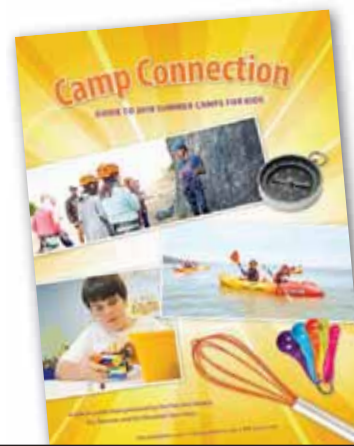


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Parents rally to save home schooling program

DISTRICT TRUSTEES DELAY DEMISE OF ISP; TEACHER, FAMILIES SAY THEY WEREN'T NOTIFIED

By Kevin Forestieri

Parents with children in a local home schooling program are urging the Mountain View Whisman School District to reverse course on ending the district's Independent Study Program (ISP), calling it a cherished asset for families.

School board members voted unanimously last week to terminate the ISP at the end of June 2020, following advice by district officials who called the program an unnecessary burden — both in terms

of costs and facilities — with dwindling enrollment. Participating families pointed out that the enrollment has dwindled as a direct result of district staff slashing access to the program and cutting its budget by two-thirds.

The program provides an hourly part-time teacher, curriculum and weekly classroom activities for families who choose to home-school their children, but still want some structured guidance from a public school teacher and face-to-face interactions with other families.

At a Feb. 1 meeting, Assistant Superintendent Carmen Ghysels described the ISP to the board as an outdated resource from a time

when parents relied on district oversight for home schooling. The district adopted the program 17 years ago from the Whisman School District — which rolled over to Mountain View Whisman when the districts merged — at a time when fewer families were home schooling, so finding

curriculum and guidance for how to teach at home was a struggle, she said.

Ghysels also pointed out that the program is budgeted to cost about \$57,000 in discretionary funding this year, requires its own classroom and needs

administrative oversight. Given that ISP is not mandated by the state and doesn't "align" to the district's five-year Strategic Plan, she recommended ending the program at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

But parents of children in the ISP came out in full force at the Feb. 15 school board meeting to make an impassioned appeal for the program, calling it a best-kept secret that should be cherished and expanded. Many parents also questioned the reasoning behind the decision to kill it, saying the ISP only suffered a decline in enrollment when district staff consciously slashed

'The district doesn't understand why we chose this program, and what is so unique and special about it.'

KATY CRAIN, ISP PARENT

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VERONICA WEBER

Freddie Farris, right, and sister Kathy Anyanwu, sit in Anyanwu's apartment at Del Medio Manor. Farris, who helps care for her, lives in the apartment down the hall. Proposed rent increases would force both to move and possibly become homeless, they say.

Conflict over profits and pricing at Del Medio apartments

TENANTS JOIN TOGETHER TO FIGHT LANDLORD'S PETITION TO RAISE RENTS

By Mark Noack

For Freddie Farris, 60, the golden years aren't going quite as planned. After having to leave her postal carrier job due to a disability,

Farris thought she could spend a little more time caring for her family while her pension kicked in. They needed her help — her sister had a debilitating stroke years ago, and her 83-year-old mother, who shares

an apartment with her, can no longer walk on her own.

For years now, Farris' family has resided on the second floor of the Del Medio Manor

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Councilman drops out and a candidate steps forward

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's upcoming November election is already taking shape. Earlier this week, Councilman Ken Rosenberg surprised his colleagues by announcing that he would not seek a second term. That news has already

inspired activity among aspirants looking to fill his seat.

On Thursday morning, Environmental Planning Commissioner Lucas Ramirez formally announced he would run for the open seat in November, with Rosenberg's endorsement.

Ramirez ran in 2016 amid a crowded field of candidates, and



Ken Rosenberg



Lucas Ramirez

he came up just short of winning one of the four open seats.

Ramirez said he wasn't planning on running again, since it

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

Should school districts build housing for their teachers?



"Yes, where possible. Especially in high cost of living areas, I imagine it must be really difficult for people on teachers' salaries ... to afford to live either near where they work or in accommodations where they could raise their own families."

Joe O'Hara, Mountain View



"Absolutely. I think a big problem with Mountain View is that it's prohibitively expensive for people that don't have the income to live here."

David Vernet, Mountain View



"I've worked in the Palo Alto (Unified) School District before and I really believe that the cost of living here is way too much, especially for people who work in education."

Maricris Paviera, San Jose



"The income for teachers doesn't match the standard of living here. The national standard for teaching, that's what we're being paid here — a nationwide average, not the Bay Area average."

Siririth Meas, San Jose



"I think that teacher housing should be subsidized. Mountain View housing prices are just so pricey that we're not able to get the people we need, especially on a teacher's salary."

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

CALL FOR ARTISTS
APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 28, 2018, by 11:00 PM (PST)
Submit online via CaFE at www.callforentry.org

The City of Mountain View (CMV) and the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) are launching a utility box beautification pilot program, Sidewalk Studio. The program aims to enrich the community through the creation of public art by transforming common City-owned utility boxes into unique vibrant artwork while deterring graffiti. The Sidewalk Studio Pilot Program is designed to encourage civic pride, increase pedestrian traffic while creating a more attractive environment, and expand public art into new areas of the City.

The CMV and VAC seek to commission five artists or artists' teams to create and paint original designs for five utility boxes within the City of Mountain View. Eligible artists and/or artists' teams must be a resident of one of the following 11 San Francisco Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma).

APPLICATION
 Applications will be accepted from Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 8:00AM (PST) to Wednesday, February 28, 2018, by 11:00 PM (PST). APPLY EARLY, applications will not be accepted after the 11pm, February 28th deadline and only the first 60 applications will be accepted (whichever comes first).

ELIGIBILITY
 The call is open to all artists and/or artists' teams over the age of 18 and artists and/or artists' teams must be a resident of one of the following 11 San Francisco Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
 All applications must be submitted online via CaFE at www.callforentry.org, an online application system for calls for entry. There is no charge for artists to apply or use CaFE. Applications that are mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered will not be considered.

All applications should include the following:

- A brief description of design(s) concept;
- Resumé;
- Five to ten digital examples of previous artwork;
- A completed design proposal for a utility box on the template provided:
- In full detail and color;
- Each applicant or team can submit up to three design proposals per application.

All applicants should allow adequate time to submit their applications. To get additional assistance using CaFE, please contact WESTAF by calling 303-629-1166 or via email at cafe@westaf.org.

SELECTION
 The VAC anticipates making artists selection by March 14, 2018. Artists will be notified by March 21, 2018. The artists chosen to paint a utility box must attend a mandatory orientation in April. Date, time and location to be determined.

CRIME BRIEFS

POLICE SEEK TO REUNITE RESIDENTS WITH BURGLARIZED BELONGINGS

Mountain View police are seeking to return the belongings of dozens of residents after arresting a 25 year old San Jose woman in possession of a trove of items, identification, mail and tax forms belonging to other people inside a U-Haul truck last week.

An officer spotted the woman sitting in the passenger seat of the U-Haul truck around 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, on Silverwood Avenue, located just north of the tracks across from Rengstorff Park. The officer searched the U-Haul after reportedly finding the suspect in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, according to a police statement.

Inside the U-Haul, police found bolt cutters, burglary tools, more narcotics and over a dozen bags with "various forms of identification, mail and tax forms," police said.

The cab of the U-Haul also allegedly contained a book with several names and personal identifying information for each person.

The suspect was arrested on burglary and identity theft charges, along with possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. She

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POLICE LOG

AUTO BURGLARY

200 block Pamela Dr., 2/13
 1800 block Miramonte Av., 2/15
 500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 2/15
 200 block E. Middlefield Rd., 2/15

IDENTITY THEFT

Sierra Vista Av. & Silverwood Av., 2/13
 500 block Ellis St., 2/16

INDECENT EXPOSURE

600 block San Antonio Rd., 2/14

BATTERY

1 block W. El Camino Real, 2/11
 500 block Showers Dr., 2/13
 1300 block W. El Camino Real, 2/14
 400 block Clyde Av., 2/16
 400 block Mariposa Av., 2/16
 1400 block Village Ct., 2/17
 1300 block W. El Camino Real, 2/18
 2500 block Grant Rd., 2/18

POSSESSION OF STOLEN PROPERTY

Central Expy. & Easy St., 2/15
 100 block E. El Camino Real, 2/17

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

1 block Sierra Vista Av., 2/12
 2300 block Lida Dr., 2/15

RESISTING AN OFFICER

Castro St. & W. Dana St., 2/13

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1300 block Shorebird Way, 2/17
 1200 block Charleston Rd., 2/17

ROBBERY

2200 block California St., 2/12
 El Monte Av. & Marich Way, 2/18

CRIMINAL THREATS

500 block Showers Dr., 2/18

GRAND THEFT

California St. & Rengstorff Av., 2/12
 3500 block Truman Av., 2/13
 200 block Ortega Av., 2/15
 900 block Rich Av., 2/15
 1800 block W. El Camino Real, 2/17

STOLEN VEHICLE

2500 block Hospital Dr., 2/12
 Bella Corte & Junction Av., 2/12

VANDALISM

Castro St. & W. El Camino Real, 2/14
 200 block Pettis Av., 2/14

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PARKING PERMIT PROGRAM

The first voluntary attempt to launch a residential parking permit program died with a whimper last week.

