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City weighs three new tax measures

MARIJUANA SHOPS, HOTEL STAYS, PER-EMPLOYEE TAXES
COULD GO ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

By Mark Noack

As many as three new tax measures are being prepared for the November election, but city officials want to make sure they don't overreach.

At their Tuesday, Jan. 23, meeting, City Council members approved a slate of research and polling to determine which taxes would have the best odds of winning at the ballot box. In a unanimous vote, members approved spending \$72,000 for staffing and polling for the tax measures.

City officials emphasized that the three proposed taxes won't affect the pocketbooks of most Mountain View residents. These ideas include a surcharge on future marijuana sales in the city, a new per-employee fee aimed at the city's largest

companies and an increase on the local hotel tax that would help capture short-term rentals like Airbnb. Each of the taxes represent efforts to catch up with businesses that may fall outside of current city regulations.

Exactly how much money the city could gain depends on the details.

In general, the tax on large employers would be the city's attempt to draw more revenues from companies like Google, which are considered to be a major source of regional traffic congestion. Cities such as San Jose

have already begun charging businesses \$60 per employee if they have more than three workers. If Mountain View adopted similar rules, it would reportedly generate about \$3.2 million annually.

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**'Mountain View
needs to have
a sustainable
stream of revenues
to help reduce
traffic congestion.'**

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Craig Oku is the owner of Moffett Mobile Home Park, one of the city's smaller parks that could be impacted if rent control is extended to the spaces rented by mobile home owners.

Committee reverses on mobile home rent control

PARK OWNERS AND TENANTS BOTH THREATEN TO SUE OVER EXTENDING RENT PROTECTIONS

By Mark Noack

Surrounded by legal threats on all sides, Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee on Monday backed away from plans to bring the city's mobile home residents

under the aegis of rent control.

The decision was a reversal of last month's meeting when rental committee members acquiesced to the advice of their attorneys to begin drafting new regulations for mobile homes.

The Monday, Jan 22, meeting

was intended to lay out the policy framework and process for extending rent control to about 1,100 mobile homes in Mountain View under the voter-approved Community

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MV Whisman school board favors Cooper Park housing

UP TO 82 AFFORDABLE UNITS COULD BE BUILT FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF, FINANCED BY SELLING SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Responding to an overwhelming need by local school teachers for more affordable housing, Mountain View Whisman School District board members agreed last week to explore building workforce housing at Cooper Park, transforming a portion of the district-owned land into three-story townhouses for school staff.

Last year, the district commissioned a feasibility study to figure out whether it would be possible to build below-market-rate housing units for its teachers and classified employees. The goal was to provide some kind of financial incentive for prospective teachers — as well as relief for current teachers — in one of the most expensive housing markets in the country.

The 71-page report, released

earlier this month, shows how the district could leverage its vacant land at the former Whisman Elementary as well as Cooper Park in order to finance housing construction at sites all over the district, including on small areas at schools like Bubb, Huff and Landels. School board members largely favored focusing on teacher housing at the 9.5 acres of district land at Cooper Park on Eunice Avenue.

Among the proposals, the school board could choose to build 82 studios and one- and two-bedroom townhouses in the center of Cooper Park, and finance the project by selling off 36 single-family residential lots along the edges of the property at market rate. Assuming that each lot is worth about \$1 million, the district can use the city's strong real estate market to finance an otherwise cost-prohibitive

teacher housing project, said Leah Denman, a consultant with DCG Strategies.

"You would still continue to own the middle section (of Cooper Park), but the perimeter would fund the development of your workforce housing, making it cost-neutral," Denman told board members at the Jan. 18 meeting.

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Wesley Brandemuehl,
Mountain View



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Christine Rose, *Santa Cruz*



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Lea Frederickson, *Mountain View*



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Vicky Pieretti, *Pacifica*



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Pranav Rajan, *Los Altos*

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CRIME BRIEFS

TEACHER ASSAULT CASE UPDATES

Investigators are trying to salvage a sexual-assault case against a first-grade teacher at Theuerkauf Elementary School.

The teacher, identified as Santa Clara resident Bryan Rios, was arrested in late November on charges of forced sodomy and oral copulation against women he knew. But early last month, officials at Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office declined to prosecute Rios over concerns about "insufficient evidence," according to a spokesman.

The case against Rios is ongoing, said Capt. Wahid Kazem of Santa Clara Police Department, which is leading the investigation. Last month, the department publicly urged any potential additional victims to come forward and speak with their investigators.

"We have plenty of time under the statute of limitations," Kazem said. "We'll follow the steps and keep investigating the case."

A second investigation is also still underway at the Mountain View Whisman School District, said Superintendent AyinE Rudolph. The school district placed Rios on administrative leave in early November, which remains in effect.

—Mark Noack

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

W. Dana St. & View St., 1/15
600 block Showers Dr., 1/15
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500 block San Antonio Rd., 1/15
1200 block Dale Av., 1/15
Broderick Way & Terminal Blvd., 1/15
2500 block California St., 1/15
600 block San Antonio Rd., 1/15
W. Dana St. & View St., 1/16
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/16
500 block Showers Dr., 1/17
800 block High School Way, 1/18
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/18
800 block California St., 1/20
300 block Whisman Station Dr., 1/22

BATTERY

200 block Castro St., 1/15
100 block Del Medio Av., 1/16
Fayette Dr. & San Antonio Rd., 1/16
2500 block Solace Pl., 1/18
200 block Castro St., 1/20

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

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800 block W. Middlefield Rd., 1/21
300 block Bryant St., 1/23

GRAND THEFT

2400 block Charleston Rd., 1/15
600 block San Antonio Rd., 1/18

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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ROBBERY

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STOLEN VEHICLE

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700 block Cuesta Dr., 1/15
700 block Leona Ln., 1/15
1600 block Montalto Dr., 1/15

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MVLA PICKS NEW HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District selected an East Bay district administrator to take over as the new associate superintendent of personnel.

School board members unanimously voted to hire Leyla Benson, an executive director of human resources in the Mount Diablo Unified School District, to take over for former Associate Superintendent Eric Goddard, who resigned in October last year. She started her new role on Monday, Jan. 22.

As the head of personnel and human resources, Benson will will

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COURTESY OF NANCY DUCÓS

Members of last year's Spanish Language Civic Academy listen attentively during a session in the City Council Chambers.

LASD limits public input on new campus

ADVISORY GROUP TO ANALYZE DATA ONLY

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District is drafting a team of district residents and community members to weigh in on whether a new campus in the San Antonio area of Mountain View should be a neighborhood school or a permanent site for Bullis Charter School.

And while the full details on what the new committee will discuss — including traffic, costs of construction and changes in school attendance boundaries — are still being worked out, district administrators made clear at the Jan. 22 board meeting that they aren't interested in a formal recommendation on how to best use the school site.

The new Site Advisory Task Force is intended to be a crucial part of the public outreach and transparency that district officials and school board members promised to include in the process of opening a new school in Mountain View. Work to buy land for a school has gone on for years, but school board members have yet to decide on what kind of school will actually be placed on the site.

In December, the Los Altos district announced plans to buy 8.6 acres of land on the corner of San Antonio Road and California Street, which includes the shuttered Safeway and Old Mill office building. The school could be home to a new neighborhood school serving the district's Mountain View residents who live near the San Antonio Shopping Center, or it could be a permanent site for Bullis Charter School, which draws students from throughout the district and beyond. Other options, including a two-campus site with a magnet program, are also up for consideration.

Last week, Mountain View City Council members agreed to shell out \$23 million in park funds to help ease the cost of buying land in the hot real estate market, which would also add much-needed public park space to the San Antonio Area. To make it even easier to finance the purchase, the council also permitted the school district to "sell" to developers rights to the unused density that would have been allowed on the Old Mill site.

Purchasers would then be able to build more bigger, denser projects than otherwise allowed elsewhere in the city.

