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Jill Denny's choir class practices inside a modified classroom at Mountain View High School. Newly approved plans call for larger choir and ensemble space at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools.

## MVLA board set to approve \$295M bond measure

ENROLLMENT GROWTH, AGING FACILITIES SPUR CONSTRUCTION PLANS AT HIGH SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling it necessary to accommodate a swelling enrollment on already-packed campuses, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District board members are

expected to vote next week on a \$295 million bond measure. The measure would require 55 percent of the vote to pass and would be placed on the June 5 ballot.

If approved, the bond would help pay for massive construction plans spelled out in the

district's Facilities Master Plan, which trustees approved last week on a unanimous vote. The plan includes more than \$100 million in upgrades to both Mountain View and Los Altos

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## Teachers' annual raises likely to shrink

AFTER TRAILING ITS PEERS, PAY IN MV WHISMAN DISTRICT IS NOW COMPETITIVE

By Kevin Forestieri

It's been more than three years since Mountain View Whisman School District teachers, frustrated with low pay, declared an impasse in contract negotiations. The strained relationship between the teachers' union and the district peaked in 2014 when teachers, in protest, stopped

participating in coaching, after-school programs and other work outside of the contract until a bargain was struck.

But after several rounds of sizable raises for all district employees, the tenor couldn't be more different. Two recent studies paid for by the district show that its teachers are now some of the best-compensated in Santa

Clara County when compared to similar elementary school districts. District officials say that teacher pay has finally caught up, and warned that the big salary increases may need to taper off to keep the district solvent in the future.

Since the 2013-14 school year,

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## Council OKs 62 new affordable apartments

RENTAL UNITS EXPECTED TO COST \$39M TO BUILD

By Mark Noack

The Mountain View City Council happily threw its support behind plans to build 62 new affordable apartments in the Jackson Park neighborhood — but they won't come cheap. At an estimated cost of \$38.8 million, the project at 460 N. Shoreline Boulevard would be the most expensive affordable housing project, per-unit, ever undertaken in Mountain View.

Despite the price tag, council members at the Jan. 30 meeting swiftly approved the project in a unanimous vote.

The new housing would be an expansion of the existing 120-unit Shorebreeze Apartments. For about 30 years, Shorebreeze has been managed by MidPen Housing, one of Northern California's largest affordable housing nonprofits. Given the soaring costs of land and construction, it made sense to add density to already established properties, said Peter Villareal, MidPen's housing development director.

"We're trying to find an opportunity to leverage a great location at a low market cost," he said. "It's so hard to find affordable land in Mountain View, but we have to make sure we're finding ways to build affordable housing for families."

To that end, MidPen's proposal calls for demolishing 12 existing apartments and replacing them with 62 new units. All

of the displaced tenants would have access to temporary housing, and the option to receive one of the new units when they're finished.

The most complex facet of the Shorebreeze expansion was its arcane financing plan. The \$38.8 million project

needed to draw from a variety of sources, including nearly \$14 million in federal tax credits and about \$14 million more in federal loans.

On top of that, the original housing package also requested to

COUNCILMAN KEN ROSENBERG

borrowing \$6.3 million from the city of Mountain View. Ahead of the Tuesday meeting, MidPen officials informed the city they needed to increase that loan to \$7.32 million to accommodate rising market costs. Exact details on how that loan would be repaid will be sorted out in negotiations led by the city manager's office.

Each apartment unit will cost about \$626,000 to construct, making it the city's most expensive affordable housing built to date. Palo Alto Housing's 62-unit project that is currently under construction at 1701 W. El Camino Real is costing about \$424,000 per unit, according to city reports. Meanwhile, a 116-unit ROEM project now being built at 779 E. Evelyn Ave ended up costing about \$538,000 per apartment.

Once built, the new apartments are expected to be priced at about 50 percent of the going

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# Voices

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

## How do you usually spend Super Bowl Sunday?



"On Super Bowl Sunday, I go to the gym so that I can have the entire gym to myself."

**Dennis Byrne**, San Jose



"I might meet up with some friends if they're watching the game. And my band practices Sundays, so I usually spend time with my bandmates playing music."

**Sebastian Figueroa**, San Jose



"Not watching the Super Bowl."

**Kyle Anderson**, Mountain View



"I am not a sports follower, so I look at it as a great weekend to go eat at a restaurant with nobody in it."

**Kristen Bliss**, Campbell



"I work. My day off is on a weekday."

**Joyston Rodrigues**, Sunnyvale

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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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CRIME BRIEFS

**TWO MEN ATTACKED AND ROBBED**

Two men say they were attacked by a group of suspects, robbed and threatened with a firearm in downtown Mountain View over the weekend, according to police.

The victims, a Fremont man and a Stockton man, were walking down a breezeway on the 200 block of Castro Street around 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, when a group of four to six men allegedly attacked them, kicking and punching the victims, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

During the assault, one of the suspects allegedly pointed a gun at one of the victims and threatened to hurt him, Nelson said.

The suspects reportedly took the Fremont man's wallet, car keys and cell phone before fleeing in a white sedan, Nelson said.

The victims could not provide a specific number of assailants, and described them as appearing to be East Indian men in their 20s and 30s with a red dot painted on their foreheads, Nelson said.

**MAN ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT AT HOPE'S CORNER**

Police arrested a 56-year-old man at Trinity United Methodist Church on Saturday after he allegedly attacked an elderly woman during the church's weekly homeless food services provided by the nonprofit Hope's Corner.

The suspect, a San Jose resident, was visiting the church for Hope's Corner services, which provides food and showers for homeless and needy residents every Saturday morning. Witnesses

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POLICE LOG

**AUTO BURGLARY**

- 100 block Castro St., 1/24
- 600 block W. Dana St., 1/24
- 200 block Thompson Sq., 1/24
- 500 block Church St., 1/24
- 1000 block Grant Rd., 1/24
- 300 block N. Whisman Rd., 1/29
- 400 block Stierlin Rd., 1/29
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**BATTERY**

- 1300 block Pear Av., 1/29

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

- 300 block Bryant St., 1/23

**CRIMINAL THREATS**

- 800 block Shary Av., 1/23
- 600 block Sylvan Av., 1/26

**CRUELTY TO ELDER ADULT**

- 700 block Mercy St., 1/27

**GRAND THEFT**

- 1300 block Grant Rd., 1/23
- 1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 1/26

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

- 1100 block Blackfield Way, 1/22
- 1600 block Miramonte Av., 1/22
- 600 block Rainbow Dr., 1/23
- 2200 block Latham St., 1/27
- 800 block E. El Camino Real, 1/29

**STOLEN VEHICLE**

- 800 block High School Way, 1/23
- 2500 block Grant Rd., 1/25
- 500 block Central Av., 1/25
- Mansfield Dr. & Preston Dr., 1/25
- 200 block Escuela Av., 1/27
- 2200 block Reinert Rd., 1/29
- 100 block Sierra Vista Av., 1/29

**ROBBERY**

- 200 block Castro St., 1/27

**VANDALISM**

- 2500 block W. El Camino Real, 1/28

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**NEW ADULT ED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District announced that Julie Vo, an adult education administrator with past experience in the district, has been selected as the new assistant director of the Mountain View Los Altos Adult School.

Vo, currently an associate dean of the Adult Education and Basic Skills program at the San Jose Evergreen Community College District, is set to begin her new role with Mountain View-Los Altos on Feb. 21, following an administrative staffing shuffle at the adult school. She replaces Brenda Harris, who took over as the director of the adult school after former director Keith Moody retired last year.

Vo previously worked for the district as the career technical

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**Thomas Blobaum** finishes up after emptying the septic tank of an RV. Mountain View is now offering the free waste dumping service as a way to keep occupied RVs from leaking sewage onto city streets.

## City launches RV waste dumping service

By Mark Noack

With homelessness on the rise in Mountain View, city officials are rolling out new services to provide some short-term relief for the people living in vehicles.

In recent days, Mountain View launched a new waste dumping service for those living out of motorhomes and RVs parked on the streets. A couple weeks ago, outreach staff from the city and Community Services Agency began passing out pamphlets and vouchers for free waste dumping to all the inhabited RVs, motorhomes

and other vehicles they could find. The free program is off to a slow start, but city officials expect more usage as more people learn about it.