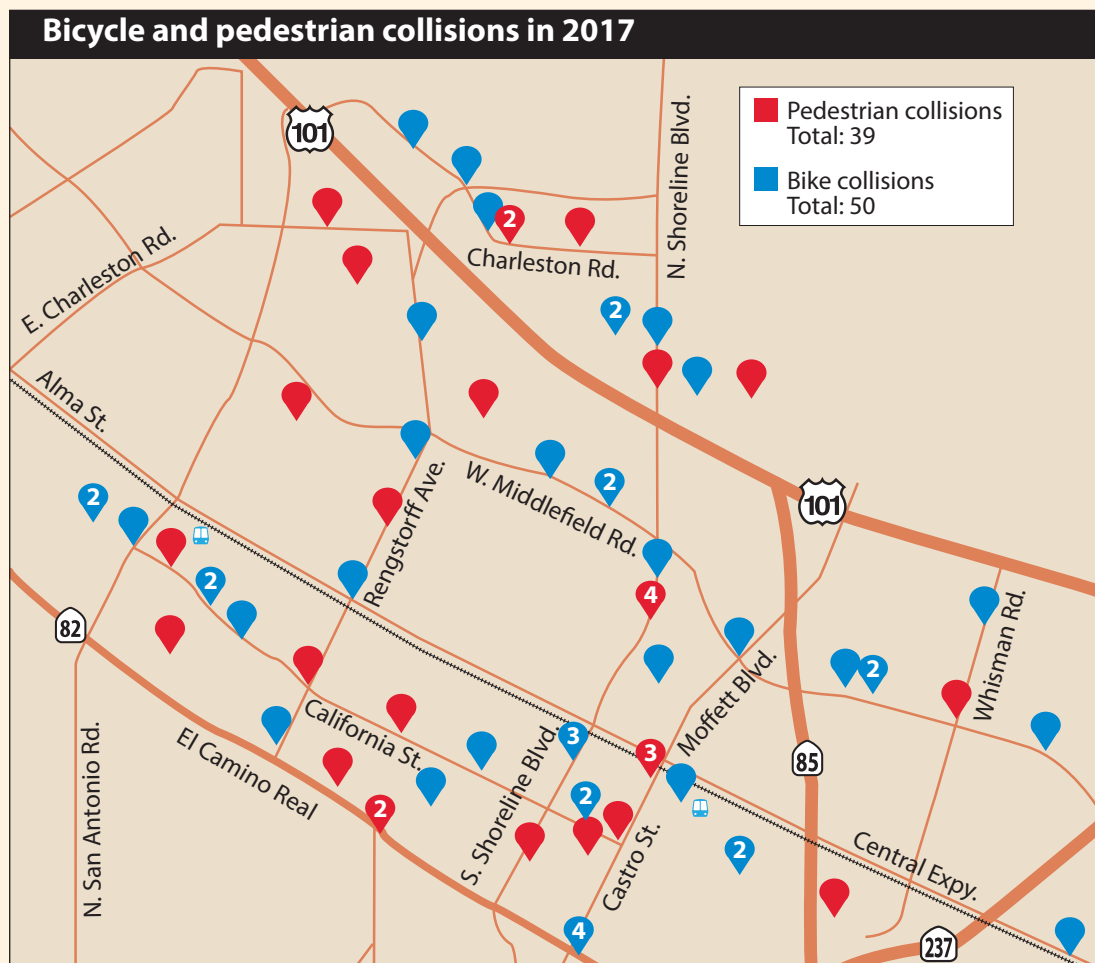
At a Feb. 15 Council Transportation Committee hearing, officials reviewed a petition from about two dozen households near Church and Oak streets in the city's downtown area.

Those residents had sent a petition to the city asking for a new two- or three-hour time limit on cars parked on the street. Under the program, nearby residents would be able to purchase parking permits for their own vehicles.

The city sent out postcard questionnaires to the nearby homes to measure support for the plan, but fewer than half of the residents took the time to fill it out and send it back. For that reason,

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Bicyclist and pedestrian collisions with vehicles largely occurred along the city's major thoroughfares and busy intersections in 2017. A simplified map of the police department's collision data, shown above, details where many of the trouble spots are located.

Pedestrian accidents hit 10-year high

CITY DATA SHOWS DOWNTOWN, MAJOR THOROUGHFARES AMONG THE MOST DANGEROUS

By Kevin Forestieri

Pedestrian-related collisions rose sharply in Mountain View last year, reaching the highest number of reported accidents since at least 2007, according to recent traffic data.

Accident reports for 2017, compiled by the city at the

Voice's request, show that 39 pedestrians were struck by vehicles throughout the year, an increase of more than 40 percent over the 27 collisions in the prior year. Bicyclist-related collisions, on the other hand, declined for the second straight year in a row, down to 50 accidents in 2017 from the

previous high of 69 in 2015.

As in past years, the most dangerous streets for pedestrians include the downtown corridor and high-traffic arteries including Shoreline Boulevard and El Camino Real. Six of the collisions occurred on or near

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Residents vow to fight teacher housing idea

STUDY SAYS COOPER PARK IS BEST BET FOR DISTRICT PROJECT

By Kevin Forestieri

Several nearby residents are pushing back against the idea of converting a large portion of Cooper Park into lower-cost housing for local teachers and school staff, decrying the potential loss of open space and worsening traffic in an already-congested area of Mountain View.

Last month, a district-commissioned study looked into excess land owned by the Mountain View Whisman School District to see if it would be possible to construct rental housing for district employees at an affordable rate. District officials have been taking a close look at teacher housing for more than a year, seeing it as an effective strategy — outside of raising salaries — to attract and retain a dwindling pool of teachers.

The study looked at 11 properties and found that the 9.5 acres of district-owned land on the northern end of Cooper Park would be the ideal place to build homes. Suggested layouts found that it would be financially feasible to construct 82, three-story townhouses on the property, which could be paid off, in part, by an estimated \$700,000 in rental income each year. Board members largely agreed to focus on Cooper Park rather than other properties, which are either fairly small or tied up with long-term lease agreements.

The district-owned property does not include the southern end of the Cooper site, which is owned by the city and includes a playground and tennis courts. Residents near Cooper Park made clear at the Feb. 15 board meeting that they would strongly oppose any effort to develop the land into homes, describing the site as an infeasible spot to plant higher-density development given the traffic impacts and the community's loss of valuable open space.

"Developing Cooper Park is not an acceptable option," said resident Maura Rees, who said there are hundreds of neighborhood

residents prepared to fight. She said developing the site is unfeasible — contrary to the conclusion of the feasibility report — and warned that they will use every legal option available to save the area.

"This is basically the third rail of Mountain View politics that you're stepping on here," she said.

John O'Rourke, another resident, told trustees that the district should hold off on considering any housing development until completing a detailed environmental impact report to explore the effects of building homes, including traffic, loss of open space, reduced parking, stormwater drainage and surface runoff.

If the school district does move forward with teaching housing on district-owned land, it would not need to seek a zoning change from the city's planning department in order to significantly alter the land use, according to Stephanie Williams, Mountain View's acting zoning administrator.

Among the options in the feasibility study was selling off land along the border of the Cooper site for single-family residential homes in order to keep within the character of the surrounding neighborhood, which would raise \$36 million to help offset the cost of building the townhouses. This financing proposal was sharply opposed by residents, who urged board members to avoid any scenario that involves selling off public land.

Resident Ravi Srivastava said he believes the district's valuable acreage should be reserved for future schools, and that expensive real estate is hard to claw back once it's given away.

"Land for a school, once it's gone it's gone," he said. "In this proposal, the idea is to take the land and not only use it for a purpose other than schools, but a large chunk of it would not even be public use or

'Land for a school, once it's gone it's gone.'

RAVI SRIVASTAVA,
COOPER PARK NEIGHBOR

County requests info on citizenship question ahead of census

Santa Clara County has filed a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act to find out whether or not the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census will include a question regarding citizenship.

