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Bierhaus owner sees trouble brewing

HIGH RENTS, REDEVELOPMENT PLANS
COULD SINK POPULAR PUB

By Mark Noack

On a weekday night on Castro Street, it's hard to find a more popular spot than Bierhaus. After 4:30 p.m. or so, the downtown beer garden's patio is packed with patrons, and you can hear the sounds of clinking mugs and chatter echoing down the block.

It's surprising, given that Bierhaus' corner location at 383 Castro St. for years had the reputation of being the spot where restaurants go to die. Once a Wienerschnitzel fast-food stand, the series of eateries that followed closed in quick succession, including a sports bar, a seafood diner, a California-fusion cafe and a Turkish diner.

Despite having minimal restaurant experience, Bierhaus owner Mike Finley took over the location's lease in 2011 and managed to turn it around. It wasn't easy: His original idea for a fast-casual burger restaurant struggled to find its footing. After two years, Finley retooled his business at considerable expense with a new focus on the beer garden. Bierhaus was born, and it clicked.

Anyone passing by, or waiting in the long line for a pint, might safely assume that business is going gangbusters.

Yes, sales are indeed good, Finley said with a bit of pride. Nevertheless, the pub owner is

not optimistic about his future prospects. In less than a year, Bierhaus could be the latest small business in Mountain View to shut its doors for good, Finley said.

The Bierhaus lease expires in late 2018. In anticipation, the property owner has recently filed plans with the city to rebuild the corner site into a four-story office building. The plans call for a dense development built out to the edge of the sidewalk, with three stories of offices and a ground-floor restaurant space.

Sitting with his dog at one of pub's patio tables, Finley said the redevelopment would basically torpedo Bierhaus, ruining the spacious beer garden that his patrons love. For that matter, he expects his landlord to demand a much higher rent — likely double what he currently pays — to underwrite the costs of

rebuilding the property. Bierhaus has an approximately 4-percent profit margin after all expenses are accounted for, Finley said. If he had to sacrifice more to earn less, it might not be worth it, he said.

"Am I going to make another 10-year investment here? At this point, I really don't know," he said. "I would love to stay here, but I don't want to be the one who shoulders all the risk."

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**'This is what
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MAYOR KEN ROSENBERG



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A LOOK BACK AT 2017

There's no need to squint — 2017 is behind us, but there's still time for a visual stroll down memory lane. In a divisive year marked by protests, the solar eclipse in August brought people together, sharing scarce eclipse-viewing glasses and trading tips for homemade viewers. At Moffett Field, Air Force service members (from left) Tam Tran, Dandrell Thomas and Karanda Johnson watch the moon slip in front of the sun. For more of the year's most striking images, our retrospective starts on page 10.

MV Whisman launches online enrollment

GROWING NUMBER OF FAMILIES ON WAITING LISTS WILL GET LIVE UPDATES

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is aiming to make it easier for parents to enroll their children for the upcoming school year, with a new online system that aims to make it easier to track students stuck on lengthy waiting lists. The new system should prove useful for the hundreds of families requesting transfers each year, as parents vie for spots in the

most popular district schools.

Friday, Jan. 5, kicks off the enrollment period for the 2018-19 school year, which will be the test drive for the district's new registration system called SchoolMint. District officials say the new system should make it a whole lot easier for parents to register for their neighborhood school and — if they so choose — hop onto the waiting list for schools elsewhere in the city. SchoolMint is expected to ease the challenges of proving

residency each year, and will have quick updates showing parents whether they're any closer to getting their children into a choice school.

When the open enrollment period closed last year and families were assigned to school, a total of 90 families living near Bubb, Huff and Landels were given the tough news that their children could not attend their neighborhood school because of

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"Fastest two-person circumnavigation of the globe in a small sailboat."

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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.

■ POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

2100 block Old Middlefield Way, 12/28
2500 block Mardell Way, 12/28
100 block Paul Av., 12/28
1300 block Grant Rd., 12/28
1 block W. El Camino Real, 12/28
1300 block Grant Rd., 12/28
1 block Sierra Vista Av., 12/29
200 block Flynn Av., 12/31
200 block Flynn Av., 12/31

BATTERY

Castro St. & W. Dana St., 12/30
Garcia Av. & Marine Way, 12/31

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

500 block Castro St., 12/29

GRAND THEFT

200 block N. Whisman Rd., 12/28

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

100 block E. Middlefield Rd., 12/31
400 block Stierlin Rd., 12/31

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1 block Sierra Vista Av., 12/29



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■ CRIME BRIEFS

TWO ARRESTED AFTER RV SEARCH

Police arrested two men last week on drug and weapons-related charges after officers found the suspects in an RV containing a modified assault rifle, drugs and other weapons.

The men, one of whom was a 46-year-old transient who had taken up residence in the RV near Gemini Avenue and Jackson Street, were confronted by police on Dec. 29 after an officer noticed garbage and a barbecue strewn outside the RV, police said in a statement Wednesday.

The officer knocked on the door to ask the two men to clean up the area, and in speaking to the transient man and the second suspect, a 42-year-old San Jose man, believed that both men were under the influence of meth, police said.

The RV owner later admitted that several guns were inside the vehicle and gave consent for the officer to retrieve the weapons, police said. The officer found an AR-15 assault rifle with illegal modifications, two loaded magazine rounds nearby and a .22 caliber rifle, along with several rounds of ammunition, methamphetamine, a meth pipe and a "large quantity of marijuana," police said.

A Honda parked behind the RV, owned by the transient suspect, contained drug paraphernalia, police said.

The suspect told police he owned two more guns, a 20-gauge shotgun and a second .22 caliber rifle, at a friend's home in Campbell, which officers later retrieved.

The transient man was arrested on charges including possession of an assault rifle, possession of firearms, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. The San Jose man was arrested on suspicion of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, along with two warrants for his arrest, and was booked into Santa Clara County jail with a bail set at \$31,000.

MAN ID'D IN FATAL CRASH WITH GOOGLE BUS

A San Jose man died on Dec. 27 after the motorcycle he was riding collided with a Google commuter bus in the North Bayshore area of Mountain View, according to police.

This week, the man was identified as 30-year-old Joseph Lopez Jr., according to the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office.

Police received reports of the collision shortly before 5:20 p.m. at the intersection of Plymouth Street and North Shoreline Boulevard, and found the motorcyclist in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene, police said.

No one else was injured in the collision, police said. The bus involved in the crash was contracted by Google to transport employees to the company's main tech campus in the region.

The road was closed from Pear Avenue to Space Park Way for seven hours as police investigated the accident. The road was reopened at 1 a.m. the next day.

The cause of the collision is still under investigation, and neither party has been determined to be at fault for the crash, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson on Wednesday morning.

CAR BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 30-year-old Morgan Hill man was arrested in Mountain View early Sunday after he was reportedly seen breaking into multiple vehicles in the North Whisman neighborhood. The arrest comes after residents last week reported several vehicles and mailboxes in the same area had been broken into and looted.

A resident called police reporting that a man was attempting to break into a vehicle on the 100 block of East Middlefield Road just after 3:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve. While officers were en route, another call came in reporting that a second vehicle had

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Jeff Corey, Jason Pedersen and Oscar Pimienta work on a temporary wall to board up Michael's at Shoreline, where burglars drove a truck into the building and stole an ATM on Jan. 2.