Emptying septic tanks can be an expensive and complicated chore for people living in motorhomes. With no dumping facility available in Mountain View, people had to travel out of town and pay for the services at facilities in Redwood City or Gilroy, at a cost of about \$50 per pump. They could alternatively hire a mobile septic truck to come out, but it would cost roughly the same amount.

A total of 124 vouchers were

handed out across Mountain View, said Thomas Herena, who is helping manage the program through the Community Services Agency. The vouchers are numbered and matched to license plates in order to eliminate the chance that people might sell or trade them.

For now, the waste dumping service is being tested out as a pilot at Mountain View Fire Station No. 5, located near Shoreline Amphitheatre. The service is being offered twice a week: on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and on Saturdays

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## Council sends mobile home quandry back to RHC

RENTAL COMMITTEE MUST DECIDE ON EXPANDING RENT CONTROL, COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY

By Mark Noack

The question of whether mobile homes should be covered under Mountain View's new rent control program has become a new political hot potato for city officials.

At its Jan. 30 meeting, City Council members voted to write a strongly worded letter to the Rental Housing Committee, reminding members that it was their job to decide on the controversial issue.

This comes after the rental committee voted 3-2 last week to punt the decision to the City Council. Members on the appointed committee said they were uncomfortable with the huge ramifications of taking such a decision.

Hanging over the issue is the looming threat of a lawsuit. Both mobile home park owners and tenant groups have warned that they could take legal action if the city goes forward with a decision that runs counter to their interests. The rental committee's own attorneys have sided with tenants, opining that under the language of the voter-approved Measure V, mobile homes should be covered by the rent control law.

Attorney Karen Tiedemann pointed out to the committee members that none of the

exemptions listed in the rent control law applied to mobile homes.

"When we looked at the entirety of the measure, we couldn't find a way to say that mobile homes weren't covered," she told the committee last week.

Measure V also explicitly bans the City Council from taking policy actions on rent control.

At the Jan. 30 meeting, City Council members avoided wading into the specific details of the issue, except to suggest that the Rental Housing Committee needed to make a decision.

"We need an answer and they need to take charge," said Councilman Ken Rosenberg. "They're offering no clarity or decisiveness on this particular issue, and it's causing problems in the community."

The council voted 5-2 to direct staff to write a letter to the rental committee, specifying that they needed to make a decision on the mobile home issue. Council members Lisa Matichak and John McAlister voted in opposition.

Mayor Lenny Siegel also suggested scheduling a future council discussion on the Rental Housing Committee's actions to date. But that idea didn't gain support among his colleagues, who said they felt sending the letter would be sufficient. ▣

## Surge in flu cases packs local hospitals

HOSPITALIZATIONS REACH LEVELS LAST SEEN DURING 2009 "SWINE FLU" PANDEMIC

By Kevin Forestieri

Hospitals throughout Santa Clara County are grappling with an unusually lethal flu season that has led to hospitalizations rivaling those of the 2009 "swine flu" pandemic.

There have been 97 flu-related deaths in California among people under the age of 65 since the start of the flu season in October, 20 of whom lived in the Bay Area, according to a report last week from the California Department of Public Health. That's up from

23 deaths around the same time last year.

The report also notes that hospitalizations and outpatient visits for "influenza-like" illnesses are higher this year, putting a strain on local hospitals struggling to handle the influx of ill patients. El Camino Hospital's inpatient admissions — both at the Mountain View and Los Gatos campuses — are up 30 percent compared to last year, maxing out the hospital's bed capacity through the beginning of January, according to Dr. Daniel Shin, medical director of quality and patient

safety at El Camino.

The number of inpatient admissions put this year's flu season on par with 2009, during the height of the swine flu pandemic, Shin said. During the busiest days in January, El Camino's emergency department had to divert ambulances to other hospitals due to a lack of available beds.

Hospitals are required to report flu-related deaths, but only for patients under 65. Deaths for those 65 and over are not reported.

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During the busiest days of January, **El Camino Hospital's** emergency department had to divert ambulances to other hospitals due to a lack of available beds.

# Measure to recall Brock Turner judge qualifies for June ballot

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS CERTIFIES RECALL CAMPAIGN SIGNATURES

By Elena Kadvany

The question of whether to recall Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky for his record in sexual-violence cases will officially go before voters in June.

The Registrar of Voters announced last week that a sufficient number of the 94,539 petition signatures submitted by the recall campaign earlier this month are valid, qualifying the measure for the June 5 ballot.

The campaign working to unseat Persky alleges he has shown a pattern of bias against women and defendants of color in sex-crime cases. The effort was prompted by Persky's widely decried six-month sentencing of former Stanford University student Brock Turner, who had been convicted for sexually assaulting an unconscious woman on the university campus in 2015.

In a statement, the recall campaign called the signature verification a "monumental moment as it is rare that a judge has ever

been placed on a ballot to be recalled in the history of the State of California or nation."

Recall campaign Chair Michele Dauber, a Stanford law professor and Palo Alto resident, recalled what Emily Doe, the anonymous woman in the Brock Turner case, wrote in her victim impact statement: that "when she learned that Judge Persky sentenced Brock Turner (to) only six months in jail, she was 'struck silent.'"

"But today the voters of Santa Clara County have spoken loud and clear," Dauber said in a statement.

The recall campaign was required to submit 58,634 valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

A random 5 percent sampling of 4,727 signatures found that 3,389 were valid, according to the Registrar's office. When applied to the total raw signature count, the number of valid signatures comes out to more than 110 percent of the required number. This amount automatically

qualified the measure for the ballot without further signature verification.

The Registrar certified the results on Tuesday, Jan. 23, and will bring the matter before the county Board of Supervisors at its Feb. 6 meeting.

Under Elections Code, the Board of Supervisors must issue an order within 14 days of the meeting for an election to determine whether to recall Persky, the Registrar said. If the board does not order the election, the Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters to set the date for holding the election.

The recall measure will be paired with a contest to decide who will replace Persky if he is recalled.

Only one candidate so far has publicly said she plans to run for Persky's seat: Cindy Hendrickson, a longtime Santa Clara County prosecutor who currently works on District Attorney Jeff Rosen's executive team. ▀

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high schools, a completely new campus for the arts and digital media-focused Freestyle Academy, and sets aside close to \$30 million to prepare for rapid housing growth in Mountain View.

The bond represents the district's largest undertaking in several decades to build new classrooms, renovate aging facilities and plan for the future. The bond amount is significantly larger than Measure A (\$41.3 million) in 2010 and Measure D (\$58 million) in 1995. The dollar amount and language of the proposed bond measure is still subject to change prior to the Feb. 5 board meeting, but is not expected to exceed \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value for district property owners, according to district officials.

The focus of the bond is to house an influx of students caused by near-term housing projects throughout Mountain View, which is expected to add 500 students between the 2016-17 and 2020-21 school years. Both schools are slated to get new two-story classroom buildings.

With limited space on both campuses, district officials have little choice but to build up — most of the proposed projects will be two stories, including classroom wings, administrative offices and food services.

At the Jan. 22 school board meeting, board member Phil Faillace said the master plan should represent the final build-out of both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, and cautioned against building anything more densely packed. Doing so would risk alienation among teachers and students at sprawling schools, and could cause a "substantial" drop in the quality of education, he said.

"Anybody who wishes for a school bigger than these two are projected to be should be very careful for what they wish for," he said. "People will feel more like they're bricks in a wall instead of part of an individual, caring environment."

The comments come after a long debate over equity between the two high schools, and parent concerns that Los Altos High School may not be getting an equitable amount of classroom space. The master plan envisions 103 total classroom at the school, which is slightly below the 106 classrooms that Mountain View High would have. That not only represents an inequity, but also a potential missed opportunity for more educational space that could be built with the bond money, one parent said.

During a special study session last month, parents argued that

an earlier version of the plan was a raw deal for Los Altos High in terms of music space, giving Mountain View High School's already-superior performance hall an upgrade while Los Altos struggles to find space to store larger instruments and to host choral and instrumental music practice at the same time.