On Friday, the county's Office of the County Counsel filed to seek information on the possibility of residents being asked about their citizenship status, and if such a question is included, how each person's privacy will be

protected, county officials said.

"It is our responsibility as a county to educate residents about the census," Supervisor Cindy Chavez said in a statement. "Everyone has a right to be counted so we can be fairly represented in Congress and receive federal funding for housing and transportation projects."

County officials believe that the federal government has been suggesting they may include a question on citizenship, which

they say that experts emphasize could have a potential "dampening effect" on response rates in diverse areas like Santa Clara County.

"Because the census is critical to setting political representation at all levels of government, an accurate census is the bedrock of fair political representation," County Counsel James Williams said in a statement.

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HOME SCHOOL

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enrollment and prevented new students from joining.

Parents speak out

Maggie Carpenter told the board that she switched to the home schooling program after her son struggled in one of the district's schools after entering fourth grade. She said the rowdy classroom environment, with 30 students in each class, made it difficult for her son to concentrate, stressing him out to the point where he complained of stomach aches, cried after school and began to miss classes. That all changed when she enrolled her son in the ISP, she said, which allowed her son to pace his learning in a way that plays to his strengths.

"The ISP program has been so positive for us, and could be for so many to come (who) need assistance like I did," she said. "Most people worry and ask about social time when I mention home school, but with this group, the kids are social, educated, motivated and have each other's support."

The meeting marked the first real opportunity for ISP parents to weigh in and defend the program, because many said they had no idea their child's program was on the chopping block. Katy Crain, whose daughter is in her third year of the program, told the *Voice* that she had seen warning signs the district was planning to end the program since the start of the school year, but no one at the district office had bothered to tell the families — or the ISP teacher — about the impending plans.

The first signs came at the beginning of the year, when the ISP students were assigned a classroom at Monta Loma only to

find out the district had double-booked the facility for a local YMCA program. It was only after that early glitch got sorted out, Crain said, when she realized the class was a little light on enrollment for the 2017-18 school year, even though she knew families were on the waiting list and agonizing about what to do for the upcoming school year.

When she watched the Feb. 1 board meeting, when Ghysels recommended ending ISP, Crain said her blood was boiling over how much district officials appeared to misunderstand the value of the program. Parents may have other home schooling options, but Crain said the ISP program is so much more than just guidance and textbooks: students are able to interact with one another, go on field trips together and build friendships, avoiding the isolation often associated with home schooling. Students may do most of the academic work outside of the classroom, but remain tethered to the home campus at Monta Loma with weekly science and art classes.

"To be told that there are lots of options shows the district doesn't understand why we chose this program, and what is so unique and special about it," Crain said.

Conflicting reasons

Although school board members signaled at the Feb. 1 board meeting that they were ready to end the program next year, their position softened after hearing the testimonials last week. Board member Greg Coladonato said phasing out the ISP is one thing, but ending it with young children still enrolled is akin to closing down a family's school. It doesn't appear to cost much money, he said, and he wasn't

sold on the idea of closing it.

Board member Jose Gutierrez said he agreed with Coladonato and leaned toward voting against ending the ISP. He also expressed frustration that the board wasn't given a full understanding of who would be affected by the decision.

Board member Ellen Wheeler and board president Laura Blakely, on the other hand, said families have plenty of ways to home-school their children with the help of the district, and that closing the program in June next year gave enough notice of ending the district's program.

Trustees eventually compromised and agreed to terminate the ISP in 2020.

This isn't the first time Mountain View Whisman officials have had the ISP in its cross hairs. In 2009, the district weighed eliminating the program, which at the time served 50 students throughout the region at a cost of roughly \$150,000. The district eventually opted to keep the program, but not before shrinking down its budget by two-thirds and capping enrollment at 15 students.

The reduction resulted in the hiring of part-time teacher Shau-na Reisewitz in 2013, who oversees the program and is largely credited by parents for shaping the ISP into what it is today. Reisewitz said she had little direction at the outset. She was told that she had to meet with families twice a month and was given a big roomful of curriculum materials to work with, and everything else — the field trips, the on-campus classes and the constant contact with families — was part of her larger goal to support students in a more holistic way.

No one at the district alerted Reisewitz of the plan to end the

program next year, and she said she only found out earlier this month. She said she would have been willing to talk about the value that the ISP brings to the district and clear up confusion about why parents enroll in the program, but when she suggested the idea last year, she was turned down by then-Associate Superintendent Karen Robinson.

Ghysels claimed the program's budget went up this year because Reisewitz would be getting a 6.7 percent raise, in line with the rest of the district's employees. But Reisewitz told the *Voice* that she never received the raise, and when she called to ask, was told she was not included in the pool of employees receiving pay increases this year.

Reisewitz said she is perplexed as to why district officials are seeking to end ISP, and that it may come down to a lack of understanding. It's the only district-run home schooling program in the North County area, and nearly all of the students meet or exceed state standards on tests in both English language arts and math.

"The district, in a way, should be praised," Reisewitz said. "I feel like the district has been really really forward thinking without knowing it, because homeschooling is such a growing part of California and the U.S. education system."

ISP is hard to find

Reisewitz said the district has done little to advertise a program that many participants see as a shining example of how to support home schooling. The district website gives the program a three-sentence paragraph at the bottom of the "other programs" page, with little other indication that the program even exists, she said.

For ISP parent Autumn Van-diver, finding the program meant stumbling on the small paragraph on the district website, calling the number provided and getting bounced around for a while, and finally landing a phone call with Reisewitz. She said it felt like a fantastic match for her son, particularly the live classroom activities and a committed classroom teacher that students get to see each week.

"By the time I ended the conversation with her, I felt like I stumbled upon a kind of Narnia situation," she said. "If this is real, why don't more families know about it?"

Parent Jamie Seeba described a similar experience discovering the program. An eight-year teacher in both public and private school settings, she was carefully considering her options for home schooling when her friend, whose child was enrolled in Monta Loma, noticed a sign on one of the classroom doors that said it was devoted to independent study on campus. From there she was able to learn about the ISP and enrolled a year and a half ago.

Multiple parents from the ISP attended Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph's "State of the Schools" address earlier this month, and said they believe the home schooling program absolutely falls under the district's larger strategic goals to support all students and boost parent participation in schools. Seeba said she was disheartened to hear Rudolph talk about meeting the needs of every student when, only days before, she discovered he wanted to end the ISP.

"It was hard to hear Dr. Rudolph say they cared for every student, but not ours," she said. ■

CENSUS

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"The Census Bureau must provide information on the steps that it will take to ensure that every person is counted fairly and response rates are not suppressed."

In the request itself, the Office of the County Counsel asked for expedited treatment because of "an urgency to inform the public about an actual or alleged federal government activity."

"Because the decennial census is imminent and public education campaigns must be conducted over long periods to be effective, the county must be able to provide accurate information to its residents as soon as possible," Williams wrote in the request.

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also had an outstanding felony warrant. She was transported to Santa Clara County jail on Feb. 14 and is being held without bail.

Mountain View police suspect that there could be dozens of victims with the retrieved personal belongings, and are asking anyone who recognizes the items to contact Det. Frank Rivas at frank.rivas@mountainview.gov. The images can be found online at tinyurl.com/mvvpd23.

FIVE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY, PUBLIC INTOXICATION INCIDENT

One juvenile was arrested and another transported to the hospital last week after both were found heavily intoxicated near a Mountain View housing complex, according to police.

A security guard in the area told police he saw a group of five male suspects, some of whom turned out to be juveniles, who had been drinking at around 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13. The suspects were carrying one of the group members, but dropped him and left the area, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The security guard recorded the incident on his phone. One of the suspects allegedly noticed the security guard, approached him and forcibly took the phone, but then gave it back before fleeing the area, Nelson said.

When officers arrived at the complex on the 2200 block of California Street, all but two of the suspects had fled. One was reportedly vomiting, heavily intoxicated and had fallen down, so he was transported to a hospital for treatment, Nelson said.

The other suspect became "increasingly upset" at officers after they had asked him to leave,

and was eventually arrested for public intoxication, she said.

The rest of the suspects could not be located, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

19-YEAR-OLD CHARGED WITH 19 BURGLARIES

A 19-year-old man arrested last week along with a teen boy in Mountain View is believed to be responsible for a string of auto burglaries that have occurred since last year, police said today.

On Feb. 12, Mountain View police arrested the man, an Alameda resident, and a 16-year-old boy from San Francisco after the pair was spotted breaking into vehicles in Cupertino, according to police.