The district plans to sell 610,000 square feet of development rights — almost all of it for office projects — to the tune of \$79.3 million.

After a lengthy debate, council members ultimately agreed to let the school district decide what kind of school to put on the San Antonio site, but conditioned the handsome financial incentives on the school district creating a transparent, public process for community involvement in determining the "service area" of the school.

A draft description of the district's site advisory task force calls for it to be composed of eight people, including a Mountain View City Council member, a district resident living in the San Antonio area and a Mountain View resident living elsewhere in Mountain View — an acknowledgment that Mountain View residents throughout the city would bear the brunt of the major office projects that come from selling development rights, said board member Steve Taglio at the Monday meeting.

The task force's work will "culminate in a report" to the board outlining "robust data and its analysis of the educational and community benefits" of each type of school that could be built in the San Antonio area, but it falls short of asking for an actual recommendation.

Superintendent Jeff Baier confirmed at the Jan. 22 board meeting that the board would not be receiving a recommendation from its new task force, which is typically the primary role of an advisory committee.

Baier even expressed uneasiness with the idea of the advisory board coming back with pros and cons for each type of school that could be placed on the Mountain View site, and said that data analysis should be the primary focus of the task force.

Board members generally agreed that the task force meetings should be well-publicized, with agendas and video recordings, but some trustees had

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Leadership academy en español is back

CITY'S CIVICS COURSE FOR SPANISH-SPEAKERS OFFERS NEW SESSION

By Mark Noack

After a successful launch last year, the city-sponsored Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy is returning for a second round in 2018.

The nine-week course tailored for Spanish-speaking residents will provide a quick tutorial on local civics, introducing participants to the Mountain View government and its various departments and roles. It starts in March.

Last year's program was considered a remarkable success, said Nancy Ducós, the city's multilingual outreach coordinator, who organized the academy. About 30 people signed up and met each Wednesday to learn

about city divisions including the library, police department and public works.

"I really enjoyed it," said Miguel Sanchez, a 47-year-old software engineer who's lived in Mountain View for more than 20 years. "They really bent over backwards to accommodate the Spanish-speaking community."

Sanchez said he was motivated to participate in the Spanish Academy by the political climate following the 2016 election. Many non-native residents felt besieged by the anti-immigrant sentiment radiating from the White House under President Donald Trump, he said. For that reason, he saw it as a good opportunity to see the inner workings of his local government.

Sanchez said meeting with

police Chief Max Bosel, and getting to learn more about the city's hands-off approach to immigration enforcement, was one of his favorite sessions. At another, the academy participants were brought to City Hall to sit at the City Council dais for a mock government meeting, which included debating policies and planning out a city budget. Spanish translators were always on hand to ensure everyone was easily able to communicate.

"It really opens your eyes," Sanchez said. "I became more familiar with the faces and names at City Hall, and I learned who to contact at the city."

Those lessons paid off. A few

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Court opens the door for DACA renewals

FEDERAL JUDGE PLACES INJUNCTION ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S REPEAL

By Kevin Forestieri

California's top officials are urging residents who obtained legal immigration status through the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to reapply while they can, following a federal court decision that temporarily preserves the policy that allows nearly 800,000 young people to

live and work in the country.

In September last year, the Trump administration announced that it planned to repeal DACA, which allows young immigrants who were brought to the country illegally at a young age to apply for temporary legal status, work permits and pursue college educations. The program was launched under former President Barack

Obama in 2012, but officials in the Trump administration claim that the policy was illegally implemented because it was done without congressional approval.

But the move was stopped in its tracks earlier this month, at least for the moment. Judge William Alsup of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District

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El Camino board appoints two new members

HOSPITAL BOARD GROWS TO 11 IN BID TO GAIN 'EXPERTISE'

By Kevin Forestieri

The El Camino Healthcare District's board of directors agreed last week to add two new people to El Camino Hospital's board of directors, bringing what they call sorely needed expertise to help weather a complex health care market.

After a series of deadlocked votes at the Jan. 16 meeting, board members agreed to appoint Los Altos resident and former venture capitalist Gary Kalbach and Oakland resident and health care consultant Julie Kligor to the hospital board. Both Kalbach and Kligor join the hospital's board of directors effective immediately.

The new additions expand the hospital's board to 11 members, and marks the latest move by the hospital's leadership to bring more specialized expertise into El Camino's governance structure. Up until now, the board consisted of all five of the health care district's board members — who are directly elected by the public — along with hospital CEO Dan Woods and three



Julie Kligor

appointed members who are expected to have deep experience in the world of health care.

In August last year, a majority of district board members insisted that the three additional expert members weren't enough, and voted to expand with more non-elected members.

Kalbach has been a familiar face at the hospital for years, serving on El Camino's governance and investment committees and frequently weighing in on the hospital board's major decisions. He said he took "strong pride" in being partially



Gary Kalbach

responsible for creating the two extra positions on the hospital's board of directors, and that his goal is always to push for what's best for the hospital.

"I've argued with you, I've agreed with you, I've prodded you, all working within the same goal — making El Camino Hospital a world-class institution," he said.

Kalbach said his top priority as a board member would be monitoring the hospital's financial situation during turbulent times in the health care market, and that there shouldn't be big, unexplained shifts in the hospital's

budget. He pointed out that last week, board members and the hospital's financial staff couldn't fully explain why El Camino had pulled in revenue far above expectations, instead speculating on six different reasons for the increase. He said the hospital should have a strong grasp on changes in its \$800 million annual budget, and that he found the situation "puzzling."

"I'm presuming somebody is asking for the data to analyze why this surprising increase took place," he said. "Financial analysis is No. 1 for any institution."

Kligor, a health care consultant and former nurse, has a long history advising hospitals on how to better treat patients and avoid medication errors and deaths due to sepsis, with articles published in several medical journals. Her achievements include leading a multi-million dollar effort that brought down sepsis mortality by more than 55 percent and medication errors down by 88 percent at the University of California, San Francisco.

Although Kligor is an Oakland resident, she touted her local

roots, noting that her father worked as an obstetrician at the hospital and that she grew up "around the corner" from El Camino. Before switching to consulting jobs, she worked as a nurse on the Peninsula, providing pediatric care for cancer patients at Stanford Children's Hospital, and later worked in the emergency department at Highland Hospital in Oakland.

In a statement released last week, El Camino Healthcare District board chair Peter Fung called both appointments "valued additions" to the board, noting Kalbach's financial background and Kligor's long career in improving patient care.

"With the diversely skilled and committed board, we will work to deliver on the hospital's mission and vision to advance the health of our patients and our entire community," Fung said in the statement.

Kalbach's term expires at the end of June 2021, while Kligor's term expires in June 2020. Although the appointed board members make major decisions on the hospital's governance and budget decisions, elected members of El Camino Healthcare District's board reserve the right to remove any appointed members. ▀



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Supervisors approve teacher housing proposal

PROJECT WOULD PARTNER WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MOUNTAIN VIEW AND PALO ALTO

By Elena Kadwany

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a proposal to build teacher housing on Tuesday, Jan. 23.

To help teachers cope with the increasingly high cost of living in the Bay Area, Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian is proposing the county partner with local school districts and cities to build a 60- to 120-unit affordable housing complex in Palo Alto.

The teacher housing would be built on a county-owned, 1.5-acre site at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto, near California Avenue's business district. The project would require "innovative" funding partnerships with local school districts, including Palo Alto Unified, Mountain View Whisman, Mountain View Los Altos, Los Altos and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, as well as cities, a press release from Simitian's office said.

Simitian said he has had "very preliminary conversations," with the superintendents of all four

school districts and Foothill De-Anza's chancellor, as well as spoken with the city of Palo Alto's planning director and city manager.

"It's better for everyone — folks trying to avoid traffic, kids getting an education, school districts trying to hire and retain the very best teachers for our schools, and of course our teachers themselves — when our teachers can live in the communities where they teach," Simitian said in the release. "It's never easy to develop workforce housing in such an expensive area; but we have the land, and we know there are partners who want to make this work."

