky to oversee an adult school that didn't get slammed

by the 2008 recession — the effects of which could still be felt when he joined as director in 2013. Although other school districts chose to siphon money from adult education programs, he said the school board chose to maintain the funding and even supplemented the budget through 2012. The same year he became director, Gov. Jerry Brown and lawmakers agreed to provide dedicated funding

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## LASD

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clouded by challenges to come. Lawyers at the board meeting representing the property owners of the three parcels that make up the potential school site made clear that the owners are not willing to sell to the school district, and would likely challenge attempts to take the property using eminent domain. Even if the school district wins, they warned, it won't be a quick process.

The 10th Site Committee has been searching for a suitable place for a new school since 2012, slowly winnowing down the options in closed-door meetings before presenting four options Monday night. The combined Old Mill Office Center and Safeway site was seen as the best choice, given its close proximity to residential neighborhoods in the area and easy access from San Antonio and Pachetti Way. It is near a busy thoroughfare — San Antonio Road — which could cause traffic and safety problems, but the site makes up for it because of its superior location, according to the committee.

Other options include the CVS Pharmacy and Sprouts parcels to the southwest, the Kohl's and neighboring businesses owned by Federal Realty within the shopping center itself, and the Target along Showers Drive.

Board president Vladimir Ivanovic said he agreed that the Old Mill site was the best option, and that the district ought to drop consideration of the other three options because they would kill commercial activity that benefits the city at a time when the Mountain View City Council is willing to provide the school district with up to \$23 million in funding to pay for park land adjacent to a school site.

"They generate significant sales tax revenue for the city of Mountain View, and it would be unseemly for us to accept their money while taking a revenue stream from them," he said.

The recommended land has been on the district's radar for years. In 2015, the school board entered into real estate negotiations with the property owners of the Old Mill site. The effort fell apart, however, when it was clear the property owners were interested in a ground lease only and were unwilling to sell the land. Around the same time, the property owners entered into an agreement with the developer Greystar, which has submitted plans to the city to build 641

homes and 21,400 square feet of commercial space on the property.

Norman Matteoni, representing the property owners, told school board members that they are "destined" to litigation, given the position of the owners. The property owners see their long-term, 95-year lease agreement with Greystar as a reliable source of income for their families for generations to come, he said, and they do not believe the school district can pay them as much as the private market could.

If the district decides to move forward with eminent domain in order to take the property, Matteoni said it will face a lengthy process, and that the owners intend to resist that process.

"You as a public agency have a right to invoke eminent domain, and the property owners have their defense. It's not an easy road," he said.

Ivanovic said he was hopeful for a resolution, but that the property owners' decision on whether to fight the district is entirely their choice and did not weigh on the decision to choose the site.

"Litigation is entirely within your (property) owners' hands, and if you start it that's fine," he said. "I'm hopeful that we can talk to your owners and achieve some sort of agreement here."

Mountain View City Council member Lenny Siegel said he did not oppose the district's use of eminent domain, and that he supports the move if it's necessary to build a school north of El Camino Real.

"I'm not really comfortable with property owners who stand in the way of schools being built that are needed," he said.

During the Oct. 2 City Council meeting, a lawyer representing the Kalcic and Marazzo families who own the three parcels where the Old Mill, Safeway and adjacent office building along San Antonio Road are located, warned council members that eminent domain would be a costly endeavor. He asserted that the school district would be on the hook for Greystar's work on its mixed-use development, which would be scrapped if the district acquires the land.

The lawyer, Barton Hechtman, told council members at the meeting that the property is "uniquely valuable" with a total valuation that will exceed \$400 million, and that it would be far more cost-effective for the school district to pursue other sites in the area.

Siegel said it's been clear from the outset that the property is an ideal location for a school, and it should be a surprise to



The Los Altos School District selected the Old Mill and former Safeway site as its preferred option for a new school campus.

no one that the Los Altos School District announced its intent to purchase the property Monday night. It also means that Greystar and the property owners knew full well that it was spending money to plan for a project with an uncertain future.

"We have made clear since the Greystar development was a twinkle in their eye that it's a potential site for a school," Siegel said.

### Deal would increase office development

The school district plans to pay for the land purchase, which could end up costing between \$10 million and \$15 million per acre, through the transfer of development rights (TDRs). Using a complex maneuver that would have to be approved by the City Council, the district can build a school at a density significantly below what is zoned for the area, and "sell" the remaining density to property owners for use elsewhere in the city. The district is planning to sell 610,000 square feet of development rights at an anticipated price of \$130 per square foot, for a total of \$79.3 million.

Under the agreements, which the school board unanimously approved at the Dec. 11 meeting, the district is planning to sell building rights to several companies, ratcheting up the intensity of office development, mostly in the East Whisman and North Bayshore areas. The largest single buyer is Merlone Geier, which agreed to buy 150,000 square feet of development rights to expand its presence within San Antonio Shopping Center.

The next largest buyer is the property owner of the office

park along the 300 block of East Evelyn Avenue, which is currently home to several companies including Mozilla, Coursera and Concentric Medical. The buyer, who signed off on the agreement under the name "MV Campus Owner, LLC," intends to buy 125,000 square feet from the district at a cost of \$16.2 million.

The only outlier is Google, which is willing to buy density rights but has yet to agree to a sale that is "acceptable to the district," according to a staff report. The district sees Google's role as a flexible "back-up purchaser" of development rights that could pick up whatever density is left over after sales agreements with other property owners. All of the density ultimately sold to Google would be tacked onto the company's large-scale campus expansion in North Bayshore.

"Google's ultimate purchase and use of TDRs could be zero, or range higher than the placeholder amount (72,000 square feet)," according to the staff report.

Siegel said the office growth resulting from the TDRs is a bitter pill to swallow and that he doesn't want to see a lot of new offices built on top of what the city has already approved, but he said it's a worthy trade-off for a desperately needed school north of El Camino Real.

The school board also voted 5-0 to approve the individual agreements with developers to buy the density rights, through documents called letters of intent. The district will have to revisit the deal with Google and approve it at a later date, district staff said.

After the meeting, the district released a statement noting that the TDRs will go a long way toward lowering the cost of buying land for a new school, leaving money available for upgrades to existing school sites from the \$150 million Measure N bond. It also means district residents living in Mountain View would finally have a school north of El Camino Real, and park space in a part of town where green space is hard to come by.

"We are excited to fulfill the promise we made to voters when they passed Measure N," Ivanovic said in the statement. "This is a win-win for our community. We are able to address projected, long-term enrollment growth with the 10th school our parents and community have asked for, while saving millions in the process."

### Charter or neighborhood school?

One critical question that remains unanswered, and has been a sticking point for some Mountain View council members, is whether the school site north of El Camino Real will be the home of Bullis Charter School or a new neighborhood school specifically for Mountain View families.

When the City Council largely supported the idea of allowing TDRs in the San Antonio Shopping Center area in October — kicking off the cascade of events that would make a Mountain View school a feasible option — a majority of council members were unwilling to specify what kind of school it ought to be.

Council member John McAlister said it wasn't the city's business to wade into the debate on whether the land ought to be used to house Bullis or a neighborhood school, regardless of the city's efforts to sweeten the real estate deal. On the other side, two council members, Margaret Abe-Koga and Pat Showalter, showed interest in requiring the school district to make the new facility a neighborhood school.

The size of the parcel doesn't tilt the situation toward either option. At a combined 8.6 acres, the Old Mill and Safeway parcels could feasibly fit either an elementary school or Bullis Charter School, which has over 800 students, leaving it an open question as to what the school board will decide to do with the land. ▣

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more reliant on state or county funding, as well as their staff's willingness to make sacrifices.

MayView is one of seven non-profit organizations that benefit from the *Voice's* annual Holiday Fund. Donations to the fund are divided equally among the non-profits and are administered by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation at no cost, so 100 percent of contributions go to the recipients.

The clinic has experienced a lot of turnover in its medical and administrative staff over the last year, a problem blamed on the region's soaring cost of living. Some of the clinic's doctors, burdened with student debts and

the like, have been poached by higher-paying hospitals nearby, such as Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford and El Camino, Peil said.

As MayView has struggled to retain staff, its team has also been forced to accommodate a growing number of patients. Early last year, the drop-in Rotacare clinic at El Camino Hospital abruptly shut down, redirecting nearly all of its patients to MayView. About one-third of those patients were uninsured. As a result, patient visits at the Mountain View MayView clinic jumped up by 1,500 this year, a 50 percent increase compared to 2015.

El Camino Healthcare District provided MayView with a \$800,000 grant to help shoulder that patient load this year, and

the clinic has gone on a hiring spree. Despite the heavy turnover, MayView has nearly doubled its workforce in two years, growing to 54 full-time staffers.