The final master plan was adjusted to include close to \$1 million for a new addition to the music building at Los Altos High School, which would allow for more ensemble rooms and storage. Superintendent Jeff Harding commended parents at the Jan. 22 meeting for getting involved and prompting the district to add 900 square feet of extra space for the music program, and said the last-minute change helps both campuses achieve parity.

"They pointed out the discrepancy (and) the lack of parity between the sites, and the need for additional ensemble space and storage," He said. "There has been quite a bit of parent involvement."

The new proposed campus for Freestyle Academy, which is currently housed in older portables behind the district office, includes a two-story building with larger classrooms, recording studios and photo labs for the alternative program, which combines digital media, art and music for students who choose to participate.

The plan is to house Freestyle Academic north of the Alta Vista continuation high school on a plot of vacant land owned by the city of Mountain View, but the district is still in the midst of negotiations with the city for a possible lease deal.

### \$30M set aside for uncertainty

Although the bond money lays out a strong vision for housing more students over the next five years, it's unclear what the future holds for enrollment in Mountain View's public schools. New zoning plans by the city are expected to bring nearly 10,000 new homes to the North Bayshore area, and thousands more are expected in the East Whisman region of the city. At the same time, NASA Ames announced plans last year to build 1,930 homes on Moffett Field, which falls within the district's boundaries.

As a cautionary measure to handle the potential for dramatic — albeit longer term — housing growth, the master plan sets aside about 10 percent of the total bond money, \$30 million, for classrooms to handle future enrollment increases.

Harding told the *Voice* earlier

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told police that the suspect allegedly punched the women in the back of the head for no apparent reason, screamed at her and walked away, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Bob Lee, a Hope's Corner board member who witnessed the attack, said that the suspect is a homeless man who had been coming to Hope's Corner for years, and that he seemed unstable and volunteers suspected him of having a mental health disorder. Lee said he was outside the shower facility when he saw the suspect punch the victim the head as she was heading toward the parking lot gate.

Lee said he called 911 and followed the man as he left Trinity United Methodist Church towards Castro Street. Officers arrived and arrested the man without incident, he said.

The attack caused the victim to fall to the ground, but she did not require medical attention, Nelson said. The elderly woman, also a client at Hope's Corner, did not speak English, but was told through a Mandarin interpreter that she would be safe.

"Through the interpreter we made sure she knew that we were sorry and she's welcome to come anytime, and that (the suspect)

isn't allowed to come back," Lee said.

The man was arrested on suspicion of elder abuse and booked into Santa Clara County jail with a bail set at \$100,000.

Although there have been small arguments among the hundreds of homeless and needy residents who come through the doors each Saturday at Hope's Corner, Lee said an assault leading to an arrest is a first for the nonprofit, which has had a quiet presence in the downtown community since 2011.

"In all the six-and-a-half years we've been here, we've had people have disagreements but we've never had anyone do this before," he said.

**ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AT CARL'S JR.**

An armed man attempting to rob the Carl's Jr. on East Middlefield Road fled the fast-food restaurant after an employee called police while the suspect was still inside.

The suspect entered the Carl's Jr. around 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, demanding cash from the employee and brandishing what the cashier believed was a gun, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. But the suspect absconded when the cashier, out of fear, called police to report the robbery.

The man fled in an unknown direction, and no money was taken, Nelson said.

The suspect is described as a 6-foot-tall Hispanic man wearing a black jacket, white shirt, blue jeans, sunglasses and gloves. He also had a red bag in his hand.

**FAILED STORAGE LOCKER HEIST**

Two suspects were chased off by security guards in the early hours of the morning after they were spotted allegedly attempting to break into a storage unit on Sunday, Jan. 21, according to police.

The two suspects reportedly broke into the Pods storage unit on the 800 block of East Middlefield Road around 3:20 a.m. and tried to steal the cooking supplies inside, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. But security guards in the area spotted the attempted heist and chased them off before calling 911. Nothing was taken from the storage unit, Nelson said.

Both suspects left the area in a black, two-door sedan. One suspect is described as a Hispanic woman in her late 20s with an average build and long hair, while the other is described as a Hispanic man in his 20s, wearing a white shirt.

—Kevin Forestieri

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this month that the money could finance about 20 classrooms, which could help accommodate students from new Mountain View housing. He said the effects of the growth aren't fully known yet, and it's possible that the money won't be needed.

"We're planning long term," he said. "This is a funding stream that, in the event we need to build more classrooms, we can build them."

The city's North Bayshore Precise Plan requires housing developers to create a special compensation package to help the high school district house increasing enrollment, which could total more than 1,000 students according to some estimates. But the district has yet to negotiate any specific plan with Google and Sobrato — the two major property owners in the region — for buying land for a new campus or financing construction. There is also no guarantee a similar mitigation requirement will

be included the East Whisman Precise Plan, Harding said.

"We need to be prepared in case the wave of students grows larger," he said.

At the Jan. 22 meeting, Mitchner called the \$30 million a "buffer" to deal with the district's needs for more classroom space, with discretion to spend the money "on needs as we see

them." Fail-lace described the money as an important resource, given the "limited knowledge" of what the future holds, and that it may not end up costing taxpayers a dime.

The board may choose not to issue the remaining \$30 million in bonds if the funds are not needed.

"There's no guarantee we're going to spend it, and if we don't spend it, then it's never going to cost you anything," Faillace said. "On the other hand, if we need it, it's very important that we have (the money), otherwise the quality of the education we offer will go downhill." ▣

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## TEACHER SALARIES

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Mountain View Whisman teachers have seen a pay increase of nearly 26 percent, bringing the district from the middle of the pack among county elementary school districts to one of the highest in terms of compensation, according to the studies. During the same period, “peer districts” raises salaries by an average of 14 percent.

Teachers pay in the district now ranges from \$60,933 to \$109,243, depending on college education and years of service, according to the salary schedule negotiated between the district and the Mountain View Educators Association (MVEA). Compared to 2013-14 pay, that translates into a \$13,125 increase for teachers on the lowest rung of the salary schedule, and a \$21,025 increase for the highest-paid teachers in the district.

At the Jan. 18 school board meeting, Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the district’s recent boosts in salaries ranging from 5 to 8 percent annually has pushed the district well above the median compensation for similar elementary school districts, second only to Saratoga Union, according to several measures including minimum salaries and health benefits. Rudolph said it’s a sign that teachers in the district are now fairly well-compensated, but it also means that salaries were pretty lackluster in 2014.

“It’s really a good thing,” he said, referring to the total increase. “It also suggests that we were probably on the lower side of the scale. We’ve leapfrogged over a lot of districts in the last few years.”

District-commissioned studies that reflect positively on employee compensation have been controversial in the past. The same firm, Hanover Research, conducted a similar study in early 2016, which the former MVEA president blasted for being “dishonest.” Among the grievances, the union criticized Hanover for making comparisons to rural districts in Sonoma County, and claimed that comparing Mountain View Whisman to San Bruno was a way of bringing down the standards on which the district’s compensation was judged.

To avoid a similar conflict this time around, Rudolph said he worked with the district’s two employee unions to figure out a list of comparable “peer” elementary school districts. The final list includes several Peninsula and South Bay districts, including Menlo Park City, Los Altos, Sunnyvale and Los Gatos Union school districts.

The only caveat is that the studies use Mountain View Whisman

salaries for 2017-18, which is one year ahead of most of the other school districts. The district tends to sign off on contracts significantly earlier than other districts, which has its own trade-offs — teachers get their salary increases earlier and the district doesn’t have to worry about back pay, but the district also has to commit its funds when there’s more financial uncertainty.

### School board splits

Board members generally agreed that they are comfortable with the state of teacher pay in the district, but parted ways on how to better attract and retain teachers — an ongoing challenge for the district. In recent years, the district has lost close to 20 percent of its teaching staff annually due to attrition. In one year, Crittenden hired 13 new teachers to deal with the turnover, more than a third of the total classroom positions at the school.

Board member Ellen Wheeler wondered whether the balance between salaries and benefits should be shifted to give employees more money to pay to address the high cost of housing. So-called health and wellness benefits total \$28,584 per teacher each year, according to a study by School Services of California, and Wheeler said teachers may be interested in trading those substantial benefits in favor of a higher gross salary.