In an interview, Simitian said that the proposal arose from a longtime desire to repurpose the Grant Avenue site, which offers the potential to tackle two challenges: affordable housing and teacher retention.

According to Simitian, local school districts are facing teacher shortages and teacher retention issues due to the region's high cost of living. In Palo Alto Unified, teachers have spoken out

about the economic and housing challenges they face in the area.

In the 2015-16 school year, according to data provided by the school district, the top five cities Palo Alto Unified teachers lived in were Palo Alto (21 percent), San Jose (11 percent), Mountain View (10 percent), Redwood City (8 percent) and Menlo Park (7.5 percent). Smaller percentages were scattered throughout the Bay Area, from East Palo Alto and Los Altos to Morgan Hill and Felton.

Most classified staff also lived in Palo Alto that year (37 percent), followed by San Jose (11 percent), Mountain View (8 percent), Redwood City (6.5 percent) and East Palo Alto (5 percent).

Simitian said he has not yet looked at hard data, but all of the school superintendents' immediate response to his proposal was, "You have no idea the challenges we're facing in this regard."

"They were all anxious to take the conversation to the next level," he said.

Jeff Harding, superintendent of the Mountain View Los Altos High School District, and Judy

Miner, chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District, have penned letters of support for the proposal.

"As is the case with many public entities, our district is finding it increasingly difficult to recruit and retain faculty and staff because of the area's exorbitant housing costs," Miner wrote to the Board of Supervisors. "When workers live elsewhere and have long commutes each way, it affects the culture of the institution and undermines efforts to attract the most highly qualified employees, replace retiring workers, and diversify the workforce to better reflect the communities we serve."

An increasing number of school districts across the Bay Area, including Mountain View Whisman, San Jose Unified and San Francisco Unified, are considering teacher housing proposals, while some already offer housing.

Several years ago, Santa Clara Unified School District had built a 70-unit below-market housing complex on district land specifically to house new teachers and

address high teacher turnover. The San Mateo County Community College District also offers workforce housing.

Outside organizations are also working on this issue. Last summer, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative pledged \$5 million to create a home down payment support fund through housing startup Landed for educators who work in the Redwood City, Ravenswood City and Sequoia Union High School districts.

While the Grant Avenue site could accommodate more than 100 units, Simitian noted that "all parties will have to be open to change as community members and funding partners weigh in on what is both possible and compatible with the surrounding community."

Simitian said that construction could cost \$500,000 to \$600,000 per unit for a multifamily complex.

He emphasized that funding the project will require "something other than an off-the-shelf solution."

"If we confine ourselves to the conventional solutions I think that's going to limit us," he said.

Community services currently offered at the site, including a

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MOBILE HOMES

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Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA).

But the committee declined to take that step. A motion to approve the policies drafted by city staff was defeated in a 2-3 vote, with Chairwoman Vanessa Honey and committee members Matthew Grunewald and Tom Means opposed.

The three members each said they were intimidated by the ramifications of the expansion, as well as its shaky legal basis.

"With the flip of a switch, the mobile home owners would potentially get hundreds of thousands of dollars in equity in their homes, and the (park) owners would lose millions of dollars," Grunewald said. "I don't feel comfortable making that decision."

It was a case in which city officials were trying to dodge one potential lawsuit, but in doing so they may have stumbled into another.

Just hours ahead of the meeting, the committee received a stern letter from lawyers representing John Vidovich, the owner of the Santiago Villa and Sahara mobile home parks, which together comprise 560 homes. The letter warned that it would be a severe overreach to include mobile homes in the city's rent-control program. But

the real point of the letter was to signal that city officials would face a lawsuit if they persisted.

"Rather than initiating litigation to resolve the above issues, my clients are willing to explore alternative strategies for maintaining affordable housing in their parks," said Anthony Rodriguez, Vidovich's attorney.

That pledge sounded like empty words to Santiago Villa residents. For years, tenants have accused Vidovich of raising rents to price out older residents and buy them out of their homes for a fraction of the value. The park, located just a short walk from Google's headquarters, is now considered among the most expensive mobile home communities in the nation, with space rents for new tenants reportedly costing about \$2,200 a month.

Santiago Villa resident Bee Hanson pointed out the park's management had spurred multiple protests in past years. This time, the anger among residents was more severe, enough to take legal action, she said.

"People are very upset about this," she said. "If you worry about the landlords suing, you should actually be worrying about the residents suing you as well."

While the Santiago Villa owner didn't elicit much sympathy, other mobile home parks landlords insist they had treated their residents fairly. Rents at

Mountain View's other, smaller mobile home communities have remained comparatively low, and owners complained that they would be unfairly punished if rent control were implemented.

Craig Oku, owner of the Mofett Mobile Home Park, warned that his family's recourse could be to sell off their property if price controls were imposed on his business.

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EVAN ORTIZ, RHC MEMBER

"If we're not making a fair market return, then obviously we're going to have to look at other measures," he told the *Voice*. "It's not my fault, we're going to have to survive one way or another."

The legal basis for bringing mobile homes under the CSFRA is tangled. The voter-approved law never once mentions mobile homes, and the language contains numerous conflicts with state laws specifically tailored for mobile homes.

Despite those shortcomings, a stronger case could be made that mobile homes should be included, according to city-hired

attorneys from the firm Goldfarb & Lipman. Attorney Karen Tiedemann pointed out that none of the exemptions listed in the CSFRA applied to mobile homes, indicating they should be eligible under the program.

"We think the CSFRA covers mobile home spaces," she said. "When we looked at the entirety of the measure, we couldn't find a way to say that mobile homes weren't covered."

The legal debate soon spiraled into a political one. Rental Housing Committee members Evan Ortiz and Emily Ramos both endorsed the idea of expanding the rent-control program. It was a choice between a long drawn-out lawsuit or giving clarity right now, Ortiz said.

"It's not responsible for this committee to punt on this, knowing there's suffering out there," he said. "This is an opportunity for us to protect the equity of Mountain View residents."

But the rest of the committee wanted an alternative. Honey and others suggested such a controversial decision should be deferred to the Mountain View City Council, a body that is explicitly barred from taking policy actions on rent control. Another idea they recommended was for Santiago Villa tenants to campaign for a future voter measure that would specify in clear terms that mobile homes

are covered under rent control.

In the end, they settled for rejecting the policies to bring mobile homes under the rent-control program, leaving the larger question unresolved. City staffers said that they would still accept petitions from mobile home residents to adjust rents, although it remains unclear how these cases would be adjudicated.

For mobile homes residents, the obvious next step is to sue the city, said Trey Bornmann, president of Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance. It should be an "open and shut case," he said, since the city's own legal staff laid out the arguments for why mobile homes should be covered.

"This vote was another example of three RHC members trying to torpedo the law they have been empowered to uphold," he said in an email. "The sad thing is the city and landlords will be on the hook for defending the resulting litigation that is coming."

On Tuesday night, Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel proposed scheduling a future discussion on the concerns of mobile home residents. A straw vote to discuss the idea was rejected in a 3-4 vote with council members Margaret Abe-Koga, Lisa Matichak, John McAlister and Chris Clark opposed. Clark said he could support the idea in the near future, but he wanted to learn more about the issue. ▣



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reservations about the proposed roster. Board member Sangeeth Peruri said there ought to be representation from the district's largest fundraiser, the Los Altos Education Foundation, along with a member of the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance.

Board president Vladimir Ivanovic said he was uncomfortable with having a parent

representative from Bullis Charter School on the task force.

"I don't think Bullis Charter School should be on this task force," he said. "They clearly don't have the long-term interests of the district in mind."

Baier told the *Voice* in an email that the task force would weigh important data and information about demographics, enrollment, traffic and the district's education programs in the context of the Old Mill site, all of which would help the board

make a decision that's "rooted in the community's values that ensures educational equity for all students and long-term stability for the district."