Burglars drive truck into Michael's at Shoreline

ATM STOLEN, DUMPED IN GOOGLE PARKING LOT

By Mark Noack

Mountain View police are searching for suspects in a smash-and-grab burglary who crashed a truck into the Shoreline Golf Links clubhouse to steal an ATM.

The burglary reportedly occurred early Tuesday morning, Jan. 2, when Michael's at Shoreline, the clubhouse restaurant, was untended. Police officials say a flatbed work truck stolen out of Cupertino was used to smash through the restaurant's glass doors. The

suspects apparently loaded up the ATM from the restaurant's front lobby and absconded with it.

Around 4:30 a.m., Mountain View police officials received multiple calls linked to the crime. An employee arriving at Michael's discovered the smashed doors and reported the missing ATM. Around the same time, security guards from Google phoned in to report they had found the same ATM abandoned in one of the company's parking lots at 1900 Charleston Ave.

When it was discovered, the

ATM was damaged with burn marks, likely from attempts to crack it open. Police officials declined to say whether any money was stolen out of the ATM.

About a quarter-mile from Michael's, police also discovered the stolen truck used in the crime. The truck was left a good distance from where the ATM was abandoned.

The Shoreline Golf Links clubhouse is leased to Michael's but the building is owned by the city of Mountain View. City

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Local pantries threatened by Second Harvest's budget shortfall

DONATIONS ARE DOWN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, AND DEMAND IS HIGH

By Kevin Forestieri

Programs to bring fresh produce and groceries to low-income families at public schools and other convenient locations may fall by the wayside next year. Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties revealed Wednesday that charitable

donations are unusually low this year, leaving the food bank with a potential \$8 million shortfall.

Second Harvest's annual budget relies heavily on its holiday campaign, which runs from October through the first week of January, when residents tend to do most of their philanthropic giving for the year, said Second Harvest CEO Leslie Bacho. Half

of the Second Harvest's income comes in during this narrow period, and the organization was hoping to raise \$16.5 million. Bacho said donations were barely past the halfway mark as of last week.

Each week, Second Harvest distributes more than a million

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Memorial set for former LAHS football coach

COMMUNITY INVITED TO CELEBRATE LIFE OF THOMAS BURT

By Kevin Forestieri

Friends and family members are invited to celebrate the life of former Los Altos High School football coach Thomas Burt Saturday, Jan. 13. Burt, who died in October, led the athletic department during the school's early years, transforming the football team into a dominant force that won one championship after another throughout the 1960s.

Burt served as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Los Altos High School for 25 years starting in 1956, shortly after the school first opened its doors. From 1961 to 1970, Burt led the football team to six Santa Clara Valley championships, putting Los Altos High at the top of the 10-school league year over year. Burt received several awards including the Central Cost Section (CCS) and Northern California Coach of the Year, and the school's field has since been named after him.

Burt's successful coaching philosophy centered around teamwork and turning the team into an "integrated unit" that helped catapult teams to victory, said his son Pat Burt, the former Palo Alto City Council member. Pat, a ball boy at the time, recalled how each player knew his role on the team and how to collaborate, allowing the group to excel beyond any individual's ability to play.

"They would dominate against teams with superior talent, and they did this for many years," Burt recalled.

Tom Burt was part of a dream team of athletic staff at Los Altos High School, joined by track and field coach Leo Long, swimming and water polo coach Nort Thornton, and the physical education director Dushan "Dude" Angius, who recruited them to create what became the preeminent athletic program in the region at the time. Many of the records set at the high school 30 to 40 years ago still haven't been surpassed, Pat Burt said.

The story goes that Angius' first hire was Tom Burt, who had previously been head football coach at Gilroy High School. The school hadn't had a winning season in three decades, but he had turned them into champions.

Burt's coaching style was very much one of tough love, teaching his players toughness on the field and striving for perfection on plays deep into the game. Pat Burt recalled how at the end of practice each squad would have to do a series of downs — four straight plays — perfectly before they could hit the showers. Players who failed to sprint all 20 yards at the end of a play, for example, would have to start all over again. At first, the only thing that would save the players was the sun going down, but

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Tom Burt led Los Altos High School's football team to several championships during the 1960s, while also serving as a teacher and the school's athletic director.

COURTESY OF PAT BURT

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Khoe Tran, the owner of the Bierhaus site, did not return calls from the *Voice* requesting comment.

Booming downtown

By one measure, business in downtown Mountain View is great. Buoyed mainly by restaurants and bars, retail sales downtown have exploded — jumping from \$82 million in 2010 to more than \$152 million in 2014, according to a new downtown economic report commissioned by city officials.

Yet only a fraction of that windfall is going into the pockets of restaurant owners. With the increase in business, the cost for leasing retail space has also ballooned, jumping more than 50 percent since 2010. Restaurant owners say they have also had to stomach other rising costs, such as utilities, food and a dwindling labor pool.

Meanwhile, over the same period, the value of office space has shot up into the stratosphere. Going rents for downtown office leases have more than doubled. This has led to a flurry of mixed-use proposals along downtown that mainly seek to maximize

new office development while providing just enough retail space to provide political cover, an assurance that the city's downtown isn't becoming an office park.

In some cases, longtime business owners have warned city leaders that this rapid redevelopment will be a death sentence for their establishments. That's what happened in 2016 when the City Council approved a four-story project to replace Morocco's restaurant, despite concerns that the eatery wouldn't be provided a new location. Shortly after receiving city approvals, the landlord moved to effectively double the restaurant's monthly rent, and Morocco's owners terminated its lease and shut down.

At the time, Councilman Ken Rosenberg had opposed the Morocco's redevelopment over concerns that it would doom a popular business. It's a fine line for the government to walk, he said in an interview with the *Voice*. Popular businesses like Bierhaus deserve credit for building up a loyal customer following, but part of that success was surely tied to the pub's central location, he said.

"This is what a successful economy looks like: lease prices go up," Rosenberg said. "If you're

the landowner, you're going to capitalize on that."

Other retail shops have also been teetering on the edge amid redevelopment plans. Last year, the City Council considered plans to transform the Cognition Cyclery storefront into a luxury hotel. Those plans were rejected by the council, but Cognition owner Taylor Kopf said his landlord could submit a different proposal to rebuild the site.

The cost for leasing retail space has ballooned, jumping more than 50 percent since 2010.

"At this point, we've been working on a backup plan if our lease doesn't get renewed," Kopf said. "In terms of having any pull with the current building owners, I'd say I have zero. My concerns probably won't change their minds."

In recent weeks, a growing number of residents have been demanding more forceful action by city officials to preserve

downtown Mountain View's charm and its array of popular shops and restaurants. These advocates have deep suspicions about developers' promises and the economic benefits of redevelopment. A grass-roots group, Livable Mountain View, has urged city leaders to oppose adding more tech offices that offer scant public appeal to downtown and create pedestrian "dead zones."