The clinic still needs to hire more doctors, but in the meantime it has worked to streamline its medical staff. Three employees are working as "scribes," basically executive assistants who trail the physicians, taking notes and handling the paperwork duties to free up doctors' schedules so they can see more patients.

It has never been so difficult for MayView to stand by its principles not to turn anyone away for medical care, said Delia Romero, a medical assistant who has worked at the clinic for 13 years. The clinic

for years has operated on a honor system, asking patients to truthfully report their annual income when they sign in for treatment. Based on their income, MayView staff applies a sliding scale to determine how much they will be charged. When a patient makes a dubious claim that they earn just \$1 a year, the medical staff doesn't raise any questions. Similarly, they never send out collection agencies to hound people for overdue bills.

The clinic's vendors aren't so generous. Like clockwork, the costs for lab work and outsourced testing go up each year.

"No one here says no if you can't pay," Romero said. ▀

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**NORTH BAYSHORE**

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could be interwoven into a corporate office park. Originally, city officials thought they would have an assortment of developers and landowners to partner with on the plan, but Google's foothold in the North Bayshore continued to grow. Speaking for Google, Golan said at the Dec. 12 meeting that about 58 percent of the land planned for future housing in North Bayshore was owned by his company.

For many observers, the hallmark of the precise plan is its emphasis on creating 9,850 new apartments at a time when a regional housing shortage has reached crisis levels. If built to the maximum allowed density, this housing growth would create about 2,000 new affordable apartments priced at below market rate, nearly doubling the city's subsidized housing supply.

Could the city go farther? Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga made a last-ditch effort to persuade some of her colleagues to ask a little more from one

of the world's wealthiest companies. In past meetings, she suggested raising the affordable housing requirement as high as 40 percent, pointing to other urban cities with similar rules. On Tuesday night, she tempered that request to just 22 percent.

But even affordable-housing proponents warned that demanding too much could backfire.

"We risk getting nothing because developers will elect to do offices instead of residential development," warned Pilar Lorenzana of the housing advocacy group SV@Home. "Higher across-the-board affordability requirements will have the result of stalling residential development."

In fact, some council members expressed skepticism on whether Google would actually follow through on building the housing, despite the company's support for the precise plan. In October, a Google representative warned city officials that no housing would be built unless the city granted the company an additional 800,000 square feet of office space. Google later disavowed that ultimatum, amid public backlash, but it still

overshadowed the council's talks on Tuesday night.

"Google has said they support the plan, but does that mean they'll commit to the plan?" Councilman John McAlister said.

Despite those concerns, the City Council supported the 20-percent affordable housing plan. In relatively short order, the council approved other major components of the precise plan, although members found plenty of new issues to debate.

The hardest choice of the night was a city staff proposal to create so-called "master plans" that would guide development along specific blocks or neighborhoods in North Bayshore. Council members would draft these master plans, but then the city's zoning administrator would be in charge of granting approvals for compliant proposals.

McAlister, Abe-Koga and Councilwoman Lisa Matichak opposed ceding their authority, saying it could harm public input by removing elected leaders from the review process. However, a four-person majority of the council argued that the council

would be overburdened and should delegate the role.

In the end, the final precise plan was unanimously approved by the City Council just after the stroke of midnight. Soon afterward, a fatigued group of Mountain View's civic leaders popped a bottle of champagne to celebrate the long-awaited plan years in the making.

"There's been an evolution in our thought because there's been an evolution in the reality," said Mayor Ken Rosenberg. "We're only getting started; the next phase is implementation."

Mountain View would be delighted to share the lessons from this process with any other nearby cities, he said.

Development proposals for new offices and housing will likely be submitted in a matter of months. The precise plan set a hard deadline of Dec. 1, 2018 for projects with extra allocated space to submit developments or request an extension. Granting extra time would be up to the discretion of the City Council. ▀

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restrictions.

The city of Mountain View has grappled with the growing number of people living out of cars and RVs throughout the city, particularly along Latham Street, Crisanto Avenue and more recently Shoreline Boulevard. A survey in June 2016 found 128 inhabited vehicles throughout the city, and a little under half of the vehicle dwellers interviewed said they used to live in permanent housing in Mountain View before being pushed out onto the streets — frequently because of the high cost of living.

The problem extends to the

rest of the county, affecting both homeless individuals and families. Evergreen School District board member Sylvia Alvarez told the board of supervisors that there are at least 22 families living in cars with children in the district who arrive at school every day "tired, cold and depressed." She urged supervisors to move quickly on finding some way to support the residents ahead of the longer-term housing that the housing bond, Measure A, promises to bring to the county.

"Homeless families cannot continue to live in their cars waiting for Measure A housing to be built," she said.

The county staff report

conceded that it's been "extremely difficult" to establish emergency shelter, transitional or temporary housing for the homeless. Very few organizations have been willing to develop and operate the programs, in part because there is there virtually no state or federal money available to sweeten the deal.

"The City of San Jose conducted two solicitations for operators of Safe Parking programs, but was unable to implement a program," according to the staff report. "Even with the backing of the city of Mountain View and the County, no organizations have come forward to implement even a small-scale safe parking program in the

city of Mountain View."

The good news is that the county may be well on its way to meeting the 500-bed goal, through a planned expansion of the Sunnyvale Cold Weather Shelter to up to 140 beds over the next year, as well as the opening of a new homeless shelter in downtown Mountain View this winter. The shelter at Trinity United Methodist Church — at the corner of Hope and Mercy streets — was slated to open the last week in November, but was delayed because the facility needed fire alarms installed. The tentative opening date is now Dec. 20. ▀

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# Millions more deemed at risk under new blood pressure guidelines

HEALTH RISKS FROM HYPERTENSION ARE SIGNIFICANT EVEN AT 130/80

By Kevin Forestieri

High blood pressure is one of the most prevalent health problems in the United States, and it now affects nearly half of adults in the country, thanks to sweeping changes to what constitutes hypertension announced by the American Heart Association last month. The revisions also say that younger adults and the elderly are now considered to be at higher risk of heart disease, stroke and other chronic illnesses.

The American Heart Association (AHA) released new guidelines in November that lowers the bar for what constitutes high blood pressure, meaning patients who were previously told their blood pressure was under control or only amounted to pre-hypertension are now considered at risk. High blood pressure is one of the leading causes of preventable heart disease and stroke deaths, and damage to blood vessels can start even at lower end of high blood pressure, according to the AHA.

Blood pressure measurements are based on systolic and diastolic readings that reflect pressure in blood vessels during the heartbeat and when the heart is at rest. Previously, anyone with a diastolic reading of 140 and a systolic reading of 90 was considered to have high blood pressure, but the guidelines bumped the numbers down to 130/80. It may not sound like much, but the AHA predicts that the number of adults with high blood pressure will shoot from 32 percent to 46 percent under the new metric.

Patients with a systolic blood

pressure between 130 and 139 double their risk of cardiovascular complications, said Paul K. Whelton, lead author of the guideline changes, in a Nov. 13 statement.

“We want to be straight with people — if you already have a doubling of risk, you need to know about it. It doesn’t mean you need medication, but it’s a yellow light that you need to be lowering your blood pressure, mainly with non-drug approaches.”

The medical community has been expecting the changes for a few years now, said Dr. Geoffrey Yoon, a cardiologist and the heart failure medical director at El Camino Hospital. A major clinical trial involving more than 9,300 participants known as the Systolic Blood Pressure Intervention Trial (SPRINT) found that patients who received treatment that brought their systolic pressure down to 120 were less likely to suffer a heart attack or a stroke. The new standards will most significantly affect men and women under the age of 45, as well as patients over the age of 65 years old who were previously considered less at risk.

“We’ve been anticipating this,” Yoon said. “More and more data has come out that treating blood pressure earlier and more aggressively will lead to better outcomes.”

Bay Area residents are less likely to suffer from hypertension compared to the rest of the country, but the rates are still high. More than a quarter of Santa Clara County residents, 27 percent, have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, according to El Camino

Hospitals’ Community Health Needs Assessment last year. Black people, men and older adults are more likely to be diagnosed with high blood pressure compared to county residents overall.

Data from the U.S. Center for Disease Control put the county’s hypertension death rate at 249.2 per 100,000 residents between 2013 and 2015, which is higher than other Bay Area counties including Alameda (230.7), Contra Costa (225.3), San Francisco (172.3) and San Mateo (164.2) counties.

## No cause for alarm

Many of the people with the narrow systolic reading between 130 and 140 who are now considered hypertensive likely won’t have to rely on drug treatment to bring down their blood pressure, Yoon said. Losing weight, getting more exercise and adopting a healthier diet can go a long way and can even be more effective than medication. Patients are often advised to follow the Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet, which includes fruits and vegetables, lean meats and less salt.