“We’re a district that is compensation-heavy, and my question is, are teachers and staff interested in shifting those percentages and getting more money in their paycheck and less benefits,” she said. “I don’t know the answer to that question, but I think it’s something we should look into.”

Board member Greg Coladonato said the focus should be on raising compensation for the lowest-paid teachers, who are likely struggling to keep up with the high cost of housing. Income guidelines for Santa Clara County show that starting teachers in the district make significantly less than the median income for the area, and that the salaries qualify as “low income” for a family of four.

“The starting teachers’ salary is the one that matters most to me, because those are the teachers who have the hardest time paying their way here, living somewhere that they can commute to this job,” he said.

Board member Jose Gutierrez wondered whether teachers would be interested in compensation that goes beyond health coverage, similar to the perks that local tech companies use to entice prospective employees, such as gym memberships and yoga classes.

The studies also found that

the district’s classified staff are paid more on average than their counterparts in most elementary school districts in the county, but their total compensation is still far below the region’s median income. The analysis, which was calculated based on monthly pay, found that custodians and bus drivers make between \$3,401 and \$4,560 per month much — less than the lowest-paid certificated teacher.

Special education instructional assistants, who frequently leave the district after less than one year on the job, make between \$3,086 and \$4,135 in the district, according to the School Services study. The assistants aren’t given the option to work more than 30 hours per week. At hourly rates ranging from \$17.80 to \$23.86, data collected by the website Transparent California found that only one instructional assistant earned more than \$37,000 in 2016.

Throughout the meeting, Rudolph cautioned that the significant pay raises have been fueled by economic prosperity in the region, and that double-digit increases in property tax revenue has made it easy for the district to finance them. But the growth isn’t expected to continue, and state officials are cautioning school districts to rein in spending ahead of an economic decline.

“At our current pace of raises, at an average of 5.13 percent annually, it’s possible that this is unsustainable,” Rudolph said. “We know that an economic downturn will come at some point. The good times normally don’t roll for this long”

Later in the meeting, Chief Business Officer Robert Clark told board members that Gov. Jerry Brown and state finance officials are forecasting a recession, and to expect an economic slow-down starting in 2019. There have been 10 recessions since the 1950s, and it’s only a matter of time before the next one hits, Clark said.

“We are in our second-longest economic recovery since World War II,” he said. “If we have another positive year it will be the longest sustained recovery.”

There’s also a fair amount of uncertainty about how changes at the federal level, including the tax overhaul bill passed by Congress in December and future changes to trade deals, may affect school districts and the state’s budget, Clark said. In the immediate term, school districts are unlikely to benefit from people who paid their 2018 property taxes early in an attempt to take advantage of more generous deductions allowed in 2017. ■

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## OBITUARY

### Julie Beth Lovins

Civic activist and “Language Doctor” Julie B. Lovins died peacefully on Jan. 26 at her Old Mountain View home, where she had been in hospice care since May. She was 72.

She was diagnosed with glioblastoma — an aggressive, incurable brain cancer — in October 2016, just 18 days after the unexpected death of her husband of nearly 29 years, engineer Dr. Greg Fowler.

Born in Washington, D.C., in 1945, she grew up on the East Coast and attended high school in Amherst, Massachusetts. She earned her associate degree with honors at Pembroke College (now Brown University) and her master’s and doctoral degrees in linguistics at the University of Chicago.

She taught Japanese phonology for eight years at Tokyo universities, implemented early speech synthesis at Bell Labs, then engineered software at seven Silicon Valley firms and consulted on computational linguistics for many more through the 1990s.

Her family said that 50 years ago, she invented the first “stemming algorithm” that cuts endings off a word until just its meaning-bearing stem is left, enabling computers to understand and synthesize human speech.

In September, then-Mayor Ken Rosenberg described her diverse and devoted civic efforts in a tribute at a City Council meeting, saying of her and her husband, “They enlightened our discourse and anchored our civic conscience. Few have done so much to make our lives better. This couple set us a high standard for what it means to be citizens of a democracy.”

Her public service was vast, her philanthropy discreet and her attention to detail peerless, her family said. During her frequent walks, listening to her “covering political or technical topics, with her sharp asides under a sly glance, (was) always a delight” a neighbor said. “Our neighborhood and Mountain View are a better place for her involvement and constant caring.”

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Miriam Lovins. She is survived by her brother, Dr. Amory Lovins of Old Snowmass, Colorado; and her cousin, Dr. David Smernoff of Portola Valley. Her college roommate and friend of 52 years, Kathryn Connell of Emeryville, was a frequent companion throughout her illness.

A celebration of Julie’s life will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, at a venue to be announced.

The family prefers that memorial donations be sent to the League of Women Voters ([www.lwvlamv.org](http://www.lwvlamv.org)), Mountain View Educational Foundation ([www.mvef.org](http://www.mvef.org)), Community Health Awareness Council ([www.chacmv.org](http://www.chacmv.org)) and Silicon Valley Council of the Blind ([www.svcbl.org](http://www.svcbl.org)). Volunteering with Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable Planning ([www.mvcsp.org](http://www.mvcsp.org)) or Advocates for Affordable Housing ([joan\\_wally\\_macdonald@calalum.org](mailto:joan_wally_macdonald@calalum.org)) would also be a fitting tribute.

## SHOREBREEZE

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market rate, but some further subsidies will be available for extremely low-income families, according to MidPen officials. Of the 62 new units, 32 will go to households with Section 8 vouchers. The remaining units will go to eligible tenants based on the city’s preference for those who already live or work in the city.

Going forward, the schedule for the project calls for finalizing the financing by late 2018 and beginning construction by the end of the year. In all goes well, the project should be finished and occupied by late 2019.

“It’s always an exciting day when we get to vote to add more affordable housing in Mountain View,” said Councilman Ken Rosenberg.

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**FLU**

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The vaccine for this year's flu season is not particularly effective, with an efficacy rate estimated at about 30 percent, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Although manufacturing a vaccine is always something of a guessing game — planning for genetic mutations and forecasting which strain will be the most prevalent — it's particularly difficult for the H3N2 strain of the influenza A virus, which makes up a large majority of this season's flu cases.

"Between the time when the composition of the flu vaccine is recommended and the flu vaccine is delivered, H3N2 viruses are more likely than (other flu) viruses to have changed in ways that could impact how well the flu vaccine works," according to the CDC website.

Shin said the H3N2 strain has been around since about 1968, and it just happens to be the prevalent version of the flu virus this year. The people who are getting extremely ill and dying from the flu were likely vulnerable because they had

no built-up immunity, either through lack of vaccinations or having never been exposed to it in the past, he said.

"In order for a patient to be prepared or kind of immune, you would either have had to be exposed to H3N2 before or vaccinated multiple times," Shin said.

In response to the widespread flu outbreaks, El Camino Hospital announced temporary visitor restrictions that went into effect on Jan. 8, and will continue to the end of the flu season. All children under age 16 are barred from visiting, and community members are asked not to visit the hospital if they have flu-like symptoms, including a cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat or body aches. Younger visitors are not only more likely to get sick and suffer health complications like respiratory infections, they are also more likely to spread the flu.

The hospital is also taking precautions by placing all flu patients in isolation, Shin said, which means housing them in separate rooms with "droplet precautions," including masks and gloves for anyone entering. All patients entering the emergency room are also asked

to wear masks to avoid inadvertently spreading the flu.

Although the flu season began months ago, Shin encouraged people to get the vaccine if they haven't yet, noting that it can reduce the severity of the flu even if it doesn't prevent it outright.

"Even if the effectiveness in preventing the flu is low, say 30 percent, you will get a less severe illness if you get vaccinated," he said.

The influenza season reached the status of "widespread," meaning there are confirmed cases of the flu in at least half of the regions in the state, with a majority in the Bay Area and the southern-most region of the state bordering Mexico, said Sara Cody, Santa Clara County's health officer and public health director, at a Health and Hospital Committee meeting in December.

She said the public health recommendation is to get vaccinated.