He said the district already gave the community a chance to examine the data up close through the prior Enrollment Priorities Task Force, but that analysis is pretty dated and ought to be looked at again.

"We believe that our decision must be firmly rooted in all of the feedback, data and analysis that

we have received since 2012, while (also) honoring our new partnership with the city of Mountain View," Baier said.

Two board members, Ivanovic and Taglio, agreed to pull together a full list of topics that the task force could explore. Baier told trustees that a final document spelling out the roster and goals of the task force would come to the board at the next meeting. ▣

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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oversee hiring new teachers and staff and bringing new recruits up to speed, along with managing contracts and agreements with the district's employee unions. Her role in Mount Diablo closely mirrors the associate

superintendent position, albeit with a much smaller pool of part- and full-time employees at MVLA

Benson had served as a principal at several East Bay high schools, and previously worked as an English teacher at Pittsburg High School, according to a district press release. She graduated from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, where she received her teaching credentials, and worked in television news and public relations before switching careers.

"Leyla Benson (is) a tested educational leader with strong diplomatic skills and boundless energy," Superintendent Jeff Harding said in a statement.

LEADERSHIP

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months after the meeting, Sanchez knew who to call at the city to submit a petition calling for a new stop sign in his neighborhood. Not long afterward, the sign was installed, he said. He later attended public meetings to speak about local housing issues.

For city officials, the Spanish Academy is seen as a good way to encourage more participation in local civics and possibly nurture a new generation of "emerging leaders," Ducós said.

"Before, (for them) it felt like the local government was a situation of them and us, but now it's

like all of us together," she said. "This is a great opportunity for people to develop a sense of belonging and learn about their community."

The Spanish Language Civic Leadership Academy and will be held on Wednesday nights from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., March 21 through May 21. It's free, and a light meal and childcare will be provided.

Spanish-speaking residents of Mountain View may sign up by going to mountainview.gov/civico, or by calling 650-903-6145. The program has space for 28 participants, and registration closes on Feb. 23. ▣

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The perimeter of single-family homes would also make it more palatable for Waverly Park residents, who would otherwise be right next door to a fairly large development, Denman said. Workforce rental rates would be 70 percent of the market rate, and under the proposal would generate about \$700,000 each year. Rental income would help pay off any leftover debt from the construction as well as fund operating costs. Rough estimates found that the townhouses would likely cost \$45.1 million to build, which exceeds the estimated \$36 million expected from selling the single-family lots.

A survey of teachers and school staff conducted by DCG Strategies found that more than 70 percent of respondents live outside the city of Mountain View, and 79 percent pay more than 35 percent of their household income for housing costs. More than half of the respondents said they were not satisfied with their current housing situation, and would be interested in relocating to a district-run workforce housing project.

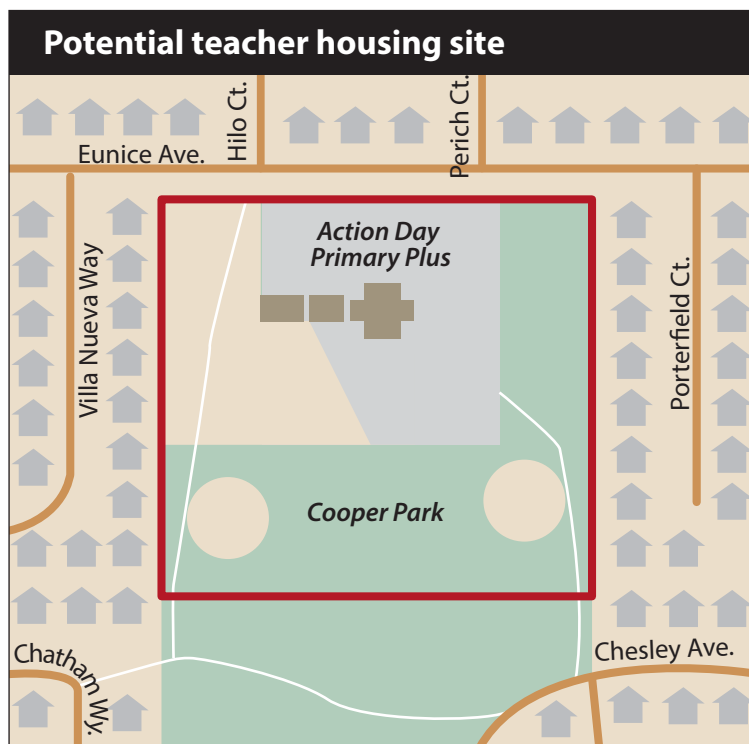
DCG co-founder Dominic Dutra said that Mountain View is not alone, and that districts are facing the same problem throughout the state. New teachers frequently have a three-way choice between a financially unsustainable housing situation, living with their parents or driving two to three hours each day just to get to work. More than two-thirds of the respondents in the Mountain View Whisman survey said they are considering moving away or switching careers because of their inability to find affordable housing.

"We see this as a key issue, and it's something that has become very prevalent," he said.

Although school board members took no formal action at the meeting, a majority of trustees favored the idea of using the Cooper Park site for housing teachers. Board member Ellen Wheeler said the lower rental costs would "go a long way" towards both attracting and retaining teaching staff. Board member Jose Gutierrez called it a good start towards solving the long-term problem of teacher retention, and that a perimeter of single-family homes is a clever way of avoiding a clash with the neighboring residents while also financing the project.

"I like the way that this is envisioned because when you look at the layout, you have the ability to have that buffer," Gutierrez said. "You still don't lose the neighborhood aspect of that area."

Board member Greg Coladonato has largely favored the idea of exploring teacher housing,



District-owned land at Cooper Park (outlined in red) could be transformed into affordable housing for teachers, a project that might be financed by selling some of the property to developers for market-rate single-family homes.

but said he had reservations about selling off district-owned land as a means for financing the project. He pointed to Los Altos School District's costly effort to purchase land for a school in the San Antonio area, noting that the district could have saved itself a lot of trouble if it had not sold off school land near Klein Park decades ago.

Mountain View also had a school north of the Monta Loma neighborhood, near the Costco, that could have been a useful resource today, given that the city

The district could finance the project by selling off 36 single-family residential lots along the edges of the property at market rate.

plans to build nearly 10,000 housing units in the North Bayshore area. Coladonato said the district should consider asking voters for a small bond to finance construction instead of selling off district land.

"I'm reluctant to be on the board that sells another site," he said.

Some nearby residents have criticized the board for considering using district-owned land at Cooper Park since the teacher-housing idea was first proposed in 2016, saying it sacrifices valuable open space at the center of a single-family residential neighborhood and could exacerbate clogged commute traffic along Grant Road.

But Wheeler said Cooper Park itself — the playground on city-owned land on the small southern end of the site — would go

untouched, and that the district is only seeking to develop the 9.5 acres of district land that includes the athletic fields and school facilities currently leased out to Action Day Primary Plus, a private preschool and day care facility. Throughout the feasibility study, the district-owned land is referred to as the former Cooper School to distinguish it from the community park.

"Cooper Park is not going to be affected, it's going to be the Action Day Nursery and the land next to it that's just vacant," she said, apparently referring to the athletic fields. "So the neighbors over there don't need to worry about their park being affected."

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the district needs to consider its bonding capacity if board members decide to ask voters to finance the project, and that funding for a below-market-rate project may also be available from the city. The earliest the district could seek out a developer for the project would be the start of next year, he said.

Earlier in the meeting, Dutra warned that taking affordable housing funds from city, county or state agencies can backfire because of strict income guidelines that could excluded higher-earning teachers. He recalled one housing project in Los Angeles that was intended for teachers, but ended up only housing classified staff because none of the teachers had incomes that qualified.