The new guidelines may have been a long time coming, but they weren’t developed without some controversy over how to interpret the data. The results from the SPRINT trial make a strong argument that anyone above 120 systolic blood pressure should seek treatment, but some experts argued that the measurement techniques used in the study consistently resulted in lower readings than what patients typically see in a doctors

office, meaning a standard of 120 would be an overshoot. What’s more, intensive drug treatment for high blood pressure isn’t without its own problems, and could put more patients at risk of kidney disease.

“I think anytime there are changes in blood pressure guidelines it’s controversial, because there’s a big patient population who (is) older and (has) a lot of side effects from blood pressure medicine,” Yoon said.

Because hypertension often has no symptoms, frequent blood pressure readings both at the doctor’s and at home are the best way to catch the problem early on. The El Camino Healthcare District launched a public awareness campaign with the American Heart Association Silicon Valley in 2015 to bring blood pressure screening events and free hypertension management classes to residents in Mountain View and neighboring cities. The district committed \$71,000 to the hypertension initiative this year, which will go towards paying for hypertension clinics and “Heart Health Hubs” at places like grocery stores and shopping centers.

Board member Dr. Peter Fung, who spearheaded the partnership, told the *Voice* in an email that the AHA guidelines — and the 1,000 studies that led up to the announcement last month — doubles down on the importance of addressing hypertension early on, and should put to rest the myriad of excuses patients use to justify ignoring elevated blood pressure results.

“It should erase all doubts that something needs to be done if the blood pressure is above 120 systolic, as this is the level that

the nasty effects of hypertension start to set in, and that by 130, the risk is already double,” Fung said.

Patients shouldn’t be overly cautious about using blood pressure medication if lifestyle changes aren’t enough to bring blood pressure down to 120, Fung said. The side effects of the drugs are minimal, and are “quite safe” as long as patients regularly check in with their doctors.

Other guideline changes stress the importance of using proper technique for measuring blood pressure, and to base blood pressure on an average of two to three readings taken on at least two different occasions. Home blood pressure readings are particularly important because some patients have so-called white-coat hypertension, where the stress of bring in a doctor’s office raises blood pressure temporarily.

The guidelines also warn of “masked” hypertension where the opposite is true, and blood pressure readings are actually lower in a medical setting than at home. Those patients are at risk and may not know it, Yoon said.

The AHA update also reversed course on blood pressure standards for the elderly, which used to be more lenient than for younger patients. The SPRINT trial found older patients “greatly” benefited from blood pressure control, Yoon said, and that people over the age of 65 with elevated blood pressure are actually at greater risk.

More information on the AHA’s blood pressure monitoring programs can be found at [ccctracker.com](http://ccctracker.com). ■

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## ADULT ED

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to adult education, which was a boon for adult schools.

At the Dec. 4 board meeting, Associate Superintendent Mike Mathiesen commended Moody for his leadership at Mountain View High School, where Mathiesen worked alongside him as a teacher and later as an assistant principal. He said Moody had an effective leadership style that always had school administrators collaborating and working as a team, and that student performance soared under his watch.

“He led the ship at Mountain View High School wonderfully,” Mathiesen said. “He guided us to new academic heights (with Academic Performance Index

increases year over year over year that we hadn’t seen in the past.”

More recently, Moody helped guide the adult school into a new regional partnership with neighboring adult schools as well as Foothill and De Anza colleges to coordinate jobs training and career technical education (CTE) for adult students in the area. The group of agencies, dubbed the North Santa Clara County Student Transition Consortium, has been “challenging” to get off the ground, Moody said, but he believes it’s now headed in the right direction and should help students seamlessly transition from the adult school to community colleges.

More recently, the adult school has adopted a bigger emphasis on computer science skills, pulling together a training program

that includes Java, Python, SQL and database design as well as 3D printing and computer aided design (CAD).

Replacing Moody will be the adult school’s current second-in-command, Assistant Director Brenda Harris, who has held the position for the last 13 years and is uniquely qualified to jump right into the role, Moody said.

“I think it’s a great move by the superintendent to choose Brenda Harris,” Moody said. “I think she will be outstanding. She really knows the CTE program.”

For Moody, retirement means taking a break from an epic commute to Mountain View from Tracy every day — a train ride that usually took an hour and 15 minutes each way. He said it was particularly challenging during his years as principal at

Mountain View High, which had evening commitments each night, though he admitted he could get a whole lot done before reaching his stop.

“The train was very open and not very crowded, and I could lay out all my forms and build the master schedule for the high school,” he said.

Moody said he wasn’t sure what his plans for the future are, but he plans to spend his first year of retirement hanging out with his grandchildren, going fishing and taking a cruise to Alaska. After that, he said, he’ll figure out what to do with the next chapter of his life. He said he also wants to keep a comfortable distance from the long commute he’s had to take for more than a decade.

“I don’t even want to see a train for at least a year,” he said. ■

## CRIME BRIEFS

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required crews to vent natural gas from the pipe from noon to 5 p.m. Notifications were sent out to the community days before the work took place, but Crittenden was considered outside of the affected area.

“PG&E immediately made contact with school officials to address the incident,” she said. “We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused the school, students, staff and parents.”

A PG&E representative later met with the principal to discuss the incident and figure out a plan for better communication about future work in the area, she said.

—Kevin Forestieri

## Google engineer found dead in Bay

By Kevin Forestieri

A woman whose body was discovered floating in the water along the Bay Trail in Sunnyvale last week has been identified as Chuchu Ma, a 23-year-old Mountain View resident, according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner Coroner's Office. Police are still investigating the death, but say the Bay Trail is safe for the public to use.

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety received reports from a bicyclist on the trail who saw a body floating in the water on Thursday, Dec. 7, around 10 a.m., according to Capt. Shawn Ahern. The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office sent out a dive

team to retrieve the body, which was naked, and the medical examiner completed the autopsy on Friday, Dec. 8, Ahern said.

The department is still investigating the case as an "unattended death," and is actively contacting Ma's friends, family members and acquaintances in order to learn more about what happened. More information will not be available until the full autopsy report is finished, which includes a toxicology report.

"We're in contact with the medical examiner each day," Ahern said Tuesday. "Like everyone else, we're still waiting."

The Mountain View Police Department received a report Thursday afternoon from Ma's boyfriend, who said that she was

missing and his description of her matched that of the body found in the Bay, police spokeswoman Katie Nelson told the *Voice*.

Chuchu Ma was a Google employee who joined the company as a software engineer in July of last year, according to her LinkedIn profile. She previously attended the University of Texas at Austin.

Though details about Ma's death haven't been revealed, Ahern said residents should not be afraid to use the trail.

"We've said from the very beginning that there is no danger to the public when using the Bay Trail," he said. ▀

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## HAMMER THROW

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the location might not look like much, but this 1-acre field is the only training facility of its kind in the Bay Area. On most days, a scrappy club ranging from amateurs to pros from across Northern California gather here to practice the hammer throw, the track-and-field event focused on hurling a hefty ball on a chain as far as possible.

"This is pretty much the only training spot we have in Northern California," Gustafsson said. "Who knows now what's going to happen?"

The cause for concern is the practice grounds are marked for future development by NASA. Earlier this year, the federal agency announced plans to help house its growing workforce by building 1,930 homes along Moffett's southeastern side, an area that includes the club's hammer throw range. While Gustafsson and his fellow athletes recognize the area's significant housing needs, they fear they won't have anywhere else to go. And with the 2020 Tokyo Olympics fast approaching, many of the club's aspiring athletes worry they could lose their only training facility at the worst possible time.

On a morning last week, Gustafsson arrived with two of the athletes he's coaching at the Moffett practice range, located just north of Highway 101. For a site used by elite athletes, it's a spartan facility with little more than a storage container, backstop and a set of metal bleachers in front of a dirt field. Terry Noyes, a spry 55-year-old athlete, pointed out to Gustafsson that overnight the wind had partially knocked down the canopy over the bleachers. Everyone pitched in to do some

quick repairs before they started the day's exercises.

Before long, Gustafsson was watching from the sidelines as his two pupils began hurling hammers down the field. Sophie Hitchon, a 26-year-old Brit who won a bronze medal in the 2012 Olympics, spun her hammer around in a whirl, building up momentum with what is essentially a 4-kilogram iron wrecking ball. She instinctively released her grip at the precise split-second to send it sailing in a graceful arc downfield, instead of crashing behind her into the backstop.

"Good throw!" Gustafsson cheered. The hammer landed just beyond 73 meters, a good distance, but still not quite the 78 meters that it would likely take to win a gold medal. Closing that gap would take all two years of training left before the international games, he said.