"Even if the vaccine effectiveness is low, it's still better than no vaccine," she said. "It can still prevent severe illness, hospitalization and death, and we still strongly recommend it." ▀

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**RV WASTE**

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from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The city hired the Western Site Services for \$25,000 to bring a septic truck to provide free waste dumping for 24 days. Starting in March, the city plans to relocate the service to the Municipal Operations Center on North Whisman Road. The service is expected to end in April, when city officials will decide whether to continue it.

Those who use the program clearly appreciate the service, although there have been some problems, Herena said. So far, only about a dozen people have used the service since it launched on Jan. 16. Some people who received vouchers are living in vehicles that are broken down and can't move. Other say they have scheduling problems, he said.

"So far, it's been kind of slow," he said. "From what I understand, people are aware it's happening, but we don't know how much of an impact it's having."

City officials have repeatedly emphasized that they want to take a compassionate approach to the growing homeless population living on the streets. In some cases, police officials have reportedly looked the other way

as inhabited motorhomes and trailers have stayed put for days on end, rather than moving every 72 hours as required by law.

But when it comes to environmental hazards and pollution stemming from the vehicle encampments, city officials have taken stricter measures. Last fall, police and code enforcement officers towed two motorhomes parked along Crisanto Avenue after it was discovered they were both leaking sewage onto the street.

City officials say there are serious health concerns linked to illegal waste dumping. In recent months, there have been outbreaks of hepatitis among homeless living in Los Angeles, San Diego and Santa Cruz. Health officials believe the disease's spread was facilitated by unsanitary conditions contaminated with human waste.

Last year, the city launched a suite of new initiatives to aid the homeless, including contributing \$500,000 towards permanent supportive housing and case workers. About \$25,000 was put forward for special needs, such as repairs for broken-down RVs or storage costs. ▀

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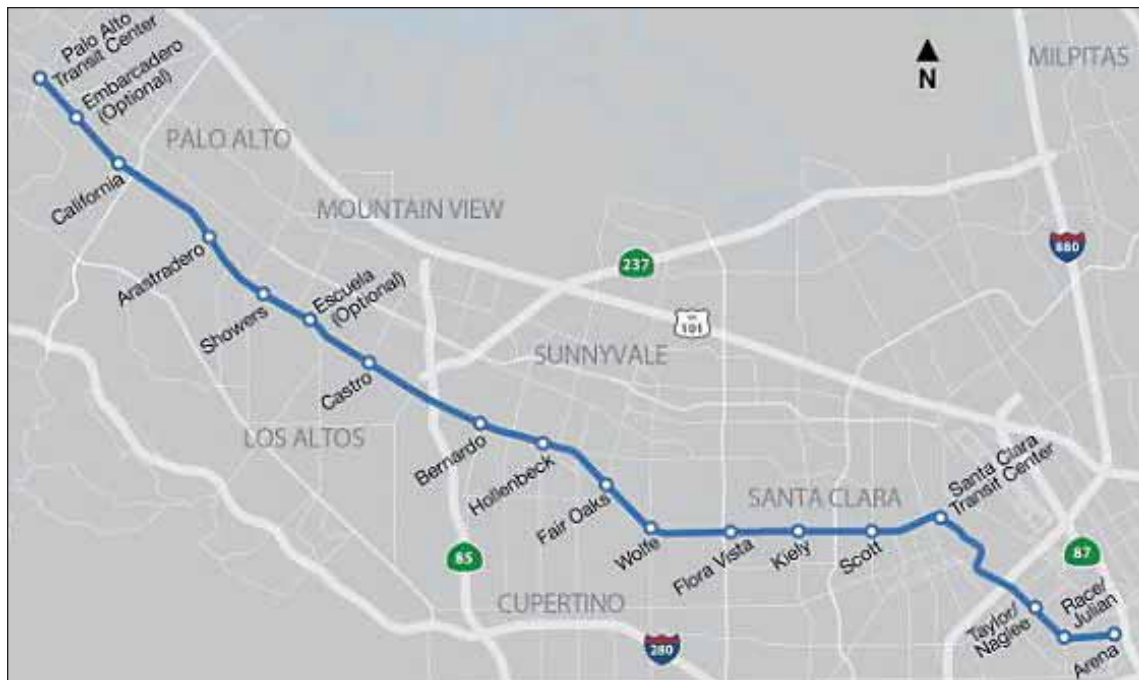
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**Bus Rapid Transit** lanes would have run down the middle of El Camino Real, from Palo Alto to San Jose, under a controversial, years-long initiative that failed to gain traction in cities along its route.

## Dedicated bus lane plan grinds to a halt

SUPPORT FADED FOR BRT PLAN ON EL CAMINO REAL FROM PALO ALTO TO SAN JOSE

By Mark Noack

After years of spinning its wheels, the controversial proposal to build dedicated bus lanes along El Camino Real appears to have ground to a halt.

Originally proposed more than a decade ago, the \$223 million project known as Bus Rapid Transit has languished in recent years amid push-back from residents and many elected leaders. Valley Transportation Authority officials say they are now pulling the plug on the idea after gaining insufficient support from cities along the El Camino corridor, even for a scaled-down version to test out the idea.

"It just wasn't being well-received," said Brandi Childress, VTA spokeswoman. "We were having a really difficult time getting consensus on this corridor for taking a lane of traffic."

In the end, studies and engineering for the Bus Rapid Transit project have cost a total of \$10.5 million, Childress said. Even though the project is now shelved, that money wasn't wasted, she said. The studies and analysis of traffic patterns could still be useful for future improvements along El Camino, she said.

The original idea for Bus

Rapid Transit called for an elaborate series of new bus stops and infrastructure that would dedicate two of El Camino's six traffic lanes primarily for bus traffic. Once completed, the project would have streamlined bus service, potentially making it a viable transit option for more commuters.

Overall travel time for a ride from Palo Alto down to San Jose would have been reduced by about 40 minutes, according to VTA studies.

The same VTA studies predicted that regular traffic along El Camino would experience no significant disruption despite losing two traffic lanes. Many observers found that claim hard to believe.

As the dedicated bus lane project moved forward in 2015, it drew fierce resistance. Many residents warned the project would divert traffic into their neighborhoods. Those opponents cried betrayal after a thin majority of the Mountain View City Council came out in support of the idea. In the days following, critics launched an effort to recall the council's supporters, but that backlash eventually lost steam.

While Mountain View was officially on board with the plan, most other cities along the

route were not. VTA officials decided to drastically scale back the plan. They presented plans for a cheaper pilot program that would create dedicated bus lanes only during peak commute hours on El Camino.

But by that point, the project's limited political support had evaporated. No city government along the route endorsed the proposal, and even Mountain View's council came out in opposition to it.

The final blow for Bus Rapid Transit came last week. Los Altos Councilwoman Jeanie Bruins, who chairs the project's advisory committee, wrote to VTA officials that the project was infeasible and should be brought to an end.

The project's demise probably won't be mourned by anyone, said Mountain View Mayor Lenny Siegel, who also sat on the advisory committee.

"The whole idea was weak in the first place, and we couldn't salvage it," he said. "Now we have to look for more imaginative solutions for getting people to work or school."

For Siegel, the challenge now is to convince VTA officials to consider other North County transit improvements, even though Bus Rapid Transit failed. He is now working to build support for an elevated transit system along the Highway 85 corridor. Mountain View city staff is also studying a new automated transit system to connect the North Bayshore area with the city's downtown. ■

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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education coordinator from 2007 to 2010, and later as the district's high school diploma and GED coordinator from 2010 to 2015. She also worked with a network of adult schools in the South Bay known as the South Bay Consortium of Adult Education.

"Julie is an ideal leader to help our adult learners achieve their educational, personal and professional goals at our Adult School," Harris said in a statement released last month.

The district's adult school, its headquarters located at 333 Moffett Boulevard, provides classes to nearly 8,000 people including career training and job placement, citizenship classes and English-language acquisition.

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## GOOGLE EXPANDS PROGRAM WITH UNIVERSITY

This week, Google officials announced they would dramatically expand a partnership with Howard University to bring more students from historically black colleges to the company.