Police believe the Alameda man is responsible for nearly 20 auto burglaries in several cities. In those incidents, the suspects took items from vehicles such as laptops, cellphones and tablets.

Officers arrested the man on

suspicion of 19 counts of auto burglary, possession of burglary tools, conspiracy to commit a crime and contributing to the delinquency of a minor, police said.

The 16-year-old boy was arrested on suspicion of burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of burglary tools and providing a false name to police. He was cited and released to his family, according to police.

The arrests were made with the help of the San Jose Police Department's Burglary Suppression Unit, the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

A police spokeswoman declined to provide any additional information to the *Voice*, citing the ongoing investigation.

Police are reminding residents to hide or take their valuables with them before leaving their vehicles and to lock all windows and doors.

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appeared any newcomer would be at a considerable disadvantage. The three City Council seats open for this year's election are all held by incumbents in their first term: Mayor Lenny Siegel, Pat Showalter and Rosenberg.

But then Rosenberg declared he wouldn't run for re-election, and he encouraged Ramirez to go for it.

"Even through I wasn't planning at all to run this year, I feel strongly enough about several of the key issues that will likely dominate this campaign," Ramirez said in an interview with the *Voice*. "I've been to every City Council meeting since 2012, and I've absorbed a lot through osmosis, so I'll be able to hit the ground running."

Much like his last run for office, Ramirez expects the big issues in this election to be housing and transportation. He supports "aggressive" housing growth centered in certain neighborhoods, including North Bayshore, East Whisman and possibly the Terra Bella area. But he is more cautious about similar housing growth in other areas of town, such as south of El Camino Real or the downtown.

He remains supportive of Mountain View's rent control

program, but he emphasizes that it should be considered a short-term measure to prevent displacement. A true remedy for the long-term has to be housing growth, he said.

"Fundamentally, I don't believe (rent control) is going to address the root cause of the housing crisis," he said.

Rent control is already shaping up to be a dominant issue in this year's election. In recent weeks, an opposition media campaign was launched by a group that appears to be laying the groundwork for a November ballot measure to repeal rent control.

Ramirez, 29, has worn a lot of hats in local civics around Silicon Valley. He also regularly volunteers with the local chapter of the League of Women Voters and he served on Mountain View's Human Relations Committee and the Valley Transportation Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee.

Last year, he was appointed to Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission and began working as a legislative analyst in the office of San Jose Councilman Sergio Jimenez. He has previously worked as a campaign volunteer for state Sen. Jerry Hill and Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, both of whom are endorsing him.

Rosenberg told the *Voice* that Ramirez would be an excellent candidate to fill his seat.

"I would only want to vacate my position if there was someone I trust who would replace me," Rosenberg said. "I know Lucas well and I trust him ... and we share a lot of the same values."

Rosenberg said his decision to leave his seat at the end of his term was based primarily on the huge time demands of local public office. He wanted to devote more time to his family and his job, as well as work on a project to create an international institute for human rights. As mayor last year, Rosenberg championed that project and pushed the city to support it.

As for the other council members up for re-election, Mayor Siegel and Councilwoman Showalter both told the *Voice* they intend to run again.

It remains to be seen whether other challengers will run in the 2018 City Council race. Former candidates Thida Cornes and Ellen Kamei both have updated campaign committees on file with the city, although they have not formally declared candidacy. Kamei said she is still exploring her options. Cornes did not respond to requests for comment by the *Voice's* press deadline. ▣



MICHELLE LE

The city-owned Cooper Park playground and nearby tennis courts would not be part of a possible teacher housing project at the northern end of the site.

COOPER PARK

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publicly owned land."

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the district and the board have yet to take any concrete steps to build housing or even design a fleshed-out proposal for housing construction on any of the district-owned sites, and that the feasibility study marks only the first step in a long process to consider developing district-owned land into teacher housing.

"This is a feasibility study, nothing more, nothing less," he said. "The board has not taken action, and there are probably a thousand steps before we even get close to

thinking about doing anything."

He also stressed that the 5 to 6 acres of public park space on the southern end of the campus would remain untouched, and said that the Eunice Avenue property being considered for teacher housing consists of a portable building for Action Day Primary Plus, a parking lot and brown patches of dirt.

Although the feasibility study suggested selling off district-owned land, Rudolph said neither the board nor the public seems to have an appetite for losing district-owned real estate in a bid to finance teacher housing construction. ▣

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Castro Street, with a cluster of three reported between April and June at the West Evelyn Avenue intersection just south of the Caltrain tracks. Four pedestrians were struck near the Bailey Park Plaza Shopping Center along North Shoreline Boulevard: two at the Montecito Avenue intersection and the other two at Stierlin Road.

While there were no fatalities, two pedestrians were severely injured in December. A driver failed to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk on eastbound El Camino Real at the intersection with Highway 85 on Feb. 18. Two days later, another pedestrian was severely injured at the relatively quiet intersection of Madison Drive and Van Buren Circle — just off of Miramonte Avenue — when a driver backed into someone who was standing still.

City traffic engineers have an arsenal of methods to combat pedestrian hazards along Mountain View roadways, including better speed limit and warning signs, speed humps, median islands and curb extensions, according to the city's pedestrian master plan. Those strategies were put to use when residents demanded better safety for pedestrians crossing the street on



MICHELLE LE

The heavily traveled intersection of **Castro Street** at *W. Evelyn Avenue* was the site of multiple pedestrian accidents with vehicles in 2017, according to Mountain View police reports.

El Monte Road near Marich Way following the death of a 54-year-old Los Altos woman crossing in the intersection in 2015.

Her death prompted city officials to revamp the dangerous crosswalk and outfit it with LED signs and a raised median, as well as improve the visibility of crossing signs at the intersection — a \$388,000 endeavor that City Council members approved only last month. At the Jan. 23 council meeting, Councilman John McAlister said the city ought to be more nimble in making safety improvements in areas known to be dangerous to pedestrians.

“I find it frustrating, from my perspective, that it takes almost

two and a half years to get a project through the channels,” he said.

The same location was the site of another pedestrian collision in September 2017, when a pedestrian was struck by a car while walking eastbound through the crosswalk around 8 p.m., suffering “visible injuries,” according to the accident data.

Reducing speed limits can help, given that the severity of injuries is largely dependent on how fast the vehicle is going when it hits the pedestrian. An empirical study published by the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 100 percent of pedestrians die when struck by

a vehicle going 50 miles per hour or faster, while 30 percent of collisions under 20 miles per hour result in no injury at all.

The city's pedestrian master plan boasts that a mix of well-marked crosswalks, wide sidewalks and “vehicle speeds set as low as current California law will allow” means downtown pedestrian collisions result only in minor injuries and no fatalities.

Bike accidents down, but still high

Although bicyclist-related collisions declined in Mountain View for the second year in a row, the 50 accidents reported in 2017 is still a higher number when compared to nearly every year in the past decade. Three of last year's collisions with bicycles resulted in serious injuries.

Most of the reported collisions were also along major thoroughfares, with 10 collisions on California Street and eight collisions on West and East Middlefield roads. Bike accidents in and around the crowded and construction-laden San Antonio Shopping Center dropped from seven reports in 2016 to just three last year.

One bicyclist was severely injured while turning at the intersection of South Bernardo and West Evelyn avenues on June 15, which was determined to be

the fault of the driver. Another bicyclist suffered severe injuries after being struck by a vehicle at California Street and Mariposa Avenue on Oct. 4 around 7:30 a.m., which police reported was the fault of the bicyclist for riding on the wrong side of the street.

A third bicyclist was severely injured while changing lanes at West Middlefield Road and Moffett Boulevard on an unknown date — the police data omits dates for several of the reported accidents — after the driver struck a bicyclist changing lanes on the road. The driver was determined to be at fault because of “unsafe speeds.”

In November, Mountain View Police announced plans for traffic safety enforcement and public awareness after the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) provided \$115,000 in grant money to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries in Mountain View. The extra enforcement is intended to take a holistic approach to the problem, bringing down traffic violations among pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike.

Data on traffic enforcement shows that ticketing for traffic violations including speeding tickets, wireless device violations and disregarding traffic signals has largely declined since 2013. ▣

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Apartments located at 141 Del Medio Ave. But in recent days, the family has faced the harrowing possibility they soon could be out on the street.

It all started last month, when the property manager sent out a notice unlike any paperwork Farris had ever seen before. The thick 138-page document listed maintenance reports, expense sheets and years of accounting for how Del Medio Manor operated.