"It's very important to understand when you start taking government money, there are restrictions that come with it," Dutra said. "There is a distinction between affordable housing and what we call the 'missing middle' housing." ■

HOUSING PROPOSAL

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county public defender office, could be relocated nearby or remain there on the ground floor, the release states. Parking on the site could be replaced with a structure across the street on the Palo Alto Courthouse lot. This could potentially create more parking in a heavily impacted part of Palo Alto, Simitian noted.

Palo Alto Mayor Liz Kniss, a former school board member, expressed support for Simitian's proposal in the release.

"This strikes me as an incredible opportunity to provide workforce housing and strengthen our schools," she said. "Done right, it really is a win-win."

Sarah Chaffin, a local parent and founder of SupportTeacherHousing.org, which is working to encourage Bay Area school districts to build teacher housing on

privately owned land, described Simitian's proposal as a potential "game changer in terms of solving the teacher housing crisis," and one that "could inspire others to follow its example."

SupportTeacherHousing.org and Bay Area Forward planned to host a town hall at Gunn High School on Jan. 25, for "teachers to share their stories about how the housing crisis has affected them," the release states. A panel moderated by Simitian was set to discuss possible solutions.

The next step is for county staff to find a partner with which to develop the site, discuss "cost-sharing" for the project and return with a financing plan no later than May, a staff report states.

The county aims to have a partner selected no later than August. ■

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Catherine's Catholic Elementary in Morgan Hill as a child. He later worked in automotive sales, where he opened a luxury car dealership named Uniek Motorsports also in Mountain View. Ryan had a strong entrepreneurial spirit and strived to always be the best at whatever he took on. He lived his life on his terms.

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Memorial Services and a Celebration of Ryan's Life will be held Saturday January 27th, 2018 at 11:00AM, Spangler Mortuary Mountain View, 799 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041. A reception will follow services for family and friends down the street at 2PM - 4PM, Ristorante Don Giovanni, at 235 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA.

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PAID OBITUARY

Eshoo blasts short-term funding bill

CONGRESSWOMAN CALLS CONTINUING RESOLUTION 'ABDICATION OF LEADERSHIP'

By Gennady Sheyner

Hours after casting her dissenting vote on a bill to fund the federal government until Feb. 8, U.S. Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto, said short-term measures like the one adopted Monday night represent "negligence and incompetence."

Eshoo, who represents Mountain View, was one of 146 Democrats in the House of Representatives to vote against the continuing resolution, which was approved by a 266-150 vote (four Republicans also dissented) on Monday afternoon and signed into law by President Donald Trump later in the evening. The Senate had passed the bill in the morning by an 81-18 vote.

The bill keeps the federal government funded until Feb. 8 and renews the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP, for six years. It does not, however, address the fate of the "Dreamers," immigrants who were brought to the United States as children and who enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program offering protection from deportation. Trump's decision to end the program last year means the roughly 800,000 Dreamers could be subject to deportation in March if the issue isn't resolved.

In explaining her opposition, Eshoo argued that running the federal government through short-term continuing resolutions "ignores our national security and domestic challenges, and is an abdication of leadership." While Trump and the Republicans have blamed the weekend shutdown of the federal government on Senate Democrats, the majority of whom briefly refrained from giving the bill the needed 60 votes, Eshoo and the Democrats have pointed out that Republicans, who control both chambers of the Congress, as well as the presidency, are responsible for the shutdown.

The three-day shutdown was the first time in the nation's history that the government had shut down while one party had control of the executive and legislative branches.

In a statement, Eshoo said she is "relieved that the senseless shutdown of the federal has ended, but the underlying reasons that lead to it have not gone away." She characterized the bill — and the three continuing resolutions that preceded it as only stop-gap measures — "not a budget which addresses the needs of my constituents and the American people."

"There's a difference between

just keeping the lights on (Constitutional Resolutions) and having a budget, a precise road map that ultimately is a statement of our national values," Eshoo said.

Keeping the federal government running through continuing resolutions has led to a failure to get funding for disaster relief, for addressing America's opioid crisis and for community health centers, which are "careening toward running out of funds," Eshoo said.

Eshoo also said the issue of DACA, which is not in the continuing resolution, must be dealt with by Congress. Eshoo blamed House Speaker Paul Ryan for failing to bring bipartisan legislation on DACA to a vote, despite support for the program from 83 percent of the American public.

"The wrong kind of history has been made with the first government shutdown with one party in command of the executive and legislative branches," Eshoo said in the statement. "Now the just-passed CR gives Congress until February 8 to help restore the confidence of the American people who deserve so much more. I will give my all to help us get there." ▀

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Water System Flushing

In November the City of Mountain View will 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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It is less clear how much money the city could capture from marijuana sales. San Jose, the only South Bay city that currently permits recreational dispensaries, charges a 10 percent tax on any sales, including deliveries made to other cities. Mountain View could only tax marijuana sales at dispensaries that are established within the city boundaries — currently, there are none. City officials are working on drafting policies to license marijuana dispensaries, but those rules aren't expected to be ready until late this year.

The proposed increase on hotel taxes, also known as a transient occupancy tax, allows Mountain View to follow the example of other nearby cities. Mountain View currently charges a 10 percent tax on local hotels and lodgings, but other cities such as Campbell, Cupertino and Los Gatos charge 12 percent. Palo Alto charges 14 percent, the highest rate in the county.

If Mountain View raised its hotel tax to 12 percent, it would generate about \$1.4 million more per year. The city could gain about \$1 million annually by

extending the tax to short-term rental services. Mountain View has more than 800 rentals listed on Airbnb, which currently avoid paying hotel taxes because they're technically operating illegally.

City Manager Dan Rich said city staff plans to bring formal regulations for short-term rentals before the City Council later this year.

Most of this money would be earmarked for the city's future transportation projects, including a new automated transit system and a series of grade-separation projects along the Caltrain line. Councilman John McAlister, who sits on the Valley Transportation Authority board of directors, said Mountain View needed to find its own solutions to the local traffic problems.

"The VTA is having a tough time with its revenue sources," he said. "Mountain View needs to have a sustainable stream of revenues to help reduce traffic congestion and to make it safer for seniors and children."

Nevertheless, some voters may balk at the city asking for more money during a booming economy. The city manager pointed out that the city had a general fund surplus of about \$12 million in the last fiscal year. He underscored

that point to dispute recent reports in another local newspaper that Mountain View was sitting on \$90 million in unused revenues last year. City finance staff say that figure was drawn from the city's most recent audit, which was looking at all city assets combined, including pensions, property and other funds.

"I can guarantee that we didn't have a \$90 million surplus," Rich said. "We did have a (smaller) surplus, but as articulated, the transportation projects that we're looking at will cost hundreds of millions of dollars."

The City Council created a new advisory subcommittee consisting of Mayor Lenny Siegel and councilmen Chris Clark and McAlister to help prepare the tax measures. That subcommittee is expected to help select a polling firm next week, with plans to conduct community polling and surveying in the coming months.

By late March, the plan calls for the city officials to decide which tax proposal to put before voters on the November ballot. The City Council will need to give final approval to place measures on the ballot no later than this summer. ▀

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DACA RENEWALS

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of California placed an injunction on the plans to rescind DACA on Jan. 9, arguing that the Trump administration's decision was "based on the flawed legal premise that the agency lacked authority to implement DACA and faced litigation." In other words, the new administration argued that the Obama-era policy had to be terminated because it exceeded the agency's statutory and constitutional authority, which Alsup ruled was not the case.

The judge called the rationale by the government counsel "spin" throughout the 49-page ruling saying that, even if true, it failed to properly weigh the objectives of DACA and the hundreds of thousands of immigrants who rely on the policy.

"Plaintiffs, brought to America as children, faced a tough set of life and career choices turning on the comparative probabilities of being deported versus remaining here," Alsup said in the ruling. "DACA gave them a more tolerable set of choices, including joining the mainstream workforce."

A nation-wide survey of DACA recipients conducted last year found that the average age of its beneficiaries, so-called Dreamers, is 25 years old, and that the average age when the recipients arrived in the country was 6.5 years old. Data from the

Migration Policy Institute found that among the Dreamers in Santa Clara County, 77 percent came from Mexico and Central American countries.