But having more tech offices centered downtown doesn't necessarily harm the city's retail shops and cafes, according to city officials. They emphasize that Castro Street's office workers have become the most loyal customers for the 264 retail businesses downtown, about half of which are bars or restaurants. Alex Andrade, the city's economic development director, points to a study published last month by the International Council of Shopping Centers that found that office workers spent \$195 per week on average, mostly in the vicinity around their workplace.

"For those folks who argue that offices are causing restaurants to fail — it's actually the opposite," Andrade said. "Our restaurants are not suffering; the

offices complement our dining."

Other city officials echo similar thoughts, saying the spree of redevelopment has overall been great for downtown. Mountain View's Castro Street is the envy of other surrounding cities, and the problems it faces are largely due to its success, they say.

Finley doesn't disagree, and he counts the nearby tech workers as among his most loyal customers. But the Bierhaus owner is troubled by what he calls the "Silicon Valley mentality" that has taken hold at Mountain View's main street. Landlords downtown have been racing to squeeze as much value as possible from their properties without considering what it being jettisoned in the process, he says.

Bierhaus is downtown Mountain View's fourth highest sales-tax generator, he says. If his business is so successful, then why does he still feel pressured to close down?

"I've tried to structure Bierhaus as a community business, a social gathering place," Finley said. "But if allowed, the developers and landowners can cash out with little investment in the community." ▀

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space constraints. Another 368 families had been wait-listed for schools elsewhere in the district, including the popular Stevenson PACT and Mistral Elementary's dual immersion program. With enrollment expected to increase this year, parents are likely to face a similar struggle.

The upside is that this year, parents won't have to camp out on the district's website refreshing the page in hopes an update, according to Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph. Families will be able to log onto either the website or the app to get real-time information on their children's registration as well as place in line for schools, which should ease some of the anxiety that comes with open enrollment.

"One of the bigger concerns that we had last year was there was no real-time data in terms of where a child was in line," he said. "We did a pretty good job of doing it, but it was an extra step — we would move people off the list and all of the sudden our staff

had to update the website just to inform parents."

The hope is that the new system will allow more families to upload proof of residency and other important registration documents online, which means fewer families have to set up appointments at the district office.

"Last year we had parents waiting out in the rain," Rudolph said. "We want to make sure we don't have parents losing an inordinate amount of time."

Actual relief from waiting lists is expected to come next year. The school district is in the process of revising its long and fairly convoluted enrollment priorities that dictate which kids are allowed to attend certain school, and when they are to be given a priority spot at a particular campus. There are 26 different priorities, which all get punched into SchoolMint for the lottery system next month to determine where each child is placed for the upcoming school year.

At the same time, construction of the new Slater Elementary

School is expected to be complete by the middle of 2019, providing a relief valve for some of the district's most crowded campuses. The school board approved new attendance boundaries that even out enrollment among its campuses by using the new school in the Whisman region of the city. The new boundaries are set to take effect in the 2019-20 school year.

In order to cut down on the waiting lists at Bubba and Huff and avoid displacing families living just streets away from the campus, the school board agreed to add another kindergarten classroom to both schools for the 2017-18 school year. Rudolph said the district may consider doing the same thing again this year, but won't make a decision until the lottery system shakes out next month.

Rudolph said the district could also allow children to attend school under the new attendance boundaries before they go into effect in 2019-20, for families that aren't zoned for Slater. ■

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SECOND HARVEST

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pounds of food — half of which is fresh produce — to needy families in an area spanning from Gilroy north to Daly City, usually through a network of nonprofit partner agencies in each region. Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos, for example, receives about one-fourth of its groceries from Second Harvest each year, which it then distributes to low-income families struggling to pay for food.

Lately, Second Harvest has sought ways to reach more families, particularly through public schools and health clinics. The nonprofit recently launched food pantries at Mistral, Castro and Theuerkauf elementary schools in Mountain View, making it easier for families to pick up food. Bacho said Second Harvest is also setting up food distribution centers at low-income housing complexes, setting up farmers market-style tables full of groceries for people to pick up right in their backyard.

"The goal is to make it as convenient as possible, and to bring it to where the families already are," she said.

The goal was to launch more food pantries at four elementary schools, three clinics, five housing complexes and a college campus. But faced with a budget shortfall, Bacho said the roll out of these new services may need to either delayed or canceled entirely.

"We're going to try to protect the programs we already have in the community," she said.

Despite the booming local economy and low unemployment rate, Second Harvest estimates that close to 27 percent of residents of Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, or about 720,000 people, are "food insecure," meaning they struggle to pay for food and are at risk of going hungry. The problem is driven primarily by the high cost of living, which leaves little money for food among families making less than \$84,750 in Santa Clara County and \$105,350 in San Mateo County, according to a report released by the nonprofit earlier this month.

Bacho said the food pantries at schools and housing complexes are part of Second Harvest's mission to reach as many of those hungry families as possible, and that the organization has been able to serve about 257,000 people each month — a "tremendous amount," but with plenty of room to grow, she said.

What residents may not realize is that unlike other nonprofits, Second Harvest relies heavily on smaller donations from individuals, which make up more than 60 percent of the annual budget, Bacho said. The average donation made by individuals is \$168, but they tallied up to more than \$25 million last year.

"I think a lot of people don't realize almost half of our funding is from individuals," Bacho said. "You'd be surprised by just

the breadth of our donors."

Why are donations down this year? Bacho said it's hard to say. She said rumors are swirling that the national disasters throughout the year, including the major fires that engulfed large swaths of the North Bay and Southern California, may have drawn attention and charitable giving in too many directions. There are also questions about how the newly passed tax law may be affecting people's pocketbooks.

Regardless, Bacho said Second Harvest is making one final push to shore up donations through the last week of December and the first week of January. Anyone interested in donating can go to shfb.org and click the donate button. ■

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officials could not immediately give an estimate on the cost of damage to the building.

"The front doors are just gone completely," said Steve Achabal, city recreation supervisor. "The cost of the damage done to the building is probably more than what was in the ATM."

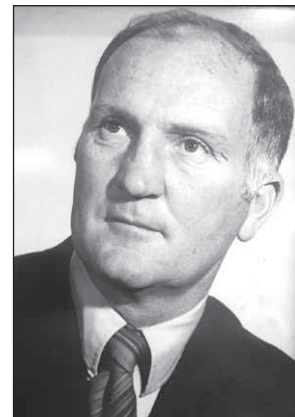
A Michael's employee said the restaurant would be closed for the rest of the day for repairs.

Police officials say they are continuing to investigate the crime. ■

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Thomas Burt

1923 – 2017



Tom Burt, educator and legendary football coach of Los Altos High School passed away on October 16 from stroke complications at the age of 94. Tom inspired generations of students and athletes to value teamwork and perseverance, pursue their passions and fulfill their potentials.

Tom was born in Los Angeles and raised on a small oil field in the middle of West Hollywood

where the Beverley Center stands today. His mother, Frances, was descended from early Montana settlers and his father, Chester, arrived in California from Oklahoma after serving in Europe as a doughboy in the First World War. Tom was the second of four children and the first in his family to attend college. He grew up riding his bike to deliver newspapers in Beverley Hills and to the beach in Santa Monica, enjoying the outdoors and playing every sport available. He attended Fairfax High where he pursued his passion for athletics and was classmates with Hollywood childhood stars including Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney.