As Farris soon learned, this document was a sweeping petition filed under Mountain View's Rental Housing Program to raise rents on dozens of apartments at Del Medio Manor. But for her, the important detail came several pages in, where she saw a row with her apartment number. Her landlord wanted to raise her \$1,200-a-month unit rent by \$500. Then she saw the row with her sister's \$1,650-per-month, 2-bedroom unit. That would go up by \$900 a month.

If the increase goes forward, it would be tantamount to an eviction, she said. She thought of her brother, who is homeless and always trying to save money to afford an apartment, but never quite managing enough to secure a lease. Her heart dropped as she realized that could soon be the fate for the rest of the family.

"God, this means a lot of things now that we just can't do. It at least means we have to move and I have no idea where we'd go," Farris said. "They can still just keep increasing the rent and eventually we can't afford it."

The rent increases come despite the Del Medio apartments already being quite profitable, even under the city's new rent control program. Last year, the property earned more than \$1 million after expenses, according to filings made to the city.

The point isn't the dollar amount, but rather the fact that the return on the property is now capped and will decrease over time, said Elizabeth Lindsay, who owns Del Medio with about 12 other investors. Her father, uncle and grandfather built the 105-unit apartment complex in 1974.

Lindsay points out that the cost of vendors, contractors, employees and pretty much

everything else is steadily rising in spite of rents being restricted. She describes the push for rent increases as the only recourse left for her and her partners.

"No investment that has a cap on it is a good investment. That means you can't have upward mobility on your investment," she said. "Every month that I'm not getting rent increases, I'm just bleeding money."

Pretty much everyone can agree it wasn't supposed to be this way. Back in 2016, a groundswell of concern about mass displacement from rising housing costs led Mountain View voters to pass Measure V, a rent control law that basically tied rent increases on older apartments to the cost of inflation.

The measure was hugely controversial, especially among apartment owners long accustomed to operating with a degree of freedom. They challenged the law through a political campaign, lawsuits and policy meetings. This pitched battle has now moved to a new flash point — a complicated petition process that would allow additional rent increases if approved by city-hired adjudicators.

In recent weeks, the city's Rental Housing Program has received 13 petitions, mostly from landlords seeking to raise rents higher than typically allowed.

Officially, the petition process is intended for special cases when landlords need to raise rents to pay for extra repairs or maintenance issues that pop up in older apartments. California case law has established that even under rent control, landlords are entitled to earn a fair rate of return on their properties, and they shouldn't be expected to effectively subsidize their renters. But in Mountain View, it remains murky what kinds of costs are acceptable to justify higher rents since barely any petitions have been reviewed by the city officials yet.

In the case of Del Medio Manor's petition, the owners are seeking to earn an extra \$320,000 per year by raising rents on about two-thirds of the apartments. These proposed increases range from 9 percent up to 56 percent.

Lindsay, speaking on behalf of the Del Medio Manor owners, emphasized that they are willing to strike a compromise with tenants who would struggle under the rent hikes. In recent days,

she has reached a deal with four separate tenants in mediation sessions with city officials. She encourages more to participate.

But many residents at Del Medio Manor have instead decided to wage a campaign against the petition. The Community Law Services of East Palo Alto, a tenants' advocacy group, has signed up 18 tenants to challenge the proposed petition. The law clinic's attorneys plan to fight the case through the city's adjudication process.

"At the end of the day, we're trying to uphold Measure V as the voters intended it to be implemented," said Nan McGarry, a Community Law Services attorney on the case. "This landlord is making over \$1 million on this property each year. That raises questions for us about the propriety of this rent increase."

In a legal brief opposing the Del Medio Manor petition, McGarry challenges a range of expenses being used to justify higher rents. For example, Lindsay in her petition included about \$51,000 in costs related to rolling back rents to 2015 rates, as required under Measure V. Much of this cost stems from rent that had to be refunded to tenants after it was determined it had been collected unlawfully, McGarry pointed out. She also takes aim at a series of alleged inaccuracies and errors included in the petition.

For Farris and other tenants faced with steep rent increases, they say it is a matter of being priced out of their homes.

Tenants' woes

Keith Ellis, a 43-year-old housing manager at Stanford University, told the *Voice* he couldn't afford the \$400 a month extra being requested on his apartment. He has lived at Del Medio Manor since 2008.

Marion Pauck, an 89-year-old widow, explained that more than half her income from Social Security and her husband's pension is already going toward rent. If the proposed \$750-a-month rent increase goes through on her apartment, she would have no choice but to move.

"I really don't want to find a new place to live and start all over," Pauck said. "I would try to find a new place in the general area, but that would be hard. I'm old; I need to be near my doctors at the clinic.

that neighborhoods would jump at the opportunity.

"We were expecting at least two or three petitions right out of the starting gate," said Ashok Aggarwal, Mountain View traffic engineer. "It's difficult to say why we didn't get more of a response."

Mountain View's residential parking permit program was started just a few months ago as a way to restrict street parking in designated neighborhoods and

provide nearby residents with parking permits.

Similarly, the city tested out a parking permit program in 2014 as a way to prevent football fans heading to Levi's Stadium from leaving their vehicles in downtown Mountain View. City officials later scaled back the permit program after revealing they had received only a fraction of the participation they were expecting. ■

—Mark Noack

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For her part, Lindsay insists even her petition with its steep rent hikes still doesn't account for the true costs of managing the property. The city's process doesn't accurately reflect her family's investment risk or the years when units stayed vacant, she said. Trying to jump through all the rent program's hoops has forced her to work 14 or 15 hour days, and that labor can't be added to the expenses, she said.

What about the \$1 million in income after all expenses? Lindsay points out the the property is worth \$60 million at least. Getting \$1 million a year is like a 1.7 percent return on that value, she said.

"This is only a little better than a savings account," she wrote in an email. "Why would any landlord go through what we do for a 1.7 percent return?"

To be fair, that math doesn't account for the steady increase in property value that the Del Medio Manor has experienced over the

years. If the property is sold in the future, the owners will get a much larger return on their investment. Until then, the property is locked into a bargain tax rate of about \$18,000 a year, based on when it was purchased in 1972.

Speaking at city meetings in the past, Lindsay has repeatedly warned that landlords would look to sell off their properties and exit Mountain View if rent control proved to be too burdensome. She and her partners don't want to take that action, she said, but it remains an option. In the coming days, she and her partners expect to submit additional petitions to raise rents at two other Mountain View apartment properties they own.

"Our primary goal is to have tenants and landlords find common ground, and we don't need lawyers to do that," Lindsay said. "We like our tenants, but we feel like this has put a wedge between us."

A hearing to review the Del Medio Manor petition has not yet been scheduled. ■

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San Antonio school questions need answers

By David Roode

The Los Altos School District made a commitment to the Mountain View City Council about having public input in the process to design a new 10th school for the district. Based on their discussion, I am concerned that they are omitting several critical concerns as part of that input gathering process.

These are precursors to the decision about whether or not to use the site when it opens in three years to house the charter school currently housed nearby at Egan Junior High. Here is a list of what they are not addressing, as I see it:

■ Will this new school be designed (building-wise) to continue the district's long-vaunted "small school" model, as are all the existing elementary schools? Besides equal treatment for local residents, this decision has impact on the free time and outdoor space for any public park at the school.

■ At each existing public school, MVWSD or LASD, there is space set aside for an independent after-school program operator. In LASD this means room for a separate indoor space equal to 10 to 15 percent of the size of the school's own program. Will that be true at the 10th school as well?

■ In making the decision about whether the area involved will have a local neighborhood school, will the district property weight the input of that portion of the population, those with kids as well as others

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living in the area? Will there be consideration for the concerns of the new housing being developed there? After all, there are no such housing units at present, but the addition of these future new neighbors is the reason the district gave for adding land there in the first place.

■ In designing this school, will space be added to provide indoor corridors, to replace the outdoor covered sidewalks that provide corridors in the other schools of the district? It seems that space and noise concerns will eliminate the spread-out garden design favored up to now. Even with extra indoor space, this can condense the school onto more land, but allowing for corridor space is important.

■ Will teacher and visitor parking be underground? Will there be sufficient drop-off space? Many of the existing district schools overflow onto the street at drop-off time. This seems highly impractical in the new spot. The City Council was told that park space would be maximized. What does this mean for school parking and drop off?

These are questions that need answers before convening a committee to consider the options. Four years ago, the district was undergoing a public process to examine issues like this and create a facilities master plan. Unfortunately, six months later, this process was suspended with only a brief interim report, and no real answers, let alone the promised facilities master plan.

David Roode is a Los Altos resident.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

BULLIS ADMISSIONS PROCESS

When Bullis Charter School first opened, its students were cherry-picked as the best in the Los Altos School District.