While the ultimate fate of DACA remains murky, the immediate result of the injunction is that DACA recipients, of whom 24,000 are estimated to live in Santa Clara County, can now reapply for legal status. The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced on Jan. 13 that it is again accepting DACA renewal forms, which can be found online at uscis.gov.

At a press conference last week, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said that DACA is still "alive and well" despite plans by the Trump administration to sunset the policy by March 5 — a move that would have left hundreds of thousands of people "in total limbo and in fear of deportation."

"The preliminary injunction that we got in the case allows all of those Dreamers who had applied for DACA in the past to continue forward with their DACA status, which means renewal, re-authorization of their work permits, moving forward with their education and, we hope, more certainty in their lives which have been thrown into chaos by the actions by Trump," he said.

Joining Becerra is Janet Napolitano, president of the University of California system, who

is among the plaintiffs suing to stop the rescission of DACA. She said the beneficiaries of the policy were raised in America, think of the country as home, and many are now pursuing degrees in higher education in the state's top public universities. She said the federal government did not seek a stay in the case, meaning Trump's announcement last year ought to be ignored for now.

"DACA is resuscitated as of now, as if there had not been an announcement on Sept. 5 of 2017," she said.

On Friday, Senate Democrats refused to vote on a resolution to continue funding the government if it didn't include an extension for DACA, causing a government shutdown that lasted three days. The shutdown ended after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell agreed to allow DACA legislation to reach the Senate floor for consideration, though it remains unclear whether House Republicans would support legislation enshrining the DACA policies into federal law.

DACA renewal workshops are being planned throughout the region including the North County, but none were scheduled as of Monday. Residents seeking an appointment to help fill out renewal forms are being asked to call Immigration Services of Mountain View at 650-938-4911. ▀

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CRIME BRIEFS

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MURDER CASE PLEA HEARING CONTINUED

A 45-year-old man suspected of killing a man in a brutal attack in downtown Mountain View in November is due to appear in court for a plea proceeding in early March.

Jan Neal, whose address is listed in Palo Alto but was originally identified as a Marin resident, remains in custody after Mountain View police arrested him for violently attacking a man with patio furniture and a bicycle in the plaza in front of the Center for Performing Arts in November. The victim was taken to Stanford Hospital with severe head injuries, and was pronounced dead the next day. His name still hasn't been released, pending a positive identification.

Neal appeared in court on Tuesday, Jan. 23, for a plea proceeding, which was continued to March 3, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office.

The downtown attack marks the first homicide reported in Mountain View since 2014.

WOMAN ACCOSTED BY EX-HUSBAND AT ALBERTO'S

A 34-year-old Santa Cruz man was arrested early Saturday after he had allegedly grabbed his ex-wife at Alberto's Night Club in downtown Mountain View, yelled at her and tried to push her into a nearby car.

Police say that the man approached his ex-wife, a 33-year-old Santa Cruz woman who was at the club with friends, at around 12:30 a.m. on Jan. 20. The man reportedly found her inside the club and yelled at her to leave, grabbing her arm and pulling her towards an alleyway adjacent to the club when she refused, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

During the altercation, the man began pulling her towards a car and tried to push her inside, Nelson said.

A friend of the victim called police, who found the suspect was still trying to pull the victim away when officers arrived, Nelson said. He allegedly resisted officers' instructions and refused to sit down.

The man was arrested on suspicion of kidnapping, inflicting

corporal injury on a spouse, false imprisonment, violation of a court order and resisting arrest. He was transported to Santa Clara County jail with a bail set at \$131,000.

—Kevin Forestieri

MV RESIDENT IDENTIFIED IN CALTRAIN FATALITY

The first person fatally struck by a Caltrain in 2018 on Wednesday night has been identified as Mountain View resident Diane Harmon, according to the Santa Clara County medical examiner's office.

The 57-year-old woman was struck by a train along the northbound tracks near Rengstorff Avenue and Central Expressway in Mountain View around 8:15 p.m.

About 300 people were onboard the train at the time. No one aboard was injured, Caltrain officials said.

The death halted service in both directions in the immediate area.

The cause of the collision has yet to be determined.

—Bay City News Service

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Chef Zhao Kitchen in Palo Alto fills its menu with Shanghai specialties. Pictured, clockwise from top left: Mongolian beef; pan-fried dumplings; tan tan noodles; and steamed pork buns.



SHANGHAI STANDOUT



CHEF ZHAO KITCHEN SERVES MOUTH-WATERING SHANGHAI CUISINE

Story by Dale F. Bentson | Photos by Michelle Le

It's not off the beaten path, yet it isn't a place one would just stumble upon. Chef Zhao Kitchen is tucked into Palo Alto's Edgewood Plaza on West Bayshore Road, just off Embarcadero Road and Hwy. 101.

It's not related to the Chef Zhao Bistro in Mountain View that serves Szechuan-style

cuisine — Chef Zhao Kitchen specializes in Shanghaiese cuisine. Owner Jun Zhao and wife Hong Xia, who also own Shanghai Garden in Cupertino, opened Chef Zhao Kitchen last May. Their Shanghaiese food is delicious and well worth seeking out.

The restaurant is divided into a sit-down section in front,

with seating for 46, and three small private dining rooms. For those on the go, the back of the restaurant offers a variety of steam table eats to create your own to-go boxes.

The dining room menu is lengthy, and the pages were tattered. It wasn't an encouraging start, but everything after that was four-star.

Shanghaiese cuisine, also known as Hu cuisine, is the youngest of China's 10 defined regional cuisines, though it is centuries old. Influenced by a half dozen neighboring provinces, Shanghai's culinary history was also inspired by its strategic position at the mouth of the Yangtze River.

During our first foray into

Chef Zhao Kitchen, we were overwhelmed by the choices and had no idea of portion size or what combinations went well together. No fear, an attentive waitress guided us and assured us that whatever we ordered would be fresh and made to order, including the noodles,

► See **CHEF ZHAO KITCHEN**, page 18



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Weekend



Jessica Liang prepares a take-out order at Chef Zhao Kitchen on Jan. 19.

CHEF ZHAO KITCHEN

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which are house-made.

The wait wasn't long. The parade of food started with steamed xiao long bao, (\$7.95), a signature dim sum dish of Shanghai. The half dozen thin soup-filled pork dumplings exploded in the mouth with a warm, soothing liquid that teased the taste buds.

The spicy flounder fillet (\$14.95) — served in a small pot filled with the reds, greens and oranges of Napa cabbage, potent Sichuan peppers, scallions and hot chili oil — made a colorful mosaic of flavors and aromas. I mistakenly chewed a blazing hot Sichuan pepper and frantically waded for more water. Happily, after a minute of intense

discomfort, my taste buds were fully restored.

My favorite dish was the wok-cooked eggplant (\$10.95) with sliced jalapeños and green bell peppers in a syrupy soy sauce glaze. The jalapeños tasted like candy after that Sichuan pepper. The soy glaze glistened with the parquet of purple and green ingredients and the flavors were slightly sweet, not quite caramelized, yet meaty and earthy.

The tan tan noodles (\$8.95) were house-made, pale, but not translucent and slippery to coral with one serving fork. The noodles cradled ground pork, baby bok choy, and a peanut-butter chili sauce. The ingredients were nested — meat over vegetables over noodles — so diners could take more or less of any ingredient. The peanut-butter

chili sauce had just enough zing to energize the dish without making it too fiery.

The thick, wok-fried salt-and-pepper calamari (\$11.95) with sliced onion and jalapeno was light, airy and tasted like squid, not saturated oil. No sauce is necessary, although the restaurant serves a light, sweet rice vinegar sauce on the side.