There's a long story behind how a niche athletic club found its home at Moffett Field. For that, the club's members point to Edward Burke, a retired hammer-thrower and Los Gatos native, best known for carrying the U.S. flag in the 1984 Olympics.

Back in the mid-1980s, the hammer throw club practiced along a dirt strip north of Highway 101, before that land was needed to build Highway 85. Ever since, the club has led a nomadic existence, cycling through South Bay community-college fields, public parks and leased private sites. Unlike other prestigious Olympic sports, hammer-throwing generally doesn't have much clout; many landowners see only the potential for property damage and

liability. Universities aren't an option because NCAA rules explicitly prohibit paid coaches and Olympic athletes from training alongside students.

By 2006, the hammer-throwers came to Moffett Field around the same time that a U.S. Army track-and-field program at the property was winding down. There were concerns that the Army officials would also tell them to scram, Burke said. But then environmental regulators discovered the toxic groundwater plume from nearby pollution had leached into the site. As it happens, that toxic waste was "the best thing that happened to us," Burke said, since the Army officials told the group they could stay during the cleanup effort.

As NASA took over management of Moffett, it has been unclear how much longer the hammer throwers would be allowed to remain, he said. With hundreds of acres of open land at the former air base, Burke and other members hope they can just move to different area.

"We're hopeful that we can negotiate with them to get another slice of land," Burke said. "Whether it's Google or whoever else, we're hoping that maybe we can go to them and get a small space as a community contribution."

NASA did not respond to requests for comment.

And if NASA asks them to leave? Gustafsson and other members have a hard time saying what might happen. They don't have the money to buy or lease a plot of land, given the hefty real-estate costs in the region, they say. The only recourse might be to find a spot somewhere in the Central Valley.

"All we need is a good field that no one needs for anything," Gustafsson said. "Also, we need no one to mind if we make some big holes." ▀



Tore Gustafsson

## Bruce William Liedstrand

Aug. 11, 1933 – Dec. 1, 2017

Bruce William Liedstrand passed away on December 1, 2017, at the age of 84.

Bruce was born on August 11, 1933, in Chicago, Illinois, the youngest child of Roy Marvin and Alice Dorothy (Sandin) Liedstrand. His father was a co-founder of the Dearborn Stove Company in Chicago and Dallas.

Bruce attended public schools in Chicago and Dallas, where the family moved in 1945. After the family moved back to Chicago in 1949, he attended high school at North Park Academy, from which he graduated in 1951. After one year at Michigan State College, he came to California to attend Stanford University and then Stanford Law School. Bruce graduated from Stanford Law in 1956 and passed the bar exam that fall. The U.S. Army immediately drafted him, and he was posted to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) office in Frankfurt, Germany. His wife, the former Lois Peterson, whom he married in 1954, joined him in Frankfurt and their first son, John, was born there.

When Bruce was discharged from the Army, the family moved to Turlock where he was a principal of the law firm Coffin and Liedstrand and where he served on the Turlock City Council from 1964 until 1968. He and his growing family then relocated to Modesto where he was assistant city attorney.

In 1973, Bruce was offered the position of city attorney of Mountain View, which he subsequently held for three years. He became the city manager of Mountain View in 1976 and served in that position for 12 years. During those years, his vision for Mountain View was the primary force in the development of Shoreline Park, Shoreline Amphitheater, the redesign of Castro Street, and the design and establishment of the City Hall and Performing Arts complex.

After taking an early retirement and establishing Liedstrand Associates, a consulting and educational firm, he continued to be interested in city government and urban design. In 1991, Cathedral City in Riverside County selected him to be its city manager, and he spent three years in that desert city helping establish a lively downtown. His heart, however, was always in the Bay Area, and through Liedstrand Associates, Bruce continued to provide educational seminars and consulting advice on city design -- especially in making cities more livable environments.

Recognizing his remarkable talents, Redwood City in 2001 selected him to be its community development director, and he worked to reestablish its downtown as a vibrant destination until he retired again in 2006. At that point, he established Common Sense Community Design and was active writing and sharing creative ideas on how to make the best cities possible until his death.

Bruce was a long-time member of Palo Alto Rotary and was a highly respected mentor to and devoted friend of staff and government officials in the cities where he worked and consulted. His first marriage ended in 1981. In 1982, he married the former Susan Laird. Bruce was preceded in death by his brother John Roger Liedstrand and his sister Dorothy Liedstrand Jones. He is survived by his current wife, Susan, and his children John, Mark, Linda, Ann, and Chelsea; his grandchildren Paul, Ben, Brittany, Jessica, Yusuf, Jeremiah, Anitra, Devin, and Clare; and his great grand-daughters Eden and Emily Elizabeth.

During his retirement years, Bruce and Susan enjoyed dividing their time between their homes in Mountain View and Paris, France.

A celebration of Bruce's life will be held in January.

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## The 'heartbeat' of Mountain View

By Lenny Siegel

As I meet with officials from neighboring communities, I am struck that they are not only impressed by downtown Mountain View. They tell me their favorite restaurants. Yet a narrative has emerged within our community that downtown is on the verge of self-destruction, that we should "pause" downtown development.

Downtown development is not piecemeal. It is processed according to the Downtown Precise Plan, which has been updated four times since 2000, most recently in 2015 when the City Council voted to further restrict ground-floor office uses.

To me the most important elements of that plan are:

- Encourage walkability
- Preserve the historic integrity of Castro Street
- Increase intensity near transit
- Protect adjacent residential neighborhoods

What's more, it articulates a vision that I think most of us support: "Downtown Mountain View is the historic center and civic focus of the community, and the 'heartbeat' of the City. ... Castro Street is the functional and symbolic center of the downtown. It is a 'townscape,' with pedestrian-scaled street spaces, well defined by attractive buildings and activated by the many people who live and work there."

Though downtown — near our only regional transit lines — is an appropriate place for office expansion, any office development absent residential growth exacerbates

the jobs-housing imbalance. That's why I have consistently questioned it. Yet we must maintain our perspective. Even if currently proposed projects are built, downtown buildings will represent a small fraction of citywide employment growth. If our focus is on the jobs-housing imbalance, it makes more sense to focus our resources on the East Whisman and Terrabella areas.

Furthermore, it appears to me that downtown employment has boosted, not damaged weekday lunch business. On-site cafeterias appear to be the exception, not the rule. Many offices have take-out and catering, but

the food comes from the restaurants. If anything, downtown restaurants are victims of their own success.

So many people drive downtown to eat that it's difficult to find parking at peak hours.

The city is working hard to solve the parking problem. We are installing a way-finding system to let drivers know where spaces are available; we are planning for shared parking; we are piloting valet parking and free Uber/Lyft rides for visitors within Mountain View, and finally, we are building underground parking. We are *not* increasing the amount of land set aside for parking, nor are we building more above-ground garages.

There's more we can do to enhance our downtown. City staff is working on a Downtown (non-restaurant) Retail Incentive program. We can better protect the 300 block of Castro. We can convert the first three blocks of Castro (but not the cross streets) into pedestrian malls.

We are already working on an affordable

housing project, with subsurface parking, on Lot 12 (site of the Game-Day Farmers' Market). Lot 12 is a great location for senior housing. In fact, when the council majority went along with the hotel developer's choice of offices on Lot 8, those of us who preferred housing essentially extracted a promise that we would move ahead with housing on Lot 12.

I fear that calls for a downtown pause will undermine our efforts to build more housing, both market-rate and affordable. Already one of my colleagues has suggested that we halt the Lot 12 affordable housing project.

My biggest fear, however, is that the resources for developing a new downtown plan will be taken from the East Whisman plan and the Terrabella study. In those areas, property owners and developers have joined housing advocates in calling for both new market-rate and subsidized housing. We have an opportunity, if we act before the economy experiences a downturn, to combat the housing shortage by planning for a mix of new housing types in those neighborhoods complete with retail, nearby schools, and transit.

A pause in downtown development means a pause in planning for housing, and that means more people living in vehicles, commuting long distances, and leaving the area.

I agree that there is room for improvement downtown, but we need to get our facts straight about current conditions and then focus on solving problems, downtown and throughout the community.

Lenny Siegel is vice mayor of Mountain View and a resident of the greater downtown area since 1972.

### Guest Opinion

### ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

#### PULLING TOGETHER TO HELP RV DWELLERS

Why is it that because the Mountain View police department and city administrators failed in their communications, RV dwellers were told that their complaints would need to be taken to the Parking Violations Office in downtown San Jose? Aside from the heartlessness of the city's response, driving that distance is an expense many RV dwellers can't afford.

With the utmost respect for city administrators and the police department: Please communicate more effectively and demonstrate some compassion for those less fortunate.