Although I am a Mountain View resident, I am also in the Los Altos School District and I am not comfortable with Bullis's student selection process — essentially a variation on the "separate but equal" segregation policies of the south where and when I was raised. Those policies are allowable to private schools (that segregate according to ability to pay the tuition) and church-owned schools (that segregate according to religion, and can also be expensive), but were struck down for public schools by the 1954 Supreme Court verdict in Brown v Board of Education, "separate is inherently not equal."

The proposed new campus makes this segregation policy even more explicit. Even though it is not explicitly racist (as those southern policies were), it still proposes a "separate but equal" school experience for low-income students.

This "separate but equal" policy is wrong.

Now, the Los Altos School District is negotiating with Mountain View for placement of a school in Mountain View, north of El Camino Real. If Bullis wants their

new "magnet" school to be on that site, but to continue or expand their "separate but equal" admission policies, I am opposed.

Doug Pearson
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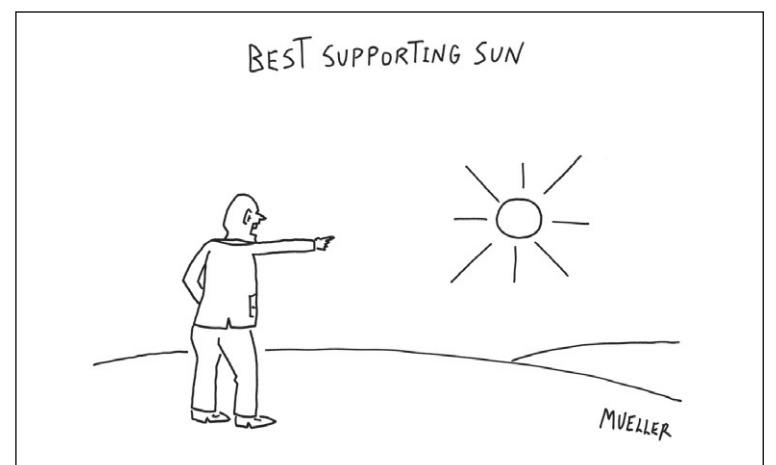
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sexual violence, and we consider domestic violence, sexual assault, and felony child porn convictions to be serious crimes. We do not consider an unremorseful sex offender's athletic prospects or elite background to be mitigating factors for why he deserves an exceptionally lenient sentence, worthy of being breaking international news. We believe in equal protection under the law and equal access to justice, and we demand that mercy extend beyond privileged perpetrators of sexual violence.

Judge Persky is my elected representative on the Superior Court bench, but he does not represent me or what I stand for, and that is why I'm voting yes to recall him this June.

Nicole Hemenway
Palo Alto



An alternative to 'big soda'

Palo Alto resident founds natural soda company

BY SARAH KLEARMAN

FOOD FEATURE

Like many health-conscious Americans, Palo Alto resident Jim Otteson fully understood the merits of foregoing soda to limit his sugar intake, but finding a healthier alternative seemed next to impossible.

A former trial lawyer who specialized in patent infringement, Otteson regularly drank soda as a way to stay caffeinated. It “would be nothing,” he said, to drink upwards of 12 cans of Diet Coke per day.

After some pushing from his wife, who was persistent in her belief that Otteson had to kick the soda habit for his health’s sake, Otteson began reading about the problems with aspartame, a sweetener commonly used in diet sodas. Aspartame’s negative side effects include weight gain, something he said he had experienced over the years. One can of regular soda also has between 35 and 50 grams of sugar, which is nearly twice the daily recommended intake, according to Otteson.



Luma soda is the creation of a local resident looking for an alternative to diet soda. Photo by Michelle Le.

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Jim Otteson, founder of Luma soda, at his office in Mountain View on Feb. 20.

MICHELLE LE

SODA

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“One morning, I went out to the garage and went to grab a Diet Coke first thing in the morning to drink on my way to work, and I looked at it, and I said, ‘Why isn’t there a healthy, all-natural, very low-sugar soda?’ And so I started looking around for one.”

Most of what he discovered on the market was sweetened with stevia and erythritol, a sugar alcohol. Otteson didn’t like the way the sodas tasted and said that drinking too much of those sweetened with sugar alcohols could cause stomach discomfort. He wanted to create a good-tasting natural soda that didn’t have any aspartame or artificial sweeteners, or anything else artificial. Thus, Luma Soda was born.

Otteson began experimenting in his kitchen with his 13-year-old daughter, using a SodaStream machine to carbonate water and then adding in lemon, lime and stevia. The final product “didn’t really work that well,” he said. He contacted food companies for natural flavor samples, finally receiving a response from one representative who introduced Otteson to Sampson Hsia, a food scientist in Fremont.

Otteson and Hsia worked to produce a low-sugar, natural soda that “actually tasted good,” Otteson said. The Luma website refers to this as “the dawning of a new age of soda.”

They settled on monk fruit, named after the Chinese monks thought to have been the first to cultivate the round, green fruit, and a small amount of honey to naturally sweeten the soda.

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Interested subcontractors must submit sealed bids **on or before 2 p.m., March 1st**, 2017, to Beals Martin Inc, 2596 Bay Road, Redwood City, CA 94063. Bids will be accepted via fax at 650- 367-7645 or email bids@bealsmartin.com, but each subcontractor is **responsible** to ensure that the bid is received by Beals Martin, Inc., prior to the above time and date.

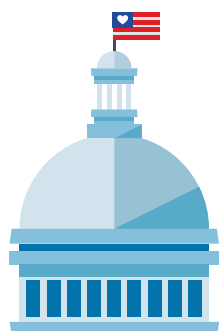
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Monk fruit contains a naturally occurring compound that is 300 times sweeter than sugar, Otteson said. It is also “essentially non-caloric” and contains antioxidants, Otteson said.

Luma Soda has 25 calories and 3-4 grams of sugar per 12-ounce serving.

Instead of adding preservatives, the company pasteurizes the soda to maintain its quality and shelf life.

The soda does not contain caffeine, which Otteson said was a conscious choice.

In ensuring that all of their products contain only natural ingredients and no “unnecessary additives,” Luma faced some challenges, Otteson said, including finding a way to naturally color the soda.

There is “no real orange color” that is natural and water soluble, so coloring Luma’s blood orange flavored soda required some creative alternatives. They ended up using beet juice to produce a pink color.

‘We’ve gotten a lot of great feedback. People are really excited about it.’

—JIM OTTESON

Luma’s flavors include cola, cherry cola, lemon lime and blood orange.

Otteson and Hsia made the first batches of Luma in Hsia’s kitchen, using a laboratory scale to precisely measure ingredients and then creating, tasting and reformatting the formulas and flavors. It was a learning process, Otteson said. The soda is now produced in Arizona, and he has an office in Mountain View.

The company, which Otteson named Luma for the word’s simplicity and connotation to light, has been in business since last January. The company’s distribution has largely been within Palo Alto, at restaurants including Sancho’s Taqueria and Terun, grocery stores such as Country Sun Natural Foods and Piazza’s Fine Foods and gym Form Fitness. The soda is also available for purchase online.

The owners recently signed a deal with a large natural foods distributor that

Otteson hopes will allow Luma to be available in every state by the end of this year.

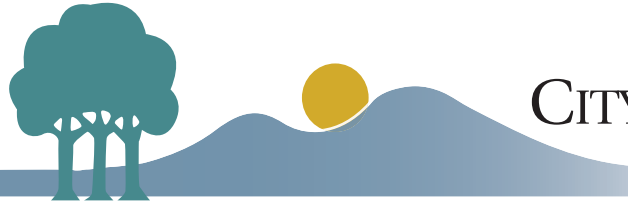
Having quit his full-time job to focus on the company’s growth in the beginning of 2017, Otteson said he truly believes in his product.

“It’s scary, no doubt about that. My family and my parents were a little worried in the beginning,” he said, laughing. “But we’ve gotten a lot of great feedback. People are really excited about it. I think it’s a great product.”

Luma soda is produced in Arizona and is carried by local businesses including Piazza’s Fine Foods and Sancho’s Taqueria.



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Do you need more information on the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA)?

The City of Mountain View hosts workshops every first and third Friday of the month to explain the CSFRA and review the petition process.