The pork filled potstickers (\$8.95) were the perfect pan-fried dumpling with golden brown, crisp-fried bottoms and skins that were springy and chewy but not doughy. The potstickers were more elongated than crescent-shaped — less plump, but just as enticing. In Shanghai, potstickers are street food, often eaten for breakfast. I could do that.

Mongolian beef slices (\$13.95)



The dining room fills up at lunchtime.



Mongolian beef slices are tossed with scallions, onions and dried red chilies in a spicy sauce.

were intertwined with onions, scallions, dried red chilies and a hot black sauce, somewhat similar to a hoisin sauce. The beef was fork tender with clean, lean flavors. The onion added a sweet crunch, the scallions gave color and the black sauce was just enough to bind the ingredients without upstaging the beef.

Thick stir-fried noodles (\$9.25) were woven with spinach, chunks of Napa cabbage and shredded pork and bound with a brown sauce. The noodles were fat and dense (twice as thick as Italian bucatini) and easier to handle than the tan tan noodles. They were fresh, malleable and delicious.

Chef Zhao Kitchen is not undiscovered; the place is usually packed, so go early. Now that I've figured out how to get to get there, I will be going back. It's easy, once you've done it. ■

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■ DINING NOTES

Chef Zhao Kitchen

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The juicy pork bun, or xiao long bao, are one of Shanghai's signature dishes

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS



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Frances McDormand stars in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

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FRANCES MCDORMAND BRINGS THE HEAT TO 'EBBING, MISSOURI'

★★★1/2 (Century 20 & Aquarius)

With Golden Globe wins for "Best Motion Picture — Drama," "Best Screenplay," "Best Actress — Drama" and "Best Supporting Actor — Drama," and seven Oscar nominations, Martin McDonagh's "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" is among the most-talked about front-runners this Oscar season.

"Three Billboards" has proven increasingly controversial and divisive, and not without good reason. The movie traffics in the institutional failures plaguing American police departments and their communities, making pointed reference to the injustices suffered by black citizens.

Frances McDormand stars as Mildred Hayes, the soul-scarred mother of a teenage girl raped and murdered seven months before the film begins. Roiling with righteous fury, Mildred hatches a plan to push for justice in the unsolved case: She pays for three billboards shaming the Ebbing, Missouri, police department. Proceeding

from this turn-up-the-pressure premise — suggestive of the communal sensibilities and satire within ancient Greek plays — McDonagh positions himself to observe every pipe burst around the fictional small town (its ironic name suggesting the ebbing of the American empire and, with it, its moral authority).

In its most simple terms, "Three Billboards" is fascinated by what happens when raw emotion and intellect overcome reason. McDormand's unstoppable force meets movable object after movable object in an insatiable quest for satisfaction, and the actor's performance is pure perfection, squeezing every bit of pulp from the dialogue in ways that honor the character's humanity and each situation's black comedy. But McDonagh also determinedly sets up expectations about archetypal characters and then undermines them.

The approach first manifests when Mildred squares off with Chief Bill Willoughby (Woody

Harrelson), and we discover that he's not easy to dismiss as incompetent or uncaring. He's also an object example of that old chestnut, "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about," which Mildred must acknowledge but deem irrelevant to her own cause. A less personal but not insignificant problem facing Willoughby is dimwitted Officer Jason Dixon (Sam Rockwell), who has a reputation for torturing black suspects. He, too, will turn out to be a more rounded character than he first appears, becoming more centered, smart, capable and generous of spirit than he would at first appear.

The evolution of Dixon's character turns out to be one bridge too far for the film. McDonagh's admirable shading of ostensible heroes and villains backfires in this case, despite Rockwell's witty and charismatic performance. Nevertheless, "Three Billboards" wickedly entertains and provokes, partly with

■ NOW SHOWING

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Call Me by Your Name (R) ★★★

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Paddington 2 (PG) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Padmaavat (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Phantom Thread (R) ★★★1/2

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

The Post (PG-13) ★★★1/2

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

The Shape of Water (R)

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

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shocking violence and political incorrectness, and partly in reckoning with the emotions behind America's civil violence. In McDonagh's world, we're all victims, and it's the rare victim

who doesn't seek restitution by becoming a perpetrator himself.

Rated R for violence, language throughout, and some sexual references. One hour, 55 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

PHANTOM THREAD ★★★1/2

Writer-director Paul Thomas Anderson's "Phantom Thread" luxuriates in the world of fashion even as it plumbs the ever-darker depths of a mysteriously obsessive relationship. Anderson teams up again with Daniel Day-Lewis as Reynolds Woodcock, a fashion designer who caters to the rich, the famous, the connected, and the royal by designing for them the most exquisite

dresses to be had in 1950s London. It is a world of perfectly put-together people — in appearance, at least. Reportedly inspired by real-life designer Charles James, Woodcock has earned the appellation of "confirmed bachelor," and despite the intimations of homosexuality that attend the term, he takes up, uses, and discards a steady stream of female muses. His latest, however, proves extraordinary. Waitress Alma Elson (Berlin-based actor Vicky Krieps) catches Woodcock's attention, and she accepts an invitation to his haunted house. Shortly, Alma moves into London's

House of Woodcock, threatening the prim primacy Woodcock's sister Cyril (a positively brilliant Lesley Manville) holds over his world. Indeed "Phantom Thread" goes to perverse places, from a study of a toxic alpha male's mistreatment of the two mistresses in his life to a depiction of a bizarrely functional, codependent, toxic relationship. *Rated R for language. Two hours, 10 minutes.* — P.C.

THE POST ★★★1/2

With Steven Spielberg, Meryl Streep, and Tom Hanks taking their licks at the man

in the Oval Office, it's a fair bet that few will care that "The Post" comes up short. Hanks plays Ben Bradlee, the famed executive editor of "The Washington Post". In 1971, the Nixon White House didn't care for the newspaper's coverage, prompting a capricious denial of access to Tricia Nixon's wedding. Then, The New York Times begins publishing the bombshell Pentagon Papers stolen and leaked by Daniel Ellsberg (Matthew Rhys) to reveal the truth about America's Vietnam War policy. Bradlee smells opportunity when an injunction by the Nixon Administration

shuts down the Times from reporting. The movie, which chronicles how Post publisher Katherine Graham (Streep) and Bradlee join an unprecedented battle between journalists and the government to expose a cover-up that spanned four U.S. presidents, struggles to find the drama in this real-life account. While certain scenes generate fleeting sparks, the filmmakers' solution tends to be the characters speechifying, posing and repeatedly declaiming the stakes ("We could all go to prison"). *Rated PG-13 for language and brief war violence. One hour, 55 minutes.* — P.C.

Goings On

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HIGHLIGHT

WORLD HARMONY CHORUS

The World Harmony Chorus brings the community together through a joyous celebration of song. This diverse choral group performs traditional vocal music from around the world, including Africa, Europe and Latin America. Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. Free. Tateuchi Hall, Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events



'The Road to Mecca' Miss Helen, a reclusive widow, harbors a prolific artistic impulse which makes her the subject of ridicule among the neighbors in Athol Fugard's classic "The Road to Mecca." Her friend, a reverend, urges her to move to a senior home, but a young schoolteacher encourages her to follow her heart. Jan. 18-Feb.11, 8 p.m. \$10-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org/

THEATER

Dragon Late Nights Dragon Theatre, a nonprofit live theater company in Redwood City, will present the band Claptrap at The Dragon Theatre. Feb. 2, 10:45 p.m.-12:15 a.m. \$17 with in-advance purchase, \$20 at the door. The Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway, Redwood City. Search goldstar.com for more info.