After high school he fought forest fires while waiting to pursue his dreams of becoming a naval aviator and playing college football.

Tom graduated from the University of California Santa Barbara where he played football, basketball and baseball and where, during a golf class, he met, Katy Molloy, his wife of over 50 years until her passing in 1999. They were married at the Santa Barbara Mission in 1947 and shared lifelong careers as admired teachers, instilling passions for learning in the thousands of students whose lives they affected.

He became head football coach at Gilroy High in the early 1950's, transforming their program while inspiring many of his players to become successful coaches and lifelong friends.

In 1956 he was the first person hired by Dude Angius at the new Los Altos High School where "Coach Burt" served as teacher, football coach and athletic director for 25 years. Under his leadership Los Altos High was recognized as the most successful football and overall athletic program in northern California. From 1961 – 1970 his football teams were champions six times, including the first Santa Clara County title. His honors included CCS and Northern California Coach of the Year, Santa Clara County All Star coach, coach of the North-South California Shrine Game and the first California-Hawaii All-Star Game. Upon his retirement the Los Altos High football field was named "Tom Burt Field."

After retiring from teaching, Tom pursued his passions for sports, outdoors and his family. He and his former assistant, Bob Baird, took up their spikes again in the 1980's to help coach De Anza College to a conference championship under Bob Mazuka, one of his former players from Gilroy. Then, in 1990, he joined his former colleague, Pete Riehlman, in a great adventure of coaching the Bologna, Italy "Warriors" American football team. Tom married Dee Hardcastle in 2005. They lived in Auburn and Walnut Creek until her passing last year.

Tom and Katy are survived by their five children, Michael, Patrick, Maureen, Sheila and Kevin, daughter-in law Sally, son-in-law Steve, and seven grandchildren, Katrina, Heather, Shane, Carolyn, Kelly, Riley and Grace. His greatest pleasures in life were his family, friends, sports, the outdoors, and the opportunity to mentor so many amazing young people throughout his years of coaching and teaching.

Please join us for a celebration of Tom Burt's life on Saturday, January 13, 11:30AM at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.

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TOM BURT

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eventually they would be able to execute plays flawlessly, which was an integral strategy for winning games against the best teams in the league.

"Within weeks they would be able to do it," Pat Burt said. "And this was not only to show that 11 players could actually be perfect all the time as a unit, but they could do it at the very end of practice, when they were the most dog tired."

Brad Lyman, who played on the team from 1965 through 1967, told the *Voice* that LAHS dominated the Santa Clara Valley teams. There were no play-offs or CCS or anything like that — they didn't even play against Palo Alto High School or St. Francis. But the school was absolutely the big fish in a small pond, and went undefeated through 1965 and 1966 under the royal blue and gold banner of the Los Altos Knights.

"We were a juggernaut," Lyman said. "We didn't win games by a point or two or a touchdown, we won by multiple touchdowns."

The school's athletic dominance started to fade in the 1970s, and Tom Burt retired from teaching in the 1980s. He later went on to help coach at De Anza College with his former assistant coach, Bob Baird, leading the school to win a conference championship, and in 1990 went overseas to coach an Italian team in Bologna.

Many of the students who played under Tom Burt went on to be very successful, and attribute a lot of what they learned about teamwork and execution to their experience playing at Los Altos High, Pat Burt said. They may not remember him for being soft or sweet, but they often call

it the most important experience they had.

"He was so proud," Burt said. "Many of them became judges, prominent architects, lawyers ... also just guys who throughout life said, 'Boy, that was a valuable experience for me.'"

Lyman, who went on to be a wide receiver at University of California at Los Angeles, where he also ran track, acknowledged that the practices weren't a walk in the park — chinstraps were always on tight, helmets stayed on regardless of the temperature and water breaks were few and far between. But he said he fondly looks back on his years on the football team, which had students working hard to improve and push themselves. Winning in such a convincing fashion always had them coming back to practice on Monday.

"As the years go by, and now it's 50 years later and Tom's service is coming up on the 13th, you realize the values that were instilled by Tom and his staff during those years," Lyman said. "But you don't realize it at the time."

Tom Burt was born in 1923 in Los Angeles and was raised in West Hollywood. He later graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara. He was preceded in death by Katy Molloy, his wife of more than 50 years, in 1999. Burt died on Oct. 16 of stroke complications, and is survived by his children Michael, Pat, Maureen, Sheila and Kevin; and seven grandchildren.

The family is hosting an event celebrating his life on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

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been burglarized nearby, police said.

Officers spotted a man that matched the description of the suspect at the intersection of Tyrella and Flynn avenues, and one of the department's K9s connected him to a Honda sedan parked outside the condominium complex. Police say they found a bag of burglary tools, mail from residents, methamphetamine and a meth pipe inside the vehicle.

The man was arrested on charges including burglary, prowling, possession of burglary tools, possession of a controlled substance and violation of his parole. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail without bail.

The arrest comes just days after residents in the region reported on NextDoor that four vehicles as well as mailboxes had been broken into overnight. Police say that the man arrested Sunday may have been the same suspect in the reported burglaries last week, but the case remains under investigation, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Police searched the suspect's home on Jan. 1, and found that he was in possession of both mail and property suspected of being stolen from a "neighboring city." Police are not releasing information on where it came from, Nelson said.

Police also found gun ammunition in the home, which is a crime because the suspect is a convicted felon, Nelson said.

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It was quite a year, 2017. The political divisions that roiled the country were evident in Mountain View, as residents took to the streets to peacefully protest the new president, Donald Trump, and his administration's policies on immigration. Earth's closest star was the star of the summer's solar eclipse, and the sun set on the career of longtime Foothill College professor Andrew Fracknoi, a star in astronomy circles who retired in June. Mother Nature ended California's long drought with epic winter rains, which took a harsh toll on the popular Stevens Creek Trail. The local housing crisis became even harder to ignore, as a growing number of RVs and cars served as housing for Mountain View's dispossessed, even as office development plans poured into the city at a break-neck pace.

Amid the upheaval, the rhythms of everyday life provided moments of beauty: from preschool art class to picking out the perfect prom dress, student startup projects to dancing downtown. Our photographers invite you to take a look back at Mountain View in 2017.

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This page, clockwise from top left: Storm water races through Stevens Creek north of the 101 overpass on Feb. 7; Espe Ndombe dances to a live band downtown on June 29; Workers install piping for a geothermal system at Google's new Moffett Field campus; Retired teacher Anita Brown admires the missing teeth of students at Theurkauf School in February; Retired Maj. Roy Timmerman dresses a mannequin in a staff sergeant Marine Corps uniform at the Moffett Field Historical Society Museum on May 9.

Previous page, clockwise from top left: Bruce Ives, left, and Gerald Garrett count occupied RVs along Crisanto Avenue on Jan. 25 as part of the point-in-time homeless census; Students in Ximena Vilela's preschool art class compare chalk-covered fingers at CSMA on Nov. 21; A high school student considers the fit of a dress donated to The Princess Project on March 26; Protesters wave signs and flags at the International Workers' Day Rally at Civic Center Plaza on May 1; Astronomy professor Andrew Fraknoi combs his hair in his office at Foothill College on June 13.