The announcement builds on a pilot program launched last summer that brought 26 computer-science students from Howard to study and work at Google's campus. Company officials emphasized that the program reflects the company's efforts to integrate more diversity in its workforce, especially at a time when the tech industry has come under criticism for lacking integration.

Under the new program, about 100 students from Howard will come to Google's Mountain View campus starting this fall. Those students are expected to spend nine months studying at the company.

—Mark Noack

## WALGREENS FINED \$2M FOR VIOLATIONS

Walgreens Co. will pay \$2.25 million without admitting wrongdoing as a result of a civil law enforcement action related to alleged pricing and expiration date violations, San Mateo County prosecutors said today.

A Santa Clara County Superior Court judge approved the modified judgment on Monday, Jan. 29, in a settlement brought on by the district attorneys of San Mateo, Santa Clara, Contra Costa and Santa Cruz counties.

The district attorneys alleged that the operator of more than 600 Walgreens stores in California violated state law by charging customers more than the lowest posted or advertised price for items after scanner

inspections conducted by local Weights and Measures offices.

The district attorneys also alleged that Walgreens failed to comply with laws prohibiting selling or offering to sell infant formula or baby food after the "use by" date and over-the-counter drugs after their expiration date had passed, prosecutors said.

Walgreens will pay the civil penalties and costs in addition to instituting a compliance program to ensure the removal of products prior to the "use by" or expiration dates.

The program will include processes to make sure that consumers are charged accurately, such as removal of shelf tags from store shelves prior to expiration and adjusting charges at point of sale to reflect the lowest advertised price, prosecutors said.

This judgment replaced a 2013 pricing violations judgment against Walgreens by adding new provisions to address new pricing and expired product violations, according to prosecutors.

## COUNTY AWARDS \$300,000 FOR FOOD WASTE REDUCTION

Santa Clara County officials last Thursday announced a local organization funded by the county to find solutions to food waste and hunger has been awarded a California grant for more than \$300,000.

Representatives from Joint Venture Silicon Valley and the county's Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission crafted the Cal Recycle Grant, which was awarded as a part of the state waste management agency's Food Waste Prevention and Rescue Grant Program, county officials said.

The commission will use the \$313,000 grant in their ongoing efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle materials that otherwise would fall into landfills. Joint Venture Silicon Valley will administer the grant.

According to the county, \$218 billion is spent in the U.S. on growing, processing, transporting and disposing food that is never eaten.

In Santa Clara County, more than 200,000 people are living below the poverty line and one in six Bay Area residents face food insecurity, county officials said.

The county later this year will be premiering a new mobile food distribution platform called A La Carte, which features a fleet of trucks to collect and deliver surplus food to underserved areas in the county.

"We are committed to finding innovative ways to end waste and, more importantly, end hunger within Santa Clara County," Supervisor Mike Wasserman said.

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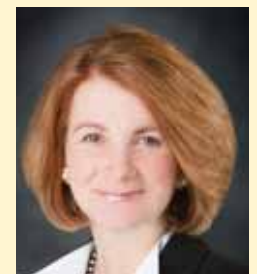
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## The right step forward for local students

As we ring in the new year, the Los Altos School District and city of Mountain View are on the cusp of achieving a huge victory for local students and the fast-growing north of El Camino neighborhood. If successful, this bold collaboration will achieve a new school and park to serve current and future generations in our communities.

As parents and local leaders who have been involved in the community-driven process that led to this plan, we're fully supportive of the partnership because of its positive educational implications and lasting community benefits. Every child who resides in the Los Altos School District receives a world-class education. We are thrilled at the prospect of bringing an excellent school to this fast-growing neighborhood.

The unique partnership between the city and the district paves the way for the Los Altos School District to formally pursue the acquisition of a much-needed 10th school site. We want to voice our unwavering support for this plan to provide a long-term solution to student enrollment growth. This is a carefully considered solution to a complex problem facing our region. We commend the district for its diligent and

thoughtful pursuit of a comprehensive answer to school overcrowding and the city of Mountain View for its partnership in this process, which makes the new school and park possible. We may never have an opportunity like this again and we know that this is the right path forward for our students and our community.

Acquisition of a 10th school site has always been the community's preferred answer to fundamentally solving the district's current issue of housing 10 schools on nine sites. As our community continues to grow, student enrollment growth will continue to be a challenge. Given the scarcity of affordable land in our community, the district's ability to identify a viable piece of land and the city of Mountain View's collaboration in helping them obtain it, should be universally applauded. It's truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

This plan exemplifies the type of smart government we should expect from our local leaders. By teaming up, the district and the city of Mountain View are able to tackle two of the biggest issues that sustained growth and development have created in our shared communities. A solution is now possible thanks to the tens of millions of dollars in cost savings associated

with this win-win partnership.

We understand that the ink on this deal is not yet dry and that the official land acquisition will be a complex process. The Los Altos School District has pledged to continue working in collaboration with the city of Mountain View and the rest of its community in an open and transparent process to determine the type of school for the site. We know the district and City Council will agree that the best solution is one that is focused on local students and their success. Since 2012, the Los Altos School District has put its community at the helm as it has sought a community-driven solution — and we know this trend will continue. We thank the Los Altos School District and the city of Mountain View for partnering in what is the right step forward for our children and our neighborhoods.

*Co-signed by Nancy Morimoto, Greater San Antonio Community Association board member; Jeff Fixler, Mountain View resident and Superintendent's Enrollment Growth Task Force member; James Reilly, Mountain View resident and Facilities Master Plan Committee member; Vaishali Sirkay, Los Altos Mountain View PTA Council president; Jeremy Minshull, Measure N Citizen's Oversight Committee chair*

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VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### FUNDING FOR ARTS EDUCATION

We applaud the leadership and vision of the Mountain View Whisman School District and Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph in making the decision to boost funding for the art and music programs at Graham and Crittenden Middle Schools. In addition, giving students the opportunity for two elective periods will allow more students to explore their creativity through art and music classes, building on the arts education that they receive in elementary school.

Art and music are key, critical components of a well-rounded education. Studying the arts regularly builds and strengthens achievement in academic subjects, critical thinking, social and communication skills, self-esteem and confidence, and cultural awareness.

The Community School of Music and Arts is dedicated to making sure that all students in our community have access to the arts. For some students, exposure in school may be the only access they have to the arts. We are supported in our

mission by the Mountain View Educational Foundation, which funds all CSMA art and music classes in the elementary schools thanks to generous donations from parents, community members and corporations. The City of Mountain View provides additional support for these fundamental programs.

*Vickie Scott Grove,  
Executive Director, CSMA  
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Board President, MVEF*

### NEW MONIKER NEEDED

While driving the crazy path on Castro Street between El Camino and Miramonte, it occurred to me we could come up with a name that describes and endears this complicated half-mile of roadway.

Perhaps the Castro Chicane? Or the Castro Street serpentine? The Mountain View wiggle-waggle? The Shimmy?

I'm sure the *Voice's* talented and creative reader base could come up with many more interesting way to name this

over-painted stretch of street.

*Joe McKinney  
Los Altos*

### LET VICTIMS BE HEARD

In Judge Rosemarie Aquilina's courtroom (during the sentencing of former USA gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar), victims of sexual abuse regained their voices and were heard. In stark contrast, when Judge Aaron Persky sentenced Brock Turner as leniently as he did, it felt as if Emily Doe and the evidence were not heard at all.

As a sexual assault survivor,

I fear going into a courtroom where the judge has already made up their mind because of my assailant's status. I want to believe the law would listen to me and the evidence, and Judge Aquilina has given people like me hope that if I speak, I'll be heard and treated with respect. We need to elect more judges like Aquilina who, unlike Persky, hear the voices of victims over the status of their perpetrators, and that's why I'm voting yes to recall Judge Persky.

*Stephanie Brambila  
San Jose*



## Rustic chic

REVIEW BY  
MONICA SCHREIBER

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VERONICA WEBER

*Two-in-one Village Bakery is a self-assured addition to the Woodside scene*

### ■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

The Village Bakery is the latest addition to the Bacchus Management Group's growing family of up-market restaurants. The six-month old restaurant and adjacent bakery occupies the central Woodside location long inhabited by the Woodside Bakery, which decamped to Menlo Park in 2016 after losing its lease.