'The Laramie Project' at Palo Alto Players The Palo Alto Players present "The Laramie Project," the story of a young teen who was brutally murdered in 1998. Jan. 19-Feb. 4, 8 p.m. \$22-\$46. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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, under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org/

CONCERTS

Ana Gasteyer Ana Gasteyer, who has performed on six seasons of "Saturday Night Live," will perform at the Bing Concert Hall. Jan. 27, 10-11 p.m. \$15-\$65, discount for students. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Cameron Carpenter Cameron Carpenter, will be playing his revolutionary digital International Touring Organ, custom built by digital organ pioneers Marshall & Ogletree. Known for his reinterpretations of the classics, Carpenter has won international acclaim for his work. Feb. 3, 7:30-10 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

CCRMA Winter Concert I The Center for Computer Research in Music and Acoustics presents two concerts of new and classic electroacoustic multichannel music deploying their full immersive speaker system at the Bing Main Stage. Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. Free. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Concert: Renée Fleming Renée Fleming, recipient of the National Medal of Arts in 2013, will be holding her debut recital at the Bing. Fleming has not only performed at opera stages and concert halls worldwide, but was also the first classical artist to perform at the Super Bowl. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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Homebrewing 101 Derek Wolfram and Mike Conant from the Silicon Valley Sudzers homebrew club and Andrew Carroll from the HeadQuarters homebrew club will present an interactive introduction to homebrewing beer. The talk will cover ingredients, techniques, equipment, beer styles and recipe formulation. Jan. 27, 2-3:30 p.m. Downtown Library, 1044 Middlefield Road, Redwood City. redwoodcity.org/

Literary Seminar: 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. 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. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Lecture in Religion and Society The Roger W. Heyns Lecture in Religion and Society will be hosted by the Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, director of the ethics initiative at the MIT Media Lab and President & CEO of the Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values at MIT. Feb. 1, 5-6 p.m. Free. Levinthal Hall - Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Sound Health: Music, Neurology and Wellness Prior to her Bing Concert Hall recital, soprano Renee Fleming will speak about her work with the National Institutes of Health exploring the connections between music and neurological health. She will be joined by Dr. Charles Limb, chief of otology, neurotology and skull base surgery at the University of California, San Francisco. Jan. 30, 6-7 p.m. Free. Li Ka Shing Center - Berg Hall, 291 Campus Drive, Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

FUNDRAISERS

20th Anniversary of the Redwood City Library Foundation Fundraiser The fundraiser will celebrate the foundation's 20th anniversary with a dinner and an auction. Proceeds will support the library's "Bridging the Digital Divide" program. Feb 3, 6-10 p.m. \$90. Angelica's, 863 Main St., Redwood City. redwoodcity.org

FAMILY

February Free First Friday The San Mateo County History Museum will continue with its "Free First Fridays." The program will include a preschool craft program at 11 a.m. and an adult tour at 2 p.m. Feb. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. historysmc.org/free-first-fridays

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Art Exhibit: 'About Face: Intimacy and Abstraction in Photographic Portraits' This exhibition considers the intimacy of the close-up portrait in 13 photographs by 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

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/

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. Sept. 15-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: 'Rodin: The Shock of the Modern Body' This exhibition celebrates Auguste Rodin's relentless pursuit to convey complex emotions, diverse psychological states and pure sensuality through the nude. Sept. 15-ongoing, 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: '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

Art Exhibit: 'The Crown under the Hammer: Russia, Romanovs, Revolution' Marking the centenary of the Russian Revolution of 1917, this exhibition examines the political, social and cultural upheavals that transformed Russia in the final decades of the Romanov dynasty and the first years of Soviet Communism. Oct. 18-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

Exhibit: 'This Is Hunger' This 45-minute exhibit tells stories of Americans who face hunger on a daily basis using portraits, storytelling techniques and hands-on activities. Jan. 27, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Congregation Beth Am, 26790 Arastradero Road, Los Altos Hills. thisishunger.org/

Exhibit: Working Metal in 20th-Century Sculpture Metal sculpture created directly by the artist's hand is the focus of this exhibition. Featuring small-scale sculptures, photographs and sound recordings, this exhibition explores modes of working with metal that depart from more traditional casting methods. Jan. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Happenstance Happenstance, a solo exhibition of fine art photographer Nathalie Strand's composite series, blends figurative pictures with textures and details. Jan. 10 to Feb. 11. Free. The Main Gallery, 1018 Main St., Redwood City. themaingallery.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. Sept. 14-Feb. 12, 2018, Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays; closed on Tuesdays. Free. Anderson Collection at Stanford University, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. anderson.stanford.edu/exhibitions-programs/

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DANCE

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Bachata with Pantea Wednesday Hot Latin Nights with Pantea features bachata lessons for all skill levels. Bachata is a form of music and dance that originated in the Dominican Republic. No partner necessary. Wednesdays, ongoing, 7:30 p.m. \$10. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

L.A. Dance Project Former Paris Opera Ballet artistic director Benjamin Millepied, who choreographed the movie "Black Swan," founded the L.A. Dance Project, an artist collective, in 2012 with composers Nico Muhly and Nicholas Britell, art consultant Matthieu Humery and producer Charles Fabius. The Project aims to make new work for a small group of dancers in collaboration with visual artists, musicians and composers to perform in both traditional and unconventional spaces. Jan. 27, 7:30-10 p.m. \$15-\$80; discount for students. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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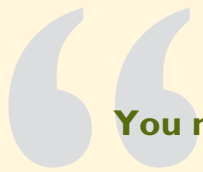
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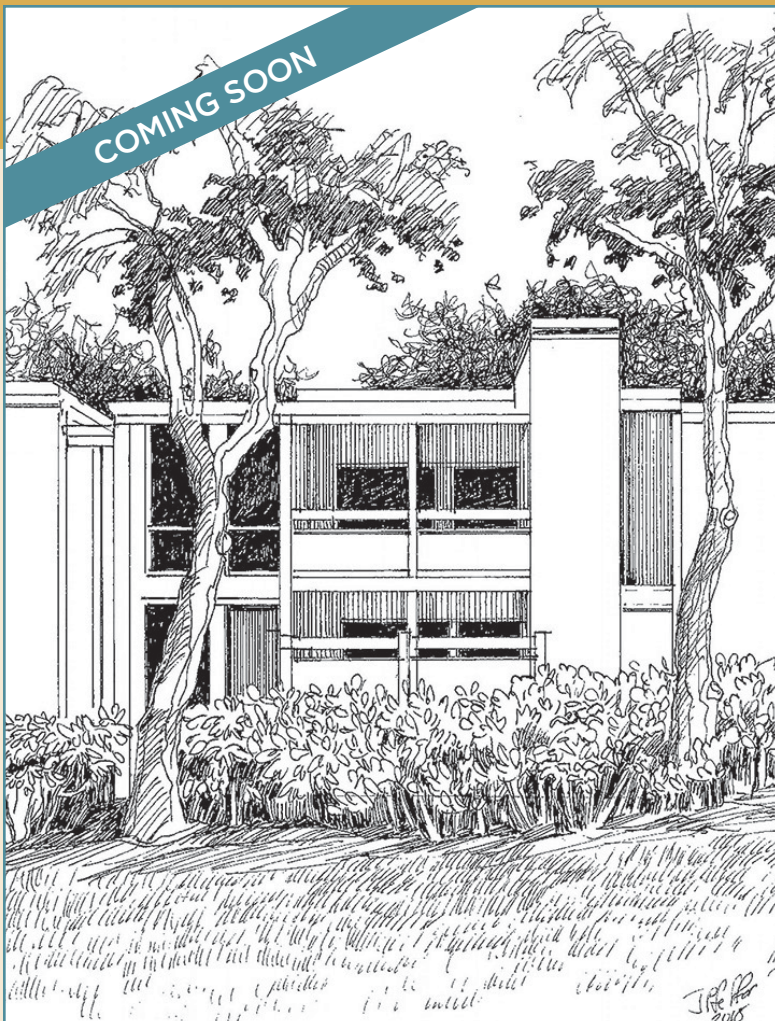
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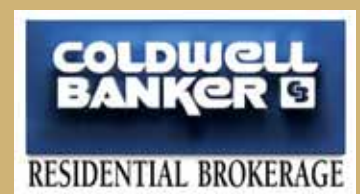
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