A small group of Mountain View residents are contributing money to help repair the dwellers' RVs. Thanks to the fine work of Lisa Rogan (and others), and

the support of Tom Myers from Community Services Agency, we're working together to bring visibility to this issue and, perhaps in a small way, enrich the lives of our RV residents.

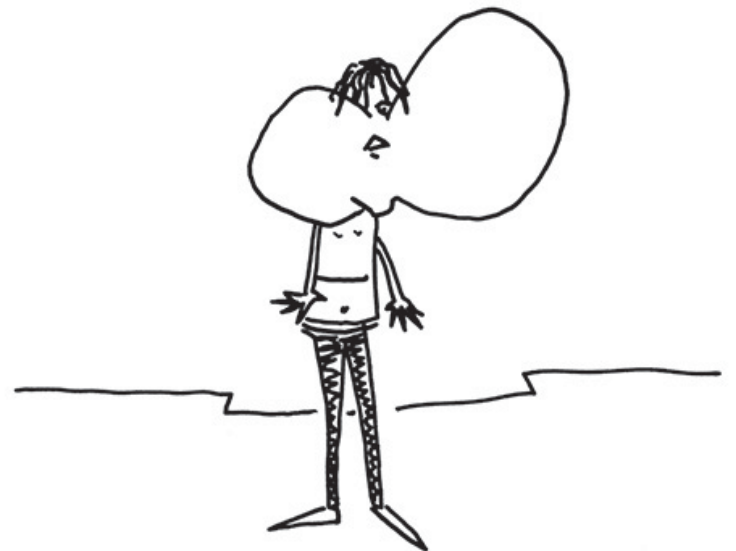
I challenge City Council members and other residents to do the same. Consider making a monetary contribution (via Community Services Agency). Like all Mountain View residents, none of us wants vehicles leaking on the streets. For this project to succeed, it's going to take local vehicle repair shops willing to pitch in. For those that do, Community Services Agency will pay you for your work. Remember, even a tiny contribution can make a big difference in a person's life.

Thank you and best wishes to all.

Tim Orlando  
Marilyn Drive

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PRINCESS NOKIA BOLDLY CHOOSES  
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## LETTERS

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## LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE BUILDING

During the Nov. 28 study session, the City Council narrowly agreed to save the Weilheimer House by allowing it to be moved. The deal was far from perfect because it would have added another office building downtown.

It *did* guarantee the preservation of the beautiful home of one of the city's founders and Mountain View's only congressman, Arthur Free. It also meant that the Tied House site, which was formerly a dry-cleaning facility, would finally undergo remediation for toxins that have leaked into the soil. Toxic cleanups are costly, and redevelopment is the only realistic way to fund them. A plan that cleaned up the site *and* saved the Weilheimer House sealed the deal for me.

At the Dec. 5 council meeting, the study session guidance was reversed when council member McAlister let us know he had changed his mind and now supports keeping the Weilheimer House in place. Unfortunately, saying no to the property owners, who want to retire, does not necessarily mean the Weilheimer House will be saved. Many people spoke on the importance of preserving our city's history, but this particular preservation now seems unclear.

So I want to ask you, as a community, to make sure that we work together to save this beautiful, historic building if and when Chez TJs moves out.

Pat Showalter  
Levin Court

(Pat Showalter is a Mountain View City Council member.)

## WHO BENEFITS FROM LUXURY HOTEL DEVELOPMENT?

How many high-end, boutique hotels does Mountain View need — there's already a huge new one in the San Antonio development?

The city has approved a hotel development on one of the Hope Street lots the city uses for ground-level parking, waiving the transient occupancy tax that would provide the bulk of the revenue to the city from the hotel. This particular development would create huge parking and traffic problems in the area for two years, and presumably huge profits to the developer and hotel operator, to compensate for the problems to the local residents and visitors to downtown Mountain View.

In addition, we now have the proposal for a high-rise luxury, boutique hotel at the entrance of Castro from El Camino; I would assume the developers would ask for a seven- or eight-story hotel, and then compromise on only a five- or six-story hotel, where the other buildings in the area are one to two stories in height.

Quite an entryway into historic downtown Mountain View — an unaffordable hotel! There are very few (about zero) of my relatives who would be willing to pay the prices for these hotels when they come to visit us — the prices quoted are far beyond what we're willing (or) able to pay. They won't benefit us in any way, they will create more traffic and more parking problems, as well as destroy the essential character of downtown Mountain View.

Who benefits from these developments? Not the residents of Mountain View!

David Lewis  
Oak Street

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FOOD FEATURE

## STAR POWER

LOCAL CHEFS DISH ABOUT THE PRESSURES AND REWARDS OF EARNING A MICHELIN STAR

By Elena Kadvany

Losing its Michelin star in 2015 was a moment of reckoning for Madera in Menlo Park.

No stone went unturned, from purchasing new carpeting, glassware and napkins to refocusing the menu. A new chef de cuisine was hired as the kitchen saw significant turnover and a downturn in business.

“It was a very sobering moment,” said Reylon Agustin, who was executive sous chef at the Rosewood Sand Hill hotel restaurant at the time. “As a resume-builder, you don’t want to be part of the restaurant that lost the star.”

Madera regained its star this year, rejoining an exclusive club. Many chefs see Michelin stars as the most important accolade in the restaurant business — more than one restaurateur interviewed for this article referred to it as the industry’s Oscars.

Chefs say the rating drives

them to perform at higher levels and translates into benefits both tangible and intangible for restaurants. But their relationships with the ranking are complex. Michelin holds enormous sway in kitchens — one local chef said he thinks about the star “constantly” — while others insist it doesn’t drive their decisions.

Following the most recent Bay Area Michelin stars announcement in October, the *Voice* spoke with Peninsula chefs and restaurant owners about the significance of the sought-after stars.

The rating is bestowed on restaurants across the globe each year by French tire company Michelin, which publishes the restaurant guide. For decades, the guide only covered European restaurants, but it expanded to the United States with a New York City guide in 2006 and to San Francisco the



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**Jarad Gallagher**, the executive chef at one-star *Chez TJ* in Mountain View, says he doesn’t believe fellow chefs who claim not to care about earning Michelin stars.

following year.

Restaurants can earn one, two or three stars based on visits from anonymous Michelin inspectors. Michelin defines one star as “a very good restaurant in its category.” Two stars means a restaurant is “worth a detour” and the highest rating is for restaurants “worth a special journey, indicating exceptional cuisine” made from “superlative ingredients.”

Many diners associate the stars with the best in fine-dining, from creative tasting menus to impeccable service.

The inspectors evaluate restaurants using five factors: the

quality of the products, the mastery of flavor and cooking techniques, the “personality” of the chef in the cuisine, the dollar value and consistency between visits, said Michelin spokesperson Lauren Davis.

“There isn’t any other entity that chefs pay attention to,” said Jarad Gallagher, executive chef at *Chez TJ* in Mountain View. As for those who say they don’t care? “They’re full of sh--,” he said.

The star is part of the DNA of *Chez TJ*, which has a reputation as an incubator for chefs who go on to open their own Michelin-starred restaurants. *Chez TJ* has had one star since the guide started covering the Bay Area.

The star sets an expectation that is felt throughout the restaurant, Gallagher said.

“If you are producing food that is ... putting the restaurant in jeopardy of gaining a star or losing a star, you’ll hear very quickly,” he said. “Cooks know how difficult it is to work in Michelin-starred restaurants. Diners have a very high level of expectation. The price point is really high. All of the expectation and pressure follows with that.”

The internationally respected rating brings diners — and dollars — to restaurants. Gallagher calls this the “Michelin millions” effect. He said the star is worth the equivalent of about \$1 million of sales in a year at *Chez TJ*.

The star sparked a high-profile

dust-up at *Chez TJ* in 2009, when the restaurant’s rating went down from two to one stars, leading to the very public exit of then-chef Bruno Chemel. Owner George Aviet told the press at the time that Chemel was simply “incapable of earning two stars.”

Chemel left to open his own French restaurant in Palo Alto, Baumé. He set out to prove his critics wrong and quickly earned one, then two stars there, a rating he’s maintained every year since 2011.

In an interview, Chemel said he has a different perspective on *Chez TJ*’s rating drop. He saw it as earning his first star, arguing that work done before he had taken over the kitchen belonged to his predecessor. (When the guide comes out, Michelin inspectors are already visiting restaurants for the next year’s ratings.)

The star seems at once meaningful and meaningless for Chemel, a native of France who grew up 30 minutes from the Michelin headquarters. His uncle worked for the tire company and his parents often took him to starred-restaurants.

Chemel said he needs no recognition and maintains impossibly high standards solely for himself and his guests. Earning two stars is a “personal reward,” he said.

“I give pressure to myself to make better food and make my customer happy. I don’t really work for the Michelin,” he said.