The bakery makes exceptional bread, pastries, cookies and other baked goods. An almond croissant (\$3.75) was flaked perfectly with buttery decadence and rivaled anything I've enjoyed in France. A crusty loaf of sourdough bread (\$6.75) held its own against Tartine Bakery's storied loaves.

The little bakery is chic and sunny with white subway tiles and black wood. Unfortunately there is very little seating, just a few awkward stools in front of the windows. Next door, through a separate entrance, is the restaurant with a large, dog-friendly patio in the back.

The Village Bakery takes some of its cues from The Village Pub, its Michelin-starred big sister down the road, but it more closely resembles its Palo Alto sibling, Mayfield Bakery and Cafe. This newest member of the Bacchus brood has the self-confidence of an enterprise run by a practiced corporate hand: the lighting is lovely, the noise level is balanced, service is knowledgeable and attentive. The seasonal, oft-changing menu draws on the bounty of SMIP Ranch, a private farm in

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*The Village Bakery in Woodside serves crispy-skinned salmon over a bed of creamy garlic lentils with fennel and citrus.*

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A small bakery adjacent to the restaurant offers bread, pastries and desserts, along with an espresso bar.

## BAKERY

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the hills above Woodside that provides ingredients to Bacchus' restaurant empire, which includes Spruce (also Michelin-starred) and The Saratoga in San Francisco, as well as four Pizza Antica locations.

Corporate efficiencies have a down side, though. The cocktails (\$13 for signature drinks) appear to be poured with annoying attention to profit per serving. Giant blocks of cocktail-displacing ice could sink the Titanic. The martini glasses are doll-sized. The Restoration Hardware-inspired decor feels a little pre-packaged, as if designed by a focus group, but this brand of understated elegance works well enough in the town that arguably invented the concept of rustic-chic.

Over two dinners, we found that the most expensive entrées delivered exceptional experiences. If you're not inclined toward entrées in the \$35 to \$39 dollar range, though, things can be little uneven. While we are on the subject of price, some may wish to have it called to their attention that The Village Bakery adds to each bill a 3 percent surcharge "to support living wages and health insurance." Why not simply build the surcharge into the menu prices?

In such a case, the striped sea bass might be \$37.50 instead of \$36, but at least it was excellent. A flaky, generous piece of fish came with its skin crispy and caramelized, prepared with tangerines and fennel and served on a thin bed of creamy garlic lentils. A special on another night was duck breast (\$39) from San Jose-based Bassian

Farms' humane-certified 38 North brand. This fantastic dish showcased tender, earthy pieces of thickly sliced duck breast plated with caramelized white escarole and topped with roasted chestnuts and huckleberries. Both of these upper-end entrées evidenced executive chef Mark Sullivan's confident hand with disparate flavors.

The more down-market crispy fried chicken with waffles and spiced honey (\$26) was less impressive. The boneless,

succulent breast and thigh were exotically spiced with cinnamon and star anise, but the buttermilk waffles were very soggy. Surprisingly, given Bacchus's Pizza Antica bona fides, we found our Village Bakery pizza unremarkable. One would expect a classic, three-ingredient Margherita (\$17) to be simple, but ours was completely tasteless and slightly under-baked.

The simple spaghettoni (\$22) was a small serving of al dente



The Village Bakery's bombolini, Italian donut holes dusted with cinnamon sugar, are served with berry jam.

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homemade pasta shimmering with just the right amount of olive oil, garlic and fresh tomato. My restaurateur friend's roasted chicken breast (\$27) was reported to be excellent. A nice-sized, tender breast was bathed in a rich wine-and-mushroom sauce and served with a bit of spinach.

A paltry bowl of butternut squash soup (\$14) arrived lukewarm. I ate two or three spoonfuls before sending it back. I was immediately delivered a more reasonably-sized, piping-hot serving sprinkled with pumpkin seeds and decorated with cr me fraiche.

We tried all of the side dishes (\$8) on offer during our visits. The shoestring fries with Dijon aioli were addicting, crispy and disappeared in about one minute. The roasted heirloom carrots were nicely caramelized and tasted like they had been picked that morning. The baked cauliflower was bland, but the caramelized Brussels sprouts with pearl onions and roasted pumpkin both evidenced ultra-fresh, farm-to-table flavor.

The avocado toast (\$14), served with toasted quinoa and topped with pickled red onions, was built on a sturdy base of The Village Bakery's



*Village Bakery serves toast topped with smashed avocado, pickled red onions, toasted quinoa and a poached egg.*

divine whole grain toast.

I find it irksome to be charged for pre-dinner bread, especially at a restaurant with its own bakery, but at least at The Village Bakery, you're getting excellent bread. The mini whole-grain porridge loaf (\$8) was so good, I fear my table companions might not have gotten a crumb. The warm

Parker House rolls (\$5 for two) were dusted with grey sea salt and tasted a little like up-market King's Hawaiian rolls.

At the end of each of our two dinners, I ordered a decaf coffee (\$3.50) with dessert. Both times I was delivered a cup of black, sour brew that clearly had been on the burner for some time. I sent it back both times and

received fresh cups in fairly short order.

The Village Bakery's signature dessert is the double-chocolate wonder cookie (\$10), a toothsome, brownie-cookie hybrid studded with hazelnuts and other rich and crunchy delights. It is topped with vanilla ice cream and a salted caramel sauce. It is over the top

but wonderful.

That a "wonder cookie" can be served with a straight face at an upscale restaurant supplied by its own farm speaks to how self-assured The Village Bakery already feels, buzzing as a centerpiece of Woodside's dining scene. ■

■ **DINING NOTES**

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# Cowboys and Indians

'HOSTILES' CLUMSILY CORRECTS CLASSIC WESTERN THEMES

★★1/2 (Century 16, Century 20)

The days when movie Westerns were "Cowboys & Indians" writ large are long gone. Westerns grew up a bit, empathizing with Native Americans even if they remained in support of the white leading characters. The genre may be on life support, given a general lack of popularity with the American public and abroad, but filmmakers still feel the pull to put their mark on the genre. That explains "Hostiles," writer-director Scott Cooper's handsome, well-acted, but somewhat clodhopping modern Western.

At its best, "Hostiles" works as a contrived but effective parable of the American West, its painful legacy and small measures of redemption. In 1892, Army Capt. Joseph J. Blocker (a resonant Christian Bale) gets an order he literally can't refuse, try as he might. He and a small group of soldiers are to escort ailing native Chief Yellow Hawk (the great Wes Studi) from New Mexico's Fort Berringer back to his Montana homeland to die with dignity.

Blocker's career has been spent in brutal conflict with Native American tribes, including the Comanches of Yellow Hawk. Friends have died at Yellow Hawk's hands, and Blocker seeks every alternative, including the offer of a "let's settle this like men" knife fight.

But no, we're in for a classic Western journey across a dangerous physical landscape, as well as the comparably harsh psychic terrain of scarred men. Yellow Hawk stoically endures his physical pain and the hatred of his escorts, keeping a watchful eye for his own sake and that of his attendant family members. But our focus mostly remains on the white people and Blocker's struggle to reach empathy for a community much more wronged than his own by the war both have fought.

Rosamund Pike plays Rosalie Quaid, a widow left suicidal by the murder of her husband and young child. The killers were Comanche, setting up added tension since Rosalie also gets



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Christian Bale stars in "Hostiles."

an escort from Blocker and his party. Rosalie plays double duty as a plot device, since she also allows for romantic tension with Joseph. Another foil arrives in the form of Ben Foster's Sergeant Charles Wills, once a friend and colleague of Blocker, now a criminal being transported. Willis advocates for his own release and the victimization of the Comanches, all the while insisting Blocker is no better than him.

But of course he is better. We know this because others keep telling him he's a good man, he's a fine man, as he stares back

unconvinced. The story's true purpose is to morally educate and redeem him, which occurs predictably and accompanied by action that forges the new Blocker in fire. "Hostiles" gives the white people of the time more credit than they're due, with no less than three formerly bigoted white characters making grand, sympathetic gestures to the Comanches.