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City Hall, Plaza Conference Room	
500 Castro Street, Mountain View	

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MOVIE REVIEWS

BLACK PANTHER ★★★1/2

The latest Marvel superhero to take center stage adheres to the Captain America model: the titular hero of "Black Panther" — picking up where his auspicious debut in "Captain America: Civil War" left off — continues to be an earnest moral paragon challenged by political and personal entanglements. T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman) is a warrior king from a wondrous and remote pocket kingdom, namely the fictional African nation of Wakanda. A secret metropolis cloaked from the world, the technologically advanced but tradition-honoring Wakanda relies on its king — who also assumes the masked mantle of the catsuit-clad hero Black Panther — to protect its sovereignty and its vibranium, a precious natural

resource ripe for exploitation. Director Ryan Coogler (who directed Jordan in "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed") and his co-screenwriter Joe Robert Cole ably give the story a vital modernity, partly by placing the tale's original sin in Coogler's own birthplace of Oakland. Much of the talk around "Black Panther" revolves around the superhero movie's primarily black cast, a breakthrough of sorts at this budgetary scale. There's no denying the cultural significance of these optics and Coogler's top-notch execution. He brings enough to the table for a fresh vision, broadly appealing as well as inspirational in its representation for black audiences and women. *Rated PG-13 for prolonged sequences of action violence, and a brief rude gesture. Two hours, 14 minutes.* — P.C.

PETER RABBIT ★★★1/2

It's tempting to attack Sony's big-budget, animation-franchise launch of "Peter Rabbit" for adulterating its delicate source material. Beatrix Potter's

MOVIE OPENINGS



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A murder-mystery party goes horrifyingly off the rails in 'Game Night.'

Well played

JASON BATEMAN AND RACHEL MCADAMS HOST 'GAME NIGHT'

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20)

Directors John Francis Daley (once the pint-sized star of "Freaks and Geeks") and Jonathan Goldstein demonstrate confident action chops and a thoughtful style in telling the story of a murder mystery party gone horrifyingly off the rails in "Game Night." Imagine David Fincher's "The Game" crossed with the duo's "Horrible Bosses" movies, and you have the idea.

As the primary scribes of "Horrible Bosses," Daley and Goldstein already have a track record with star Jason Bateman, who pairs nicely here with Rachel McAdams. The film's shadowy photography and an '80s thriller score lace the laughs with just enough creeping dread to give the nonsense a sense of stakes.

Everyman straight-man Bateman and luminous goof-ball McAdams play Max and Annie Davis, who share a bond as champions of every kind of board game, party game and trivia contest. Though they always win, their friends remain loyal losers: puppyish playboy Ryan (Billy Magnussen), a dim-witted but enthusiastic meathead; and

couple Kevin and Michelle (Lamorne Morris and Kylie Bunbury), together since age 14, who find a crack in their rock-solid relationship during their game-night ordeal, a la "The Amazing Race." Interlopers also throw off the group dynamic: Ryan's conspicuously smarter date Sarah (Sharon Horgan), selected by him to prove he doesn't exclusively ask out airheaded nymphettes, and the story's catalyst, Max's taller, handsomer, more successful older brother Brooks (Kyle Chandler).

It's Brooks who plays gregarious host to the murder mystery party, having contracted specialists to stage a faux kidnap and ransom of one of the players, with breadcrumb clues and a scavenger hunt to save the "victim." But matters swiftly get real, with actual fisticuffs and gunfire thrown in the mix, sending the friends on a wild night adventure that will include a car chase, fire fights, something dubbed "Eyes Wide Fight Club," and field surgery, among other hijinks. Of course, there's really nothing new here. We've seen similar "outrageous,"

out-of-hand adventures in movies like Bateman's misbegotten "Office Christmas Party" and the Steve Carell-Tina Fey vehicle "Date Night," just to name two fairly recent examples.

But "Game Night" comes together with a slightly cut-above script, a fine ensemble (Jesse Plemons adds plenty as the Davis' creepy cop neighbor, who longs for their friendship), and plotting that more or less organically incorporates character beats. The Davises, out of their depth for once, also must contemplate their potential future as parents; Ryan explores the idea of dating a formidable woman who's demonstrably more than his equal; and Kevin and Michelle argue over infidelity, which may or may not involve an irresistible celebrity. With its appealing parceled out shock value, "Game Night" just manages to sustain its "is it real or is it a game?" tension through to its climactic twists.

Rated R for language, sexual references and some violence. One hour, 40 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

beloved 1902-1912 series of children's books about a family of rabbits had a touch of edge about them, but they're remembered for a classical gentility, whereas Will Gluck's feature adaptation takes the tack of in-your-face brashness, goosed by high-energy pop music and literally winking self-referential humor. Almost right out of the gate, Gluck's "Peter Rabbit" (co-written by Rob Lieber) insists upon its modernism. This Peter is more than a garden-variety rascal; he's the Ferris Bueller of rabbits. As such, many will love him, and many will find his zany wisecracks, blatant selfishness and borderline amorality repulsive. His over-the-top antics begin when Thomas McGregor (Domhnall Gleeson), an uptight Londoner, moves into his great-uncle's country house and begins tending his vegetable garden — which Peter's family

raids. McGregor hates the animals with an ever-escalating homicidal rage but hides his vitriol as he woos his neighbor Bea. What develops rests somewhere between Byrne's "Neighbors" movies and the "Home Alone" movies: a community competition with nasty slapstick battles. *Rated PG for some rude humor and action. One hour, 33 minutes.* — P.C.

THE HOSTILES ★★★1/2

Writer-director Scott Cooper's "Hostiles" is a handsome, well-acted but somewhat clodhopping modern Western. At its best, the movie 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. Blocker seeks every alternative to settle the score, 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. 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. *Rated R for strong violence and language. Two hours, 14 minutes.* — P.C.

Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

BENEFIT CONCERT FEATURING PIANIST MARI KODAMA

A benefit concert for CSMA's new wing, Room4All. The evening will include several well known piano pieces by internationally renowned pianist Mari Kodama. Feb. 25, 5 p.m. \$100. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

THEATER

'Life is a Dream' Internationally celebrated director Dominique Serrand adapts Pedro Calderón de la Barca's 1635 drama "Life is a Dream," considered one of the greatest plays of the Spanish Golden age. Serrand reimagines this tale where truths are mutable, identities uncertain and happy endings are never guaranteed. Feb. 23-24, March 1-3; 8 p.m. \$5 students, \$10 faculty/staff/seniors, \$15 general. Roble Studio Theater, 375 Santa Teresa, Stanford. taps.stanford.edu

Monchichi: Company Wang Ramirez Monchichi was one of the 2017 New York Bessie Award nominees for "Outstanding Production" following its performance at BAM Fisher in New York within the framework of Brooklyn-Paris Exchange, a BAM & Theatre de la Ville collaboration. Feb. 28, 8-9 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

'Tomás and the Library Lady' Fuse Theatre will present Jose Cruz Gonzalez's play adaptation of Pat Mora's children's book "Tomas and the Library Lady." This will be the final performance of the tour across San Mateo County Libraries. The play will be followed by a reception and a meet and greet with the cast, as well as prizes. Feb. 24, 5 p.m. General Admission. Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave., Redwood City. fusetheatre.org

OPERA

Opera: 'Fidelio' "Fidelio," Beethoven's only opera, is his unapologetic and timeless condemnation of tyrannical excess. It is presented fully-staged, with costumes, a full orchestra and a chorus. Feb. 24, 8-11 p.m.; Feb. 25, 2-5 p.m. \$35-\$85; senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wbopera.org

CONCERTS

Emanuel Ax, Leonidas Kavakos and Yo-Yo Ma General public tickets are currently at capacity. Sign up for the notification list at live.stanford.edu/notifications. For the love of Brahms, pianist Emanuel Ax, violinist Leonidas Kavakos and cellist Yo-Yo Ma convene on the Bing stage for a performance. March 1, 7:30-10 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Family Weekend Concert Enjoy a free concert and experience the acoustics of Stanford's state-of-the-art Bing Concert Hall. Learn more about the hall and Stanford Live. Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-noon. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

Friends of Music Scholarship Recital Students receiving scholarships from the Friends of Music in support of their lessons will perform for their patrons and the public. March 3, 2:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Jazz Piano Studio of Murray Low: Winter Showcase The Spring Jazz Piano showcase featuring the students of Murray Low will include standards and contemporary works. This event has been rescheduled from March 2. March 4, 7-9 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

K.d. lang: Ingénue 25th Anniversary Tour K.d. lang will perform at Bing Concert Hall for one night only to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her platinum selling Ingénue album. March 2, 7:30-9 p.m. \$349 Stage seating. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Kweku Collins Kweku Collins, a rapper, song writer and producer, will perform in Bing Concert Hall's underground studio. Feb. 23, 9 p.m. \$10-\$30. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Merit Scholar Students of Ludmila Kurtova

This concert features outstanding CSMA Merit Scholarship students of internationally acclaimed pianist Ludmila Kurtova. Recommended for ages 7 and up. Feb. 24, 5 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events