HOW THE NEW TAX LEGISLATION COULD IMPACT CALIFORNIA REAL ESTATE

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Well, it is now the law of the land. On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act into law, giving the Republicans their first major legislative win since President Trump took office. The sweeping reform will have a significant impact on California.

As Silicon Valley's top listing agent, a high-income taxpayer and a tax attorney, I have been watching the various proposals for tax reform with a keen eye. I was not alone—twice a year DeLeon Realty presents a seminar on the taxation of real estate, which usually attracts an audience of around 60 to 80 local homeowners. When I held the seminar in November 2017, shortly after the House of Representatives outlined its version of the Bill, we had over 200 people in attendance. People were paying attention. Recently, we announced that we will hold a seminar on the recently enacted tax law, and already, we have had over 400 people RSVP. We also have seen a dramatic uptick in listing appointments. Silicon Valley residents are nervous and worried.

Taken as a whole, and in general terms, the new tax legislation should be very good for corporations, shareholders, the very wealthy, and the middle class in the heartland of the country. On the other hand, there may be negative consequences for the "working wealthy," with combined incomes between \$400,000 and \$1.5 million in high tax states, such as New York and California. Unfortunately, the "working wealthy" group makes up a significant portion of the buyer pool of expensive Silicon Valley real estate.

There is substantial amount of confusion about the new rules. Part of the confusion stems from conflicting rules that were contained in the original Bill announced by the House of Representatives on November 2, 2017, and the Senate version passed on December 2, 2017. This confusion is exacerbated by the conflicting, and occasionally misleading, analysis coming from various partisan groups in the government and the media. This article will summarize many of the key provisions that should have a profound impact on California real estate.

TAX RATES

In general, the tax rates have come down. While retaining seven tax brackets, the new legislation reduces the rates applied to most tax brackets. The new brackets are as follows:

Tax Rate	Joint Return	Individual
10%	\$0-19,050	\$0-9,525
12%	\$19,051- 77,400	\$9,526-38,700
22%	\$77,401-165,000	\$38,701-82,500
24%	\$165,001-315,000	\$82,501-157,500
32%	\$315,001-400,000	\$157,501-200,000
35%	\$400,001-600,000	\$200,001-500,000
37%	\$600,001+	\$500,000+

The highest tax bracket now starts at \$600,000 as opposed to the \$1 million starting point proposed under both the House and the Senate version of the Bills. This last minute change to the bracket starting point comes with the benefit of lowering the highest bracket rates from the 39.6% and 38.5% (as proposed in the House and Senate Bills, respectively) to 37%. Taken as a whole, these two

changes net out to be a very positive change for the extremely wealthy, but will be costly for couples with a combined taxable income between \$600,000 and \$1.2 million. It should be noted that only the highest bracket brings back what was colloquially referred to as the "marriage penalty." Again, this change may be particularly hard on Silicon Valley families, where it is not uncommon to have both spouses employed at high-paying jobs.

THE GOOD NEWS

The Step-Up in Basis upon Death of one Spouse

The new legislation retains the taxpayer-favorable step-up in basis rule. Under this rule, homeowners with highly appreciated real estate receive a functional forgiveness of the capital gains taxes that would have been due upon sale, if these assets are still held by the taxpayer on the date of his/her death. As a result of this long standing rule, many Silicon Valley homeowners are wisely advised not to sell their highly appreciated real estate prior to their death. Thus, any change to this rule could have resulted in a rapid increase to the number of homes coming onto the market and a corresponding decrease in home values. .

Section 1031 "Like-Kind" Exchange Rules Unaffected

Under the new rules, "like-kind exchanges" under IRC Sec 1031 remain materially unaltered with regard to real property. Taxpayers are still permitted to defer the capital gains tax on appreciated real property by purchasing qualifying replacement real property. The seller still has 45 days to identify the replacement property and 180 days to close. Under the new rules, however, this provision is only applicable to real property—personal property no longer qualifies for the deferral

Section 121 Survived a House Scare

Although the House and Senate Bills called for substantial limitations on taxpayers' ability to exclude up to \$500,000 in gain in the sale of their primary residence, the final legislation leaves this rule untouched. Thus, taxpayers can still exclude up to \$500,000 (married, filing jointly) in gain if they have owned the property for more than two years and have lived in the property for at least two of the past five years. There is no phase-out of this deduction. It should be noted that this taxpayer-favorable rule appears to be on Congress's radar screen, and could be repealed at some point in the future.

Corporation Can Bring Money Back to the U.S. at Lower Cost

For many years, U.S. corporations have substantial resources stuck offshore because bringing these profits back into the United States, (a.k.a. Repatriation) would have resulted in a substantial tax. Under the new law, these corporations can bring this money back to the United States at a much lower cost. The hope is that these resources will be put to use in the United States, where they will create jobs and otherwise simulate the economy. However, it is left to be seen whether these repatriated funds will gravitate towards states with lower taxes.

Child Care Credit Increased to \$2,000

Although the popular Child Care credit program was increased to \$2,000 per child, this provision is phased out for taxpayers with combined adjusted gross incomes over \$400,000.

THE BAD NEWS

Reduction of the SALT Deduction

Without question, the most significant change facing California homeowners is the dramatic limitation on the deductibility of state and local taxes ("SALT"), including both state income taxes and county real property taxes. Although, under the newly enacted rules, taxpayers are permitted to deduct up to \$10,000 in state and local taxes, most people that can afford to purchase real estate in Silicon Valley already pay over \$10,000 in state income taxes so this change effectively eliminates the deductibility of all property taxes. This change will reduce the incentive for the purchase of real estate.

Longer term, this change may make it more difficult to attract top talent to the state. As a result, we are likely to see businesses locate high paid operations out of state to the extent practicable. Naturally, these concerns will be counterbalanced, to some degree, by the overall desirability of the state and the robust business environment.

Although we expect this provision to have an immediate and significant impact on the buyers' desire to purchase homes, this impact should diminish over time as some taxpayers realize that state and local taxes were a "preference item" under the AMT rules, and, as such, were already added back. In other words, not all taxpayers were getting a benefit from the SALT deduction so the loss of it will not hurt them as much as they may fear at first.

Reduction in mortgage interest deduction

Under the new law, mortgage interest on loans used to purchase property will only be deductible to the extent of the first \$750,000 of principal amount. This is down from \$1.1 million, which was the combined limit of the \$1 million mortgage mount and the \$100,000 equity line, which could be aggregated to form a combined limit of \$1.1 million. Although existing loans, and the refinance of existing loans, will retain the \$1 million principal amount limitation, the additional \$100,000 has been eliminated.

We do not expect this change to have significant impact on the psyche of potential buyers because interest rates are so low and buyers of expensive real estate have proven undaunted by the non-deductibility of a portion of their mortgage interest.

Overall Reduction in Incentives to Buy Homes

The near doubling of the standard deduction, and the reduction of the deductibility of state taxes and mortgage interest, will have the unintended consequence of reducing the incentive for people to buy rather than rent. We expect this impact to be most pronounced on lower priced homes, but the entire market should feel some sort of effect. While there are both benefits and detriments associated with entry level homes becoming more affordable, current homeowners may want to be prepared for a turbulent ride.