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**Madera’s colorful kampachi plate.** The restaurant earned, then lost a Michelin star, but gained it back after an overhaul of the menu and decor.



VERONICA WEBER

**Baumé's** golden osetra caviar with fennel and kiwi.

Yet he's still aspiring for a third star — a "summit" he might never reach but that motivates him, Chemel said.

Chemel and other chefs described intense anxiety and pressure leading up to the guide's annual announcement, which is usually made in the fall in the Bay Area. Chefs said Michelin typically sends a save-the-date to an awards party before the announcement, but it's no guarantee: They've heard of chefs who got the invitation but no star.

If a restaurant earns a star, the executive chef will get a brief call from a representative from the guide.

Peter Rudolph, the former executive chef at Madera, said there's nothing quite like getting the first-ever call from Michelin.



Peter Rudolph

He led the restaurant to its first star only a year and a half after opening and back to its star status after losing the rating in 2015. Rudolph has since left Madera.

"I don't think there's any greater pressure than (what) a chef puts on himself to maintain the star," he said.

Despite what chefs describe as the somewhat nebulous nature of Michelin's criteria, losing the star prompted Madera to come up with a plan for how to address what they thought might be the shortcomings that led to the downgrade.

In addition to cosmetic changes, they re-centered the menu around the restaurant's wood-fired grill (Madera means "wood" in Spanish) and moved away from techniques like molecular

gastronomy, Rudolph said.

Agustin, who took over as executive chef after Rudolph left this year, insists that the Madera team wasn't "chasing the star," but rather "chasing our craft." There's a house-of-cards-like danger in focusing on an external rating with no clear definition, he said, a sentiment that was echoed by others.

"If we start to focus purely on 'this is the Michelin star and this is what we have to do to keep it,' then I think that's where we start to lose sight, because we think we know what it is but we don't," Agustin said.

"Michelin doesn't tell you, 'Do this and you'll get this,'" said Gallagher. "You have to come up with the path and the idea and pursue it."

At The Village Pub in Woodside, the star is important but

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**Chef Bruno Chemel** left *Chez TJ* after it dropped from two Michelin stars to one. He opened *Baumé* in Palo Alto, which has been awarded two stars.

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**Tim Stannard** is the founding partner of Bacchus Management group, which owns *The Village Pub* in Woodside and *Spruce* in San Francisco. Both have one star, but Stannard says pursuing a second Michelin star would ruin their identities as neighborhood restaurants.

**STAR POWER**

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not integral to the restaurant's identity, said Tim Stannard, the founding partner of Bacchus Management Group, which owns the one-star restaurant. The company also owns the one-star *Spruce* in San Francisco.

He described *The Village Pub* as a neighborhood restaurant focused more on serving its local diners than obtaining an external ranking.

"It's very important because of what it represents but it doesn't drive decisions we make," Stannard said. "We're obviously extremely proud to be in the club and we're very proud that our work is recognized, but we don't identify ourselves exclusively as a Michelin-star restaurant."

This doesn't mean that there aren't conversations in the kitchen, however, about whether a dish is "Michelin-worthy" or that Stannard doesn't wince at the thought of losing the star.

The company has debated going after a second star at both *Village Pub* and *Spruce*, Stannard said, but ultimately decided it would mean too sharp a departure from their identities as neighborhood restaurants.

But a new Bacchus Management restaurant coming to Redwood City next year will open with the express purpose of getting one star "right out the gate," Stannard said. It will be an upscale neighborhood restaurant like *The Village Pub* but with an emphasis on premium, dry-aged beef.

The restaurant will open to

an evolving, more "democratic" Michelin guide, Stannard and others said.

While many diners think of a Michelin-starred restaurant as a white-tablecloth establishment with an extensive — and expensive — tasting menu, the times appear to be changing. This year, the Bay Area's two-star winners included restaurants like *Lazy Bear*, a communal dining experience that started as an underground pop-up in San Francisco, and *Californios*, the first Mexican restaurant in North America to earn two stars.

"It's much more interesting ways of thinking about food," Stannard said. "It's not all gold-rimmed plates and gold faucets." ■

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*The Village Pub's* delicata squash salad is served with candied pecans and brown butter crumble.

■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Daisy Ridley returns as Rey in "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

## The best for 'Last'

RIAN JOHNSON FINDS "A NEW HOPE" WITH 'STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI'

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Setting aside for the moment the spaceships and lightsabers and critters, "Star Wars" has always been about a few core ideas: the clash of evil empire and mobilized do-gooders; the existence of a power greater than ourselves; the wars within and without ourselves; and love and family. George Lucas' multi-billion-dollar franchise also has told story after story about it always being darkest (or Dark Side-est) before the dawn. Technically, J.J. Abrams' "Episode VII: The Force Awakens" was about all of the above as well, but it's writer-director Rian Johnson who, with "Episode VIII: The Last Jedi," better fulfills the promise of Lucas' first subtitle: "A New Hope."

Johnson, who previously wrote and directed "Looper" and "Brick," embraces the familiar obligations of a "Star Wars" movie while making a strong effort to trick audiences into sitting on the edges of their seats. Though no one would have wished it, he gets help in this regard from the untimely death of Carrie Fisher (who returns as Leia Organa, princess and general). On a first

viewing, it's hard not to watch "The Last Jedi" without constantly wondering how much more we'll get of Fisher. It's no spoiler to say that the filmmakers weren't lying when they promised Fisher has a substantial role; in fact, the beloved Fisher gets to be the film's font of centered wisdom, humor and heart.

By contrast, the other characters — with the exception of Andy Serkis' wickedly confident uber-baddie Snoke — mostly live in self doubt, fear, and desperation. These include Rey (Daisy Ridley) and Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill), the former tasked with returning the latter, "the last spark of hope," to the scrappy Rebel resistance before it gets snuffed out by the empowered First Order. Luke, you see, is "the last Jedi" knight, and he's determined to keep it that way, having been burned by personal failure. Will he get his Yoda on and train Rey? And what explains the cosmic connection of Rey, Luke, and the "raw, untamed power" that is First Order attack dog Kylo Ren (Adam Driver)?

While that trio attends to the space-opera theatrics, the

metaphysics and mystery, Rebel fighters Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac, still buddying up with cute droid BB-8), Finn (John Boyega), and welcome new face Rose Tico (Kelly Marie Tran) get up to the usual space dogfights, behind-enemy-lines missions, and rebel stronghold defenses that keep "Star Wars" in eye-popping action. That's as specific as I'll get about the plot, which is best discovered in a movie theater. Suffice it to say that Johnson has happily recruited some bonus high-caliber acting support from Laura Dern and Benicio del Toro, and several familiar faces from previous "Star Wars" installments crop up in supporting roles or cameos.

Johnson sticks with the "Star Wars" house style and seems pleased to have the opportunity to inspire children with this story of overcoming inner conflict to become one's best self, the key ingredient being hope. The filmmaker injects his own personality and smarts with flippant visual and verbal humor (your mileage may vary) and a pinch of tart political commentary that, in hindsight, functions as a wink

■ NOW SHOWING

Coco (PG) ★★★1/2

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

Daddy's Home 2 (PG-13) ★1/2

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

Darkest Hour (PG-13)

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

The Disaster Artist (R) ★★★

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

Ferdinand (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (PG) Century 20: Sunday

Justice League (PG-13) ★★★1/2

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

Lady Bird (R) ★★★1/2

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

Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13)

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

The Shape of Water (R) Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

The Star (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13) ★★★1/2

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

Thor: Ragnarok (PG-13) ★★★

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

Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri (R)

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

Wonder (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius:

430 Emerson St., Palo Alto  
(For recorded listings: 327-3241)  
[tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa](http://tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa)

Century Cinema 16:

1500 N. Shoreline Blvd.,  
Mountain View  
[tinyurl.com/Century16](http://tinyurl.com/Century16)

Century 20 Downtown:

825 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City  
[tinyurl.com/Century20](http://tinyurl.com/Century20)

CineArts at Palo Alto Square:

3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
(For information: 493-0128)  
[tinyurl.com/Pasquare](http://tinyurl.com/Pasquare)

Guild: 949 El Camino Real,  
Menlo Park (For recorded listings:  
566-8367) [tinyurl.com/Guildmp](http://tinyurl.com/Guildmp)

Stanford Theatre:

221 University Ave., Palo Alto  
(For recorded listings: 324-3700)  
[Stanfordtheatre.org](http://Stanfordtheatre.org)

★ Skip it

★★ Some redeeming qualities

★★★ A good bet

★★★★ Outstanding

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■ MOVIE REVIEWS

THE DISASTER ARTIST ★★★

If it's true that nothing succeeds like success, it stands to reason that something succeeds like failure. The movies have produced some truly terrible specimens, but perhaps none so successful as "The Room," Tommy Wiseau's 2003 independent film that swiftly became notorious as one of the worst films ever made and, thereby, a cult "midnight movie" sensation. With "The Disaster Artist," Palo Alto-raised actor-director James Franco tells the uproarious behind-the-scenes story of "The Room," with elaborate recreations of "The Room"

and its enigmatic maker."The Disaster Artist" takes the perspective of aspiring young actor Greg Sestero (Dave Franco, James' brother) on the weirdness that is Wiseau (James Franco). Working from Sestero's memoir (with Tom Bissell) "The Disaster Artist: My Life Inside 'The Room,' the Greatest Bad Movie Ever Made," screenwriters Scott Neustadter and Michael H. Weber ("(500) Days of Summer") lean into the bromance of Greg and Tommy, beginning with a "meet cute" in a San Francisco acting class. Drawn to Wiseau's fearless ambition and exotic cluelessness, Sestero hitches his star to Wiseau's, and the two move to L.A. together as roomies pursuing the same dream. *Rated R for language throughout and some sexuality/nudity. One hour, 43 minutes.* — P.C.