If "Hostiles" proves ham-handed in story, Masanobu Takayanagi's beautiful location cinematography helps to compensate, as does an interesting

grab bag of character actors supporting the leads: Adam Beach and Q'orianka Kilcher as Studi's family; Rory Cochrane, Jesse Plemons, Stephen Lang and current Best Actor nominee Timothee Chalamet as soldiers; and Scott Wilson and Bill Camp as additional antagonists to Blocker. There's one other thing going for "Hostiles"—if you're in the mood to see a Western on the big screen, it's the only game in town.

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— Peter Canavese

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

## THEATER

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**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. Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 18-Feb. 11, 8 p.m. \$28-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

## CONCERTS

**'A Tribute to Fritz Kreisler'** Stuart Canin, Martin Stoner and Mark Volkert are the guests for "A Tribute to Fritz Kreisler," with a panel discussion, film, recordings and a live performance by Martin Stoner. Kreisler is regarded as one of the greatest violin masters of all time. Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. Free. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. music.stanford.edu

**Bill Charlap Trio** The Bill Charlap Trio will perform with special guests and vocalists Mary Stallings and Freddy Cole. Feb. 10, 7:30-10 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Darlene Love** Singer Darlene Love, who has been a part of Phil Spector's Wall of Sound for "He's a Rebel," done backing vocals for "Da Doo Ron Ron," "Be My Baby" and other hits, will perform rock 'n' roll music. Feb. 9, 7:30-10 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Sundays with the St. Lawrence** The quartet will hold an all-Haydn "Bing-fest" with all six of Franz Joseph Haydn's Opus 20 string quartets. Feb. 11, 2:30-5 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Wooden Fish Ensemble** Wooden Fish Ensemble and the Gyeonggi Kayageum Ensemble will play folk songs from Korea and Japan. Music from various instruments such as the kayageum, koto and piano will be featured. Feb. 9, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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

**'Cedar & Friends'** Guitarist Joshua Cedar, along with Dave Casini (vibraphone), John Wiitala (bass) and Jon Arkin (drums) will present contemporary jazz. Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m. Free, with \$18 food/drink minimum. Angelica's, 863 Main St., Redwood City. angelicasllc.com

**JP and the OK Rhythm Boys** This show JP will feature JP Wittman (fiddle), Gordon Koenig and Anita Orne on guitar and bass, along with musical saw, banjo, ukulele and more. Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events

**Open Mic** Open Mic features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing; 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

**Stew and the Negro Problem** The singer-songwriter Stew pays homage to the art and activism of James Baldwin in "Notes of a Native Song," an irreverent and spirited rock and roll song-cycle. With his band The Negro Problem, Stew—known for his 2008 Tony winner "Passing Strange" developed on the Stanford campus—explores Baldwin's legacy with music, video and spoken word. Feb. 2, 8-9 p.m. \$15-\$55; discount for students. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Campers and RVs in Our City** Join the city of Mountain View in a discussion about the housing crisis. Feb. 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Film Series: Classics of Soviet Cinema, 1927 - 1938** The event will feature a film screening of "The Fall of the Romanov Dynasty," and hold a Q&A with the audience after the screening. Feb. 1, 6 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

**Presentation: Historic African American Families in San Mateo** The San Mateo County History Museum will present retired radio and television personality and current author Claire Mack, the first African American mayor of San Mateo. Feb. 10, 1-2 p.m. \$4 students and seniors, \$6 adults. San Mateo County History Museum, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. historysmc.org

**Renaissance/Western Medieval Lecture Series by Emanuele Lugli** This talk focuses on the singular devotion for the 'mensura Christi,' or the act of praying with objects that reproduced the height of Christ. Emanuele Lugli teaches and writes about art, architecture and visual culture in medieval and early modern Europe, with a particular emphasis on Mediterranean trade, technology and intellectual connections. Feb.

6, 5:30 p.m. Free. Oshman Hall, 355 Roth Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

**Sourdough Bread Boot Camp** Participants will learn to make sourdough bread with wild yeast during a half-day session. Attendees will take home a formed loaf to proof at home and bake. Sessions limited to three students maximum. Feb. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. \$150. Private address provided upon registration, Mountain View. zerowastechef.com/register/

**This is Us** Actors and Stanford Alumni Sterling K. Brown and Ryan Michelle Bath will speak at Stanford University and share stories from their careers and perform scenes. Feb. 9, 7-9 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 655 Knight Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## FUNDRAISERS

**20th Anniversary of the Redwood City Library Foundation Fundraiser** The fundraiser will celebrate the foundation's 20th anniversary with dinner and an auction. Proceeds will support the library's "Bridging the Digital Divide" program. Feb. 3, 6-10 p.m. Individual tickets \$90, couples tickets \$170. 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 voyeuristic intimacy of the close-up portrait in 13 photographs by celebrated photographers Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, Barbara Morgan and Edward Weston. Each photograph captures a likeness and the mood set by the subject's personality. Nov. 1-March 4, 2018, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Tuesdays; open Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**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, 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 Matter of Photography in the Americas'** Featuring artists from twelve different countries, this exhibition presents a wide range of creative

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**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

## FOOD & DRINK

**First Friday** The Cantor Arts Center is open late for the first Friday of the month. Take a break for meditation, yoga, origami and hot tea. Feb. 2, 8-10 p.m. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Body Image and Eating Disorder Support Group** This group is for those struggling with eating disorders and body image dissatisfaction. The group is open to all ages, genders and types of eating issues. It is not a structured group; rather it is open for sharing, asking questions, offering and receiving support or just listening. Feb. 6, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. El Camino Hospital, 2500 Grant Road., Conference Room C, Mountain View. edrcsv.org

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Art Hiking Class** The class combines fitness and creative activities and provides an introduction to sketching. The first lesson is free. Jan. 14, 9:30-11 p.m. Free. Shoreline Lake Boathouse, 3160 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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Free, Senior Center members; \$3, non-members. Los Altos Senior Center - Hillview Community Center, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

## RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

**Phillip E. Bloom at Levinthal Hall** Phillip E. Bloom, director of the Center for East Asian Garden Studies and the curator of the Chinese garden at the Huntington Library in San Marino, Calif., will speak at Levinthal Hall on the Stanford University campus about spacial and temporal environments in Buddhism. Feb. 8, 5:30-7 p.m. Levinthal Hall, Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Mountain View Woman's Club** Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization working on community projects. Feb. 7, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. mtviewwomansclub.org

## DANCE

**Argentine Tango** Alberto's Nightclub presents Argentine Tango. Sundays, ongoing, 7 p.m. Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

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

**New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria (Mambo Mondays)** New York Style Salsa On2 with Victoria Mambo will be held Mondays, with lessons for all skill levels. For ages 21 years and older. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Level 1 at 8 p.m.; level 2 at 9 p.m.; social dancing starts at 10 p.m. No partner necessary. Mondays, ongoing. \$10 Alberto's Salsa Studio, 736 W. Dana St., Mountain View. albertos.com/calendar

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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

RUCY'S CLEANING SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN636955

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Rucy's Cleaning Services, located at 625 Lakehaven Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94089, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
LUCIA PAREDES

625 Lakehaven Dr.  
Sunnyvale, CA 94089  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/19/2017.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 19, 2017.  
(MVV Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 2018)

C&J CLEANING SERVICES  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN637564

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
C&J Cleaning Services, located at 1006 Colusa Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: Married Couple.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
JORGE BALLINAS  
1006 Colusa Ave.  
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MARIA DEL CARMEN CAJERO  
1006 Colusa Ave.  
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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 01/08/2018.

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(MVV Jan. 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 2018)

## 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
CHUCHU MA, deceased  
Case No.: 18PR182630

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of CHUCHU MA, deceased.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: LI CHEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority

will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 26, 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.

Petitioner:  
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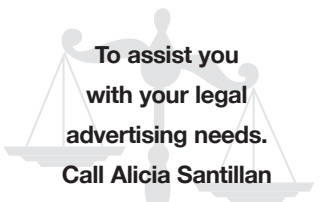
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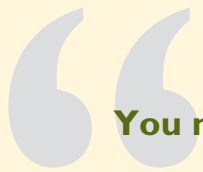
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