No Elimination of the Personal AMT (But increased to \$1,000,000 for couples)

Although the House Bill called for the repeal of the Alternative Minimum Tax ("AMT") for individuals, the final legislation retained the Individual AMT, but eliminated the corporate AMT. However, the legislation raises the point at which the AMT exemption is phased out, from \$164,100 for joint filers to \$1,000,000 for joint fillers. This increased limit, coupled with the reduction of available deductions, should result in a much lower percentage of the population paying AMT.

Changes for Individuals sunset in 2025

Much has been made about the fact that the changes to Much has been made about the fact that the changes to personal income taxes will sunset after 2025, whereas the corporate changes are permanent. However, I believe this is more of an administrative requirement rather than the long-term intent of the legislation.

Under the "Byrd Rule," any plan for tax reform cannot add to the deficit beyond a 10-year budget window. If it does, a super-majority of 60 votes would be required to pass the Senate, which would require bi-partisan support. By including the sunset provision, only a simple majority was required. Presumably, Congress could extend these changes by simple majority as the 2025 date approaches.

Thus, we believe that the sunset provision was one of legislative convenience, rather than a telegraphing of a long-term intent to eliminate the tax changes for individuals.

No change to capital Gains tax rates (Inc. 3.8%)

Many had hoped that there would be a decrease to the capital gains tax rates, which start at 15% for federal purposes and increase to 23.8%, inclusive of the 3.8% tax on Net Investment Income to fund the Affordable Healthcare Act (i.e., "Obamacare"). Unfortunately, the new legislation leaves these rates in place, including the 3.8% surtax.

Personal exemption (\$4,150) suspended (but this was phased out for couples making over \$320,000)

While the Standard Deduction was increased from \$12,700 to \$24,000, the personal exemption of \$4,150 per dependent was suspended. Thus, the net effect of these two provision will vary from family to family. It should be noted that the old personal exemption was phased out for couples making over \$320,000 whereas the phase-out of deductions has been eliminated under the new legislation.

CONCLUSION

Overall and nationwide, most taxpayers will see a net decrease in their federal taxes as a result of the recently enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. However, there will be a net increase to taxes for many highly paid people in Silicon Valley. This could result in some businesses deciding to form, or move operations, to states with low or no state taxes if otherwise economically feasible. The extremely high cost of living in the Bay Area, most notably with regard to housing, and the non-deductibility of state taxes, may make it more challenging for employers to recruit to this area.

However, the reduction in corporate income taxes and the incentives to move money back to the United States, should have a positive effect on businesses. Silicon Valley's Tech economy is extremely strong, and the area is very attractive. Ultimately, only time will tell whether the strength of the local economy, and the desirability of the area, are sufficient to weather these tax changes that hit us particularly hard.

Want to hear more about tax impacts?
Attend our tax seminar on January 6th, 2018

This is a high-level summary of the recently released tax rules. Readers are advised to discuss the new rules with their tax advisors to determine how the changes will impact their personal circumstances. This article may not be relied upon as tax or legal advice.

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Clockwise from top left: A crowd gathers for a candlelight vigil supporting young undocumented DACA recipients on Sept. 5; Everett, Nick, Ronak and Elliot laugh at teammate Het, wearing a box, at Startup Weekend at Crittenden Middle School on Jan. 28; An RV resident watches as police tow vehicles from the makeshift trailer park lining Crisanto Avenue on Sept. 19; Huff students play outside the portable classrooms at recess; John L. Freeman, walks among the test grove of poplar trees that are removing toxic chemicals from groundwater at NASA Ames Research Center on Oct. 13.



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QBB FIRES UP CASTRO STREET WITH BARBECUE AND VAST ARRAY OF BOURBON

Story by Monica Schreiber | Photos by Michelle Le

Three-month-old Quality Bourbons and Barbecue in Mountain View, known as QBB, trades on the heady interplay of smoked meat and smoky spirits. Together, bourbon and barbecue deliver the ultimate one-two punch of American cuisine, and QBB's focus on these robust counterparts makes for a lively addition to the Castro Street restaurant scene.

Given the paucity of barbecue establishments in the Bay Area, QBB could be serving overdone brisket out of the back of a pickup truck and it probably would

still be a welcome addition. With 140 bourbon selections, friendly servers delivering your carnivorous cuisine in record time and tasty barrel-aged cocktails served on tap, QBB hits the meat-and-drink mark — most of the time.

QBB is the joint project of Jon Andina, the former general manager at Mountain View's Scratch, and Kasim Syed, owner of Palo Alto Brewing Company, The Rose & Crown and The Tap Room in Palo Alto. (Syed's parents owned Shezan, the Pakistani restaurant that previously occupied QBB's location.)

Andina and Syed teamed up with chef Ryan Pang, a veteran of the barbecue competition circuit whose many award plaques are on display at the restaurant. Pang's menu is something of barbecue's greatest hits: a little Texas, a taste of Carolinas, a dash of Kansas City.

This is barbecue for the Silicon Valley set, so do not expect Texas-sized servings. The gray, hard-edged restaurant interior beats the back of a pickup truck, but the minimalist dining room lacks charm and can be deafeningly loud at peak times.

The food selections fill one page of the menu, while the list of bourbons is longer than a Southern summer. It would take you almost five months to drink your way through them if you stopped in for one bourbon a day. According to Andina, the only Bay Area restaurant that offers more choice on the bourbon front is San Francisco's Hard Water.

Overwhelmed by the choices and admittedly rather unschooled in the finer points of Kentucky's most famous libation, we asked our server for his recommendation. Glasses

run from \$5 to \$59. The Woodford Double Oak (\$15) delivered intriguing hints of almond, honey and apple, but the barrel-aged Manhattan (\$15) and the old fashioned (\$12), both of which are served on tap, were more my style. While tap cocktails don't allow for on-demand customization, they do need to be expertly mixed and managed to ensure proper potency, flavor and freshness. They know what they're doing at QBB. I would go back for the velvety Manhattan alone.

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Double-oaked Woodford Reserve, one of over 100 bourbons offered at QBB, is served in a traditional Glencairn glass.



QBB co-owner Jon Andina tops off an old fashioned cocktail available on tap.

QBB

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After my first meal there, I also said I'd be back for the barbecued chicken. The tender thigh (\$12 with one side) was smoky and savory, almost like duck. It was some of the best barbecued chicken I'd ever had. My husband agreed. We eagerly ordered it again on our second visit. Surprisingly, though, chicken No. 2 had none of the first bird's earthy, white oak-infused deliciousness. It was bland, with little to distinguish it from a supermarket rotisserie chicken. The difference was

remarkable.

The pit beef (\$16 with one side; \$11 to \$31 for "just the meat") was tender, smoky and just about perfect, perhaps even better in sandwich form (\$16 with choice of one side). Served on a French roll, it was a delicious hot mess topped with house-pickled red onion, cheddar and QBB's tangy barbecue sauce.