LADY BIRD ★★★1/2

Trapped in a small car on a college road trip, a 17-year-old girl and her mother come to the end of a 21-hour audiobook of "The Grapes of Wrath." Asked to sit with what she's heard, the girl laments, "I wish I could live through something." Of course, she will. And her mother will be there, watching and fretting, as she does. This is the beginning of Greta Gerwig's "Lady Bird," a semi-autobiographical coming-of-age tale set in 2002 Sacramento. Christine McPherson (Saoirse Ronan) — or "Lady Bird" as she has chosen to rechristen herself — finds her hometown stultifying and provincial. She doesn't have the easiest time navigating the halls of sibling schools Immaculate Heart of Mary (all girls) and St. Francis Xavier (all

boys). The Catholic schools exacerbate her class-consciousness ("I'm from the wrong side of the tracks"), and senior year feels like one trial after another. *Rated R for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying. One hour, 34 minutes.* — P.C.

COCO ★★★1/2

Already the highest-grossing film in Mexican cinema history, Disney-Pixar's "Coco" takes up Mexican cultural traditions within the Pixar tradition of working hard to get "it" right. This time, "it" is D'a de Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, dramatized in the story of a boy in search of himself by way of an ancestor. In the fictional Mexican village of Santa Cecilia, 12-year-old Miguel Rivera (a pitch-perfect Anthony Gonzalez) idolizes

the town's dearly departed claim-to-fame, singer-songwriter-movie star Ernesto de la Cruz (Benjamin Bratt). Miguel wants nothing more than to become a singer like his hero, but the other Riveras despise music, having been burned by a once-upon-a-time absent father who chose music over family. They promise Miguel a life working for the family's thriving shoemaking business, but in secret, Miguel keeps his eye on the prize of musical stardom. A bit of magical realism later, Miguel finds himself in the Land of the Dead, meeting ancestors and hunting for his idol. "Coco" will send audiences young and old out with a song in their recently warmed heart. *Rated PG for thematic elements. One hour, 49 minutes.* — P.C.

*Rated PG-13 for sequences of sci-fi action and violence. Two hours, 32 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

# GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT

### MERIT SCHOLARS HOLIDAY CONCERT

Community School of Music and Arts' Merit Scholarship Student Ensembles perform favorite classical and holiday selections to celebrate the winter season. Dec. 16, 5-6:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. [arts4all.org/events/merit-scholars-holiday-concert](https://arts4all.org/events/merit-scholars-holiday-concert)



**TheatreWorks: 'The Santaland Diaries'** "The Santaland Diaries," written by David Sedaris, is a comedic one-man show about holiday hype. Dec. 5-23, times vary. \$20-\$45; discounts for students and subscribers. Lohman Theatre, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. [theatreworks.org](https://theatreworks.org)

## THEATER

**A Holiday Mashup: The Nutcracker at Fox Theatre** "Hip-Hop Nutcracker" returns this season to feature 17 hip-hop artists joined by dancers from Peninsula Ballet Theater. Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. [foxrwc.showare.com](https://foxrwc.showare.com)

**Dragon Theatre Presents 'A Very Merry Dorktale' and Festival** Dragon Theatre presents a unique version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." The second half of the event is a festival with activities for kids; all proceeds go to Dragon Theatre and Geek Club Books. Dec. 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Ticket covers refreshments and activity materials. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net/box-office/dorktales-story-time.html](https://dragonproductions.net/box-office/dorktales-story-time.html)

**Dragon Theatre Presents 'Walt & Hans are: FRIGID'** Dragon Theatre presents a retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Snow Queen." Dec. 15, 10:30-11:30 p.m. Price includes one drink. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. [dragonproductions.net/box-office/latenight.html](https://dragonproductions.net/box-office/latenight.html)

**TheatreWorks: 'Around the World in 80 Days'** Set in the 1870s, "Around the World in 80 Days" follows fictional and fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg and his faithful valet as they circle the globe in an unheard of 80 days. Nov. 29-Dec. 31, times vary. \$35-\$100; discounts for students and subscribers. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. [theatreworks.org](https://theatreworks.org)

## CONCERTS

**Aurora Singers present a 'Cool Yule'** The 65-voice Aurora Singers present "Cool Yule," a concert featuring upbeat melodies and jazzy arrangements by conductor Dawn Reyen. Family-friendly, sing-alongs, reception. Dec. 16, 7 p.m. Auditorium seats sold out; lobby seating \$5; children under 6 free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. [aurorasingers.net](https://aurorasingers.net)

**Big Band Showcase directed by Ray Brown** The SJW Alumni Big Band, Miles Ahead Combo and the Miles Ahead Big Band will be featured in this jazz showcase. Dec. 17, 2-4 p.m. \$10-\$20. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. [sto.stanfordtickets.org/single/EventListing.aspx](https://sto.stanfordtickets.org/single/EventListing.aspx)

### Brandi Carlile: Winter Acoustic Tour

The Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, whose career was launched with the 2007 LP *The Story*, comes to Stanford University with longtime bandmates Tim and Phil Hanseroth (aka "the Twins") as part of their winter holiday tour. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$80. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, Stanford. Search [facebook.com/events](https://facebook.com/events) for more info.

**Peninsula Cantare Concert** The Peninsula Cantare presents its annual holiday concert. Dec. 16, 7:30 p.m. \$30; discount for seniors, students. Covenant Presbyterian Church, 670 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. [meetup.com/friends-food-drinks-and-books/events](https://meetup.com/friends-food-drinks-and-books/events)

**Transeamus** The Peninsula Women's Chorus performs one of the great choral landmarks of the 20th century, Benjamin Britten's "Ceremony of Carols." Also on the program are newer double-choir works from Australia and New Zealand, plus holiday carols. Dec. 16, 2:30-4:30 p.m. \$20-\$35. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. [pwchorus.org](https://pwchorus.org)

**Winter's Gifts: Family** The Choral Project, a Silicon Valley-based choir, performs its annual holiday concert with the San José Chamber Orchestra. Dec. 16-17, times vary. \$10, students/alumni; \$25, seniors; \$35, general admission. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. [choralproject.org/tickets/](https://choralproject.org/tickets/)

## MUSIC

**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](https://redrockcoffee.org/calendar)

**Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays** Open Mic Music & Poetry Wednesdays welcomes musicians and poets (21 and up) to share material appropriate for all ages. Sign ups at 6:30 p.m. The first performer starts at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 28, 7-9 p.m. Free. Los Altos Tasting Room, 366 Main St., Los Altos. [byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/](https://byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/)

**P.S. Acoustic Duo** P.S., the acoustic duo of local musicians Peter Filice and Steve Siacoto, will play a range of classic rock, folk and R&B music. Dec. 22, 8-10 p.m. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. [freewheelbrewing.com](https://freewheelbrewing.com)

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Taste of Science: Human memory and plant breathing** Taste of Science, a science-outreach organization, brings scientists into the community to explain their work in understandable terms to the public. This month, Vinita Bharat of Stanford University will discuss learning, memory and the "Sushi Model." Also, Michael Raissig of Stanford University will talk about how land plants learned to breathe. Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m. \$5. Scotty's Bar and Grill, 548 Emerson St., Palo Alto.

## FUNDRAISERS

**Christmas Tree Lot** The Los Altos High School Christmas Tree lot at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real, in the Chase Bank parking lot, benefits sports teams at Los Altos High School. Nov. 24-Dec. 17; 4-7:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekend. Free entry. El Camino & Castro St., 749 W El Camino Real, Mountain View.