Stanford Philharmonia This Philharmonia program will be conducted by Paul Phillips and will open with 'Lyric for Strings,' George Walker's best known work. Walker, now 95 years old, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1996 and is often called the dean of African-American composers. Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. \$25. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Stanford Wind Symphony: Winter Concert Giancarlo Aquilanti directs the Stanford Wind Symphony's Winter program with guest Martín Fraile conducting selections from Argentina. March 3, 7:30 p.m. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Takács Quartet The Takács Quartet partners with Canadian piano virtuoso Marc-André Hamelin for the Dohnányi Piano Quintet. Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. Free. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

The American Sound The prestigious Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia sends its most promising young students on tour to play alongside faculty and noted alumni. This program pays tribute to Leonard Bernstein (himself a Curtis alum), in celebration of his centenary, with Bernstein's Clarinet Sonata (with alum, David Shifrin) and songs from West Side Story, alongside pieces by two of his contemporary influences, Aaron Copland and George Gershwin. March 4, 4-6 p.m. \$15-\$75. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Voices of Music: Leonardo da Vinci Voices of Music presents "Leonardo da Vinci: A Musical Odyssey," which explores the music that Leonardo da Vinci would have heard in the cities in which he lived. Research for this project includes a variety of musical forms, including frottolo, sung poetry, music from the Medici and Sforza courts, the circle of Isabella d'Este and the Parisian chansons from da Vinci's final years in France. March 2, 8 p.m. \$95-\$110. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Wavelley St., Palo Alto. voicesofmusic.org/Concerts.html

MUSIC

ArtWorlds: Russia Celebrate the art and music of Russia, featuring Tatiana Lyskova's paintings and prints inspired by Russian fairy tales, live music from CSMA Merit Scholars celebrating Russian composers and a reception featuring wine and traditional Russian cuisine. March 2, 5-8 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events

Dawn Harms: Adventures in Music Dawn Harms and the Rhythm Sisters present a family music show to delight children who might find themselves playing a violin or composing for the first time. Feb. 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Stanford Chamber Choral: Choral Masterworks from the French Tradition The Choral, directed by Stephen M. Sano, offers a diverse program of choral works from the French tradition, featuring Francis Poulenc's impassioned Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence. March 3, 8 p.m. \$10-\$20. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Çudamani: Gamelan and Dance of Bali Among the more surprising influences on American composers is the traditional Balinese art of gamelan. The gigantic ensemble of instruments' resonating tones and rich sound have captivated composers like Canadian Colin McPhee and American composers Lou Harrison,

Charles Ives, John Cage and Steve Reich. Experience the source of these composers in this performance by the musicians and dancers of Gamelan Çudamani. Feb. 28, 7:30-10 p.m. \$15-\$65. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

An Afternoon of Jewish Humor Join Michael Krasny as he discusses his bestselling book, "Let There Be Laughter," accompanied by his wise and enlightening commentary explaining the historic and cultural role of humor in Jewish life from the shtetl and the diaspora to arrival-and thriving-in America. March 4, 2 p.m. Free. Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Art Focus Lecture: Intimacy and the Art of Visual Storytelling Photojournalist and filmmaker Ed Kashi will speak about modern day visual information and the overabundance of images in society. This lecture will span a range of stories, issues and approaches that represent the frontiers of visual storytelling, from smartphone photography to short documentary films. Feb. 28, 4:15-6:15 p.m. \$25-\$30. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Guest Lecture: Dr. Antonia Darder This lecture is part of the 2017-18 speaker series on race, inequality and language in education. Darder is a scholar, artist, poet and activist who holds the Leavey Presidential Endowed Chair in Ethics and Moral Leadership in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University and is also Professor Emerita of Educational Policy, Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. March 1, noon. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. ed.stanford.edu/events

Philosophy Talk with Provost Persis Drell Experience a live taping of Philosophy Talk radio, and see how much fun thinking can be. Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" raises questions about the responsibilities of scientists to consider the impact of their inventions on the world. Feb. 27, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Tanner Lectures on Human Values Lecture 1 This lecture will be hosted by Samantha Power, professor of the practice of global leadership and public policy at Harvard Kennedy School and professor of practice at Harvard Law School. She will examine three occasions in America's recent past when people faced mammoth fear, injustice and intolerance: the internment of Japanese and Japanese Americans, the red-baiting of the McCarthy era and the early years of the AIDS crisis. Feb. 28, 5-6:45 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 641 Knight Way, Stanford. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

Tanner Lectures on Human Values Lecture 2 This lecture, hosted by ambassador Samantha Power, professor of the practice of global leadership and public policy at Harvard Kennedy School and professor of practice at Harvard Law School, will focus on the present and future of U.S. diplomacy and global leadership. March 1, 5-6:45 p.m. Free. Cemex Auditorium, 641 Knight Way, Stanford. ethicsinsociety.stanford.edu

The Search for the American Sound with Alex Ross MacArthur Fellow Alex Ross has been the music critic for The New Yorker since 1996. Join him in the Bing Studio as he discusses how some of the greatest composers have tried to make their music sound "American." Feb. 26, 6-7 p.m. Free. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

GALLERIES

The Matter of Photography in the Americas As part of the "Gallery Talks" series, Natalia Brizuela, Associate Professor, Departments of Spanish and Portuguese and Film and Media, University of California, Berkeley will lead a gallery

talk in "The Matter of Photography in the Americas." The exhibition highlights groundbreaking works by artists from Latin America, the Caribbean and Latino communities in the United States who cast a critical eye on photography as both an artistic medium and as a means of communication. Feb. 7-April 30. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

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Mountain View, CA 94041
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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on January 11, 2018.
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SANDOVAL GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN638976
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This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
RAFAEL SANDOVAL
1075 Space Park Way Spc. 260
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN638531
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is owned by:
A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
MOUNTAIN VIEW GYM, LLC
223 Moffett Boulevard
Mountain View, CA 94043
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LIDA ALCYCE HAYLAND
Case No.: 18PR182715
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of LIDA HAYLAND, LIDA A. HAYLAND.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LEAH HAYLAND in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: LEAH HAYLAND 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 April 16, 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.
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Attorney for Petitioner:
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19040 Cox Avenue, Suite 3
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(MVV Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 2018)

SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):
RIC1709542
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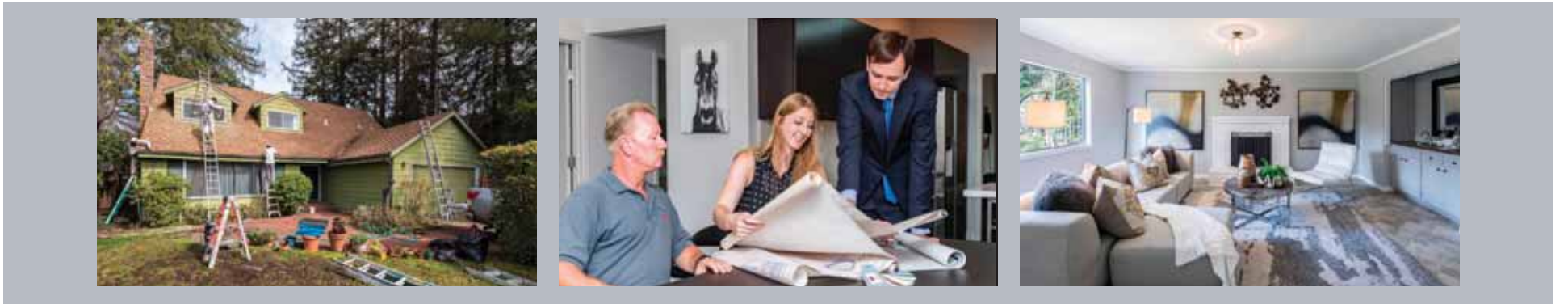





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Palo Alto | 3/3 | \$3,750,000 | **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** 555 Jefferson
11,900+ sq. ft lot with single level home and detached garage. Ready to personalize.

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Palo Alto | 3/2 | \$2,498,000
Tastefully remodeled home in highly sought-after area of Palo Alto

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Downtown Mountain View | 4/2 .5 | \$2,088,000
BEAUTIFULLY appointed and less than 4 years old while it still looks and feels new!

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Palo Alto | 3/2 | \$1,999,888 | **Sat/Sun 12 - 5** 867 E Meadow Drive
Explore this charming home in Palo Alto. 3Bd/2Bth

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Mountain View | 3/2 | \$1,998,000 | **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** 1372 Nilda Avenue
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Mountain View | 3/2 .5 | \$999,900 | **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** 25 Comstock Queen Court
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