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The brisket (\$17 with one side; \$12 to \$34 for meat only) was a little on the fatty side, but so tender you could eat it with a spoon. Everything comes with a garnish of picked vegetables and a side of the strong but nicely balanced barbecue sauce. You likely

will need just a dab as the meats are so flavorful. It will cost you a dollar to sub a moist cornbread muffin for the standard pieces of white bread that accompany most plates. Pay the extra dollar.

QBB's sides (\$3.50 small, \$8 pint, \$14 quart) and non-meat offerings fared less well. The QBB Mac (\$19 for a large bowl) was a ridiculous, ultra-cheesy extravaganza (mozzarella, Parmesan, romano and provolone) studded with sliced hot links and bacon and topped with pickled red onion. I'm not opposed to laughing in the face of the world's cardiologists every once in a while, but the culinary experience has to be worth the cholesterol spike. The QBB Mac was gooey and over the top. The braised collard greens with bacon were tender and tangy, but had little bacon flavor. The creamed corn was fine, but mine arrived lukewarm. The potato salad — which mysteriously came with canned black olives — and coleslaw both left us indifferent. It is not clear why QBB charges an extra \$2 for an unremarkable green salad upgrade on your side dish.

QBB offers two desserts: a warm cookie with ice cream and maple flan topped with candied bacon (both \$7). I'm still not entirely sure if I liked the flan. The sweet-savory combination

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Jon Andina serves the Boss Hog meal in the dining room of QBB in downtown Mountain View.

was pleasing, but the bacon was too chewy and not quite sweet enough to be called “candied,” and the bourbon-maple sauce poured liberally atop the small piece of flan looked like a pool of motor oil. Ultimately, it was an interesting-tasting dessert, but it was hard to look past its sheer ugliness.

QBB’s attentive and helpful servers contribute to the restaurant’s overall nice vibe. When I picked up a large to-go order, the server who brought my bag from the kitchen took it upon himself to take out all the containers to make sure everything was accounted for and packed correctly. This type of attention to detail puts QBB in a good place as it makes its mark on Castro Street with a fun concept. ▣

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DINING NOTES

Quality Bourbons and Barbecue (QBB)
216 Castro St., Mountain View
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MOVIE REVIEWS

ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD ★★1/2

Ridley Scott's wannabe thriller "All the Money in the World" tells the true-crime tale of the kidnapping of John Paul Getty's grandson in its broadest strokes, with much of the details misrepresented. In 1973, 16-year-old Paul Getty (Charlie Plummer) was snatched by kidnappers and held for a \$17 million ransom. Since Getty was the grandson of the multi-billionaire oil tycoon J. P. Getty ("the richest man in the history of the world"), the criminals assumed they'd get their loot and quickly. But the elder Getty (a magnificently mercurial Christopher Plummer) was a mean one, a skeptical skinflint who couldn't be bothered and, more practically, feared emboldening future kidnappers. The kidnapping thusly stretched on for months, as Paul's devoted mother Gail (Michelle Williams) worked behind the scenes to affect the release of her increasingly endangered son. The more fascinating story here has unfolded behind the scenes in a plot unprecedented in Hollywood's 100-plus-year history: how the picture was "locked" with Kevin Spacey having portrayed J.P. Getty and had to be reshot and re-edited with Christopher Plummer in the role after allegations of sexual misconduct surfaced against Spacey. *Rated R for language, some violence, disturbing images and brief drug content. Two hours, 12 minutes.* — P.C.



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Jessica Chastain stars as Molly Bloom in "Molly's Game."

Gaming the system

AARON SORKIN PLAYS FOR HIGH STAKES IN 'MOLLY'S GAME'

★★★ (Century 16 & 20)

Let's be clear: "Molly's Game" — the directorial debut of Oscar and Emmy-winning screenwriter Aaron Sorkin — isn't profound. In fact, it's pretty darn silly, never more so than when it's trying to make a point. And yet, this adventure in dubious capitalist ambition has an ace in the hole, its star Jessica Chastain.

Chastain stars as Molly Bloom, whose memoir "Molly's Game: From Hollywood's Elite to Wall Street's Billionaire Boys Club,

My High-Stakes Adventure in the World of Underground Poker" recounts her roller-coaster youth as a highly ranked competitive skier, the abrupt end of that life, her reinvention as the host of a high-stakes Hollywood poker game, and the fallout from an FBI bust. Sorkin slaloms expertly through the exposition, then juggles present-day scenes with fill-in-the-gaps flashbacks as Bloom explains her quasi-ethical entrepreneurial enterprise to Charlie Jaffey (Idris Elba), the lawyer she hopes will represent her in federal court.

Molly learns the ropes of underground poker games from an unscrupulous boss (Jeremy Strong) before designing her own better mousetrap and operating

on her own. She lands big-time participants like movie star "Player X" (Michael Cera), career gambler Harlan Eustice (Bill Camp), hedge fund manager Brad (Brian d'Arcy James), and sad-sack simpleton Douglas Downey (Chris O'Dowd), who gets Molly involved with the Russian mob. Like a madam coddling johns, Molly tries to keep the men happy and, when necessary, salve their wounded egos like a fiercely intelligent den mother who needs her overgrown boys.

Jaffey needs some serious convincing to take Molly's case, but he's ultimately won over by a certain legal relativity in a 34-person indictment and her insistence in protecting the names of her

clients. Much of the film's running time finds Molly explaining herself and making her case to Jaffey in his law office, as his impressionable daughter passes through. The daddy-daughter motif gets writ large (too large in the film's overwritten climax) in the relationship between Molly and her clinical psychologist father (Kevin Costner), with both characters too smart for their own emotional good.

"Molly's Game" touches on some interesting ideas about personal invention and reinvention, the rarified playgrounds — with their own sets of rules—of the rich and famous, and about the arbitrary justice mobilized when more money starts changing civilian hands than the government will ignore. Mostly, though, Sorkin's film is an engine of plot, with character cogs interplaying with big wheels as we sit back and admire the machinery.

Sorkin's flair for whip-crack dialogue, structural shenanigans and character chemistry remains a winningly shameless three-ring circus for the screen, and his thoroughly excellent ensemble help to distract from his infamous artifice. It's Chastain, though, in one of her finest turns to date, that owns the picture. Sorkin's wall of words aside, making Molly Bloom a sympathetic antiheroine is no small feat, but Chastain nails her intelligence, her exasperated superiority, and the vulnerability they hide.