## FAMILY

**Bethlehem A.D.** Rise City Church presents the largest living nativity in California, a re-enactment of Bethlehem on the night of the first Christmas, including volunteer actors as townspeople, Roman soldiers, sages and scholars. Live animals, refreshments, music. Dec. 21-23, 6-9:30 p.m. Free. Bethlehem A.D., 1305 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. [bethlehemad.com](https://bethlehemad.com)

**Gift Wrap at Stanford Shopping Center** Stanford Shopping Center has partnered with the nonprofit organization Home & Hope to offer gift-wrapping services in Center Pavilion. They will be accepting donations to fight local homelessness. Dec. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Donations welcome. Stanford Shopping Center, 660 Stanford Shopping Center, Palo Alto.

**Santa Photos at Stanford Shopping Center** Stanford Shopping Center will host its annual Simon Santa Photo Experience for children and families this holiday season. Through 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. [museum.stanford.edu](https://museum.stanford.edu)

**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. Oct. 18-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. [museum.stanford.edu](https://museum.stanford.edu)

**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. [museum.stanford.edu](https://museum.stanford.edu)

**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. Oct. 18-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. [museum.stanford.edu](https://museum.stanford.edu)

**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 Free. Cantor Arts Center & Herbert Hoover Memorial Exhibit Pavilion, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [museum.stanford.edu](https://museum.stanford.edu)

**'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 seaboard 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, Thursdays-Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. [losaltoshistory.org](https://losaltoshistory.org)

**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, Wednesdays-Mondays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. [events.stanford.edu](https://events.stanford.edu)

## GALLERIES

**Bon Bons and Bubbly** Timothy Adams Chocolates hosts an in-gallery tasting in honor of Adam Pendleton's gallery, "Which We Can." Dec. 20, 5-6:30 p.m. Pace Palo Alto, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Search [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) for more info.

## DANCE

**'It's a Wonderful Nutcracker'** Menlowe Ballet presents "It's a Wonderful Nutcracker," a production inspired by the 1940s Frank Capra film, "It's a Wonderful Life." It's set to the original Tchaikovsky score, with additional jazzy renditions from Duke Ellington. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 8-17, times vary. \$28-\$55; discounts for seniors and children. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. [menloweballet.org](https://menloweballet.org)

**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](https://albertos.com/calendar)

**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](https://albertos.com/calendar)

**New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria (Mambo Mondays)** New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria Mambo is 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](https://albertos.com/calendar)

**Sabados Latinoamericanos** Alberto's NightClub 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](https://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](https://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](https://albertos.com/calendar)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Pinot Noir Vertical Tasting Experience** Byington Winery's new Los Altos Tasting Room will host a pinot noir tasting. In addition to the tasting, participants will be offered a glass of the pinot of their choice. Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. \$40. Los Altos Tasting Room, 366 Main St., Los Altos. [byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/](https://byington.com/los-altos-tasting-room/)

## 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/getting-help/support-groups/](https://edrcsv.org/getting-help/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. [sccl.org/losaltos](https://sccl.org/losaltos)

**Referral and Home Care for Seniors** Community Services Agency's Senior Case Managers will provide resources on home health caregiver assistance and Santa Clara County's subsidized provider program. This session will not include any legal or financial advice. Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., 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, July 15-Dec. 16, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. [mountainview.gov/depts/library/events](https://mountainview.gov/depts/library/events)

## SPORTS

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

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**995 Fictitious Name  
Statement**

M&D BROTHERS LLC  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN636354

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

M&D Brothers LLC, located at 2040  
California St. Apt. 4, Mountain View, CA  
94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A Limited  
Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the  
registrant(s) is(are):  
M&D BROTHERS LLC

2040 California St. Apt. 4  
Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant began transacting business  
under the fictitious business name(s)  
listed above on 12/11/2017.

This statement was filed with the  
County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara  
County on November 29, 2017.

(MVV Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2017; Jan. 5, 2018)

NEW ZEALAND IN 2020  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN636475

The following person (persons) is (are)  
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New Zealand in 2020, located at 969  
Asilomar Terrace #6, Sunnyvale, CA  
94086-2438, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: A  
Corporation.

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

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**997 All Other Legals**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER  
ESTATE OF: IRIS ANN LUBITZ  
Case No.: 17PR182396

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, con-  
tingent creditors, and persons who may  
otherwise be interested in the will or  
estate, or both, of IRIS ANN LUBITZ.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by:  
JOSHUA DAVID LUBITZ in the Superior  
Court of California, County of SANTA  
CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that:  
JOSHUA DAVID LUBITZ be appointed as  
personal representative to administer  
the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests author-  
ity to administer the estate under the  
Independent Administration of Estates  
Act. (This authority will allow the person-  
al 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 author-  
ity 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 February 15, 2018 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 peti-  
tion, 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 per-  
son 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  
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Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of  
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able in California law.

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the estate, you may file with the court

a Request for Special Notice (form  
DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and  
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tion or account as provided in Probate  
Code section 1250. A Request for Special  
Notice form is available from the court  
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Petitioner:  
Joshua David Lubitz  
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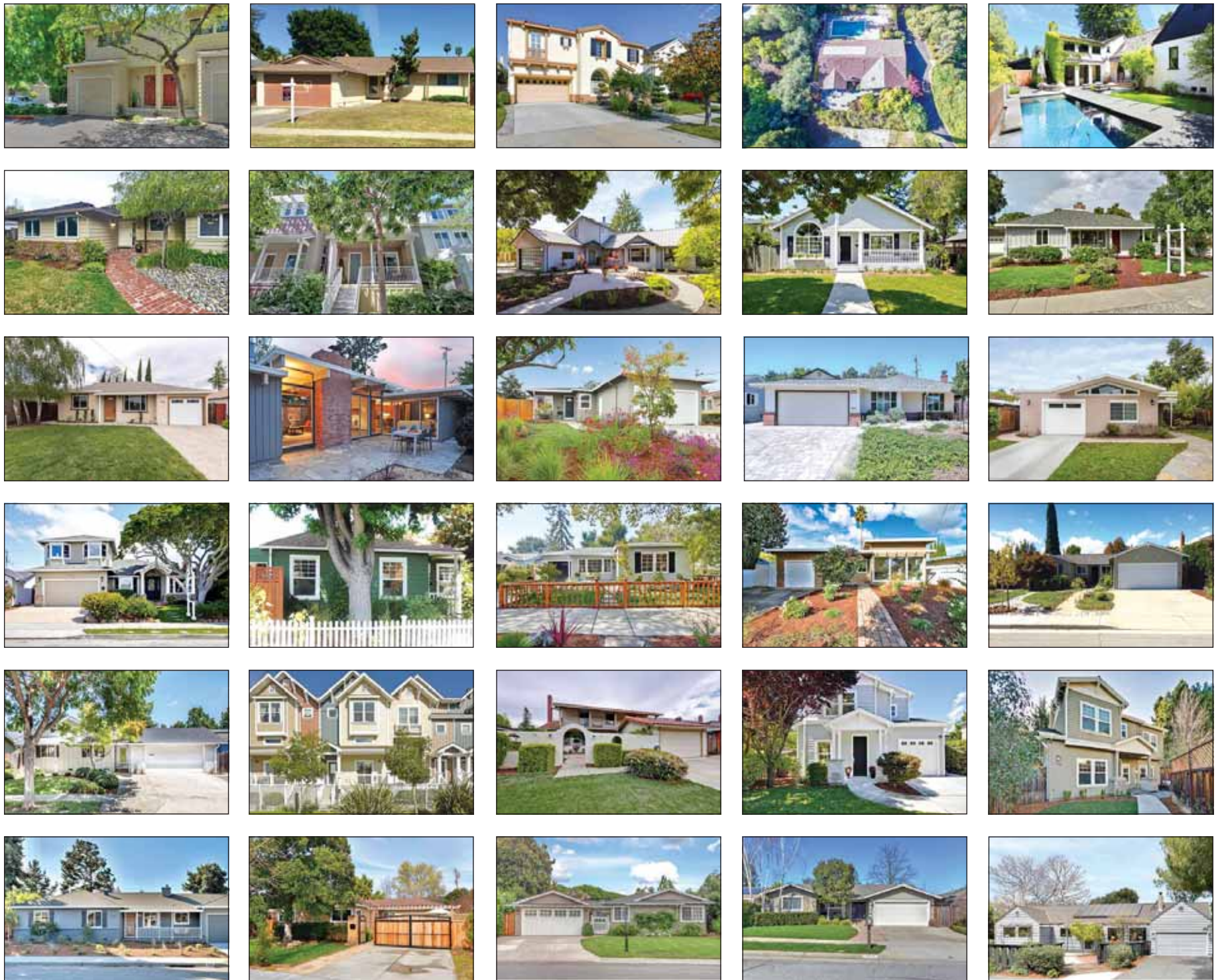
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