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TheatreWorks Presents 'Our Great Tchaikovsky' In "Our Great Tchaikovsky," written and performed by Hershey Felder, composer Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky springs to life in a tale that explores both current Russian politics and historical context. Jan. 10-Feb. 11. Show times vary. \$45-\$105, with discounts for educators, seniors and those under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

THEATER

In My Corner Performer Joe Orrach blends the rhythms of tap, boxing, salsa and rock 'n roll into an energetic and intimate narrative. Accompanied by a jazz trio. Jan. 11, 8-9:30 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event/73715/
IndiviDúo Singers, performers and composers Tiffany Joy and Colombian songsmith Maqui Reyes, the Latin pop d'o "IndiviDúo," will perform Latin hits and celebrate the launch of their most recent single, "Pero Yo." Jan. 6, 8:30 p.m. \$17-\$29. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City. angelicasllc.com

CONCERTS

Gamma Featuring Davey Pattison Singer Davey Pattison has toured the world as the voice of some of rock music's most renowned acts, from Gamma to Robin Trower to Michael Schenker. The Butlers, playing 70s and 80s rock tunes, opens up the evening. Jan. 5, 8 p.m. \$20-\$25. Club Fox, 2209 Broadway, Redwood City. clubfoxrwc.com
Mixed Company's West Coast Winter Tour Yale University's a capella group Mixed Company is performing as part of its West Coast Tour. Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. \$17-\$27, plus \$20 dining minimum. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City. angelicasllc.com
Radcliffe Choral Society The Radcliffe Choral Society, Harvard University's treble ensemble under the direction of Andrew Clark, kicks off its West Coast tour with a joint concert with the Stanford Chamber Chorale, under the direction of Stephen M. Sano. Jan. 13, 8-9:30 p.m. Free. Stanford Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. chorale.stanford.edu

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Annual BayLUG Holiday Lego/E Show The Museum of American Heritage will host its annual Lego show featuring holiday scenes in a miniature city. Through Jan. 14, Fridays to Sundays, 11 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. \$3; free admission to MOAH and BayLUG members. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.
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. Through 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

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

Art Exhibit: 'The Buddha's Word' This exhibition showcases Buddhist manuscripts and prints held at the Cantor and in Stanford libraries, ranging in dates from around the 11th century to the early 20th century. They come from various parts of the traditional Buddhist world, from Sri Lanka to Japan. Through March 18, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays; open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. 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

Essays in Sight and Sound This exhibition showcases student work that explores how to "write with video" rather than text alone about historical and contemporary audiovisual media. Jan. 12-26, times vary. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event/73211/

Happenstance Happenstance, a solo exhibition of fine art photographer Nathalie Strand's composite series, blends figurative pictures with textures and details. Jan. 10-Feb. 11. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. themaingallery.org

'I Want the Wide American Earth: An Asian Pacific American Story' The exhibition tells stories of Asian immigrants finding homes and participating in key moments in American history, from the California Gold Rush to the Transcontinental Railroad to the orchards and nurseries in Los Altos. Through Jan. 7, Thursdays-Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

Manuel Neri: Assertion of the Figure Manuel Neri explores the gesture, surface and materiality of the figure in plaster, marble, bronze and paper. This exhibition provides a glimpse into the artist's creative process and his quest to define the figure. Thought Feb. 12, 2018, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays; closed Tuesdays. Free. Anderson Collection at Stanford University, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. anderson.stanford.edu

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

MUSIC

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Eric Morrison & The Mysteries Eric Morrison & The Mysteries, a soul group from Santa Cruz, will perform in celebration of their debut record release. Jan. 12, 8-10 p.m. Freewheel Brewing Company, 3736 Florence St., Redwood City. Search facebook.com/events for more information.

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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

Valerie V Trio Celebrates Frank Sinatra Valerie V, Chet Chwalki and Mat Marucci of the Valerie V Trio will perform in celebration of Frank Sinatra. Jan. 12, 8:30 p.m. Angelicas, 863 Main St., Redwood City. angelicasllc.com

TALKS & LECTURES

Beverly Tatum with Julie Lythcott-Haims The author of "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?," Dr. Beverly Tatum, talks about the psychology of racism in the US with author Julie Lythcott-Haims. Jan. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, but RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Keplers.com

Doniga Markegard Doniga Markegard, co-owner and operator of Markegard Family Grass-Fed farm, will discuss her memoir, "Dawn

Again: Tracking the Wisdom of the Wild." Jan. 11, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

Empowerment through Posture Posture expert Esther Gokhale and Dr. Christiane Northrup will discuss freeing up energy by getting rid of pains and avoiding gynecological challenges related to posture. Jan. 6, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. All Saints' Church Hall, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. empowermentposture.eventbrite.com

Energy Seminar Stanford doctorate student Austin Sendek of the Department of Applied Physics will discuss how to build a better battery with machine learning. Jan. 8, 4:30 p.m. Free. NVIDIA Auditorium, 475 Via Ortega, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Intensive Literary Seminar Series - Toni Morrison's Beloved This seminar taught by author and former adjunct U.C. Berkeley Professor Kimberly Ford will explore "Beloved" by Nobel Prize-winning writer Toni Morrison. Jan. 8, 18 and 31, 7-8:30 p.m. \$38, one seminar, no book; \$98, three seminars, with book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

Mike Lewis with Sheryl Sandberg Mike Lewis talks with Sheryl Sandberg about "When to Jump," Lewis' book that lays out four steps to wholeheartedly pursue a dream career. Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m. \$32-\$36. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Russia's Crown Reprised Edward Kasinec, visiting fellow, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, will host a gallery talk about the gifts that make up part of the institution's holdings on the Russian revolution and Imperial Russia. Jan. 13, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Should We Regulate Hate Speech? This panel will put in a global context U.S. protections for free speech, examine the harms of hate speech and address how advocates are seeking to both defend First Amendment rights and protect impacted minorities. Jan. 10, 12:45 p.m. Free, RSVP required. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

Tara Sim with Jessica Cluess Tara Sim will discuss her new book, "Chainbreaker," the sequel to "Timekeeper," a steampunk adventure set in an alternate Victorian world controlled by clock towers. Sim will be in conversation with Jessica Cluess, author of "A Shadow Bright and Burning" and "A Poison Dark and Drowning." Jan. 5, 7-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.com

FILM

DLCL Winter Film Series Screening A screening of "Brokeback Mountain," a 2005 film about the challenges of long-term relationships in a changing society. Discussion

will focus on analyzing the relationships between gender and sexuality, love and friendship, body and performance. Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. Free. Pigott Hall, 260, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

FOOD & DRINK

Fermentation 101 Workshop In this one-day introductory fermentation class, taught by food blogger and teacher Anne-Marie Bonneau, participants will learn to make kimchi, kombucha starters and sourdough bread with wild yeast. Jan. 13, March 10, April 14. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$75. Workshop address will be emailed upon registration, Mountain View. zerowastechef.com/register/

LESSONS & CLASSES

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File No.: FBN636354
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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):
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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.
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NEW ZEALAND IN 2020
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN636475
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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):
SAN FRANCISCO SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTIONS, INCORPORATED
969 Asilomar Terrace #6
Sunnyvale, CA 94086-2438
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ELASTIC HOUSING SERVICES
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN636803
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Elastic Housing Services, located at 100 N Whisman Rd., Apt. 2113, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JIAN YUN XU
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
LOUISE MELISSA WALSH
Case No.: 17PR182249
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LOUISE MELISSA WALSH.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: NEIL DAVID HILLEL in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: NEIL DAVID HILLEL be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 22, 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 petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
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Forethought Law, PC
1101 Investment Boulevard, Suite 150
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The name, address and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney is: (El nombre, la direccion y el numero de telefono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): ROBERT V. MC KENDRICK / BAR NO. 169138, LAW OFFICES OF HEMAR, ROUSSO & HEALD, LLP, 15910 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 1201, Encino, CA 91436 (818) 501-3800 (818) 501-2985
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Case No.: 17PR182434
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