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JAMES TENSUAN

Jammed freeways near Google's North Bayshore headquarters prompted Mountain View officials to require an employee headcount from the tech giant in an attempt to prevent worsening traffic. That information is being withheld from the public at Google's request.

How many Googlers in MV? The city knows, but won't say

By Mark Noack

If a search algorithm is Google's most closely guarded secret, the company's second biggest secret might be its employee numbers.

On any given weekday morning, traffic snarls in all directions on Highway 101 as an untold number of employees flock to Google's global headquarters in Mountain View's North Bayshore.

Untold, because exactly how many people are working in these offices has always been something the company is loath to reveal, ever since it

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Second executive resigns amid foundation scandal

SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S HEAD OF HR
BLAMED FOR FAILING TO PROTECT STAFFERS

Mark Noack

Amid a storm of complaints of workplace harassment, the Silicon Valley Community Foundation announced Tuesday that its executive in charge of human resources will be leaving.

Daiva Natochy, who served as vice president of the nonprofit's Talent, Recruitment and Culture division, reportedly resigned voluntarily this week.

Natochy was singled out as one of the key executives who had enabled a toxic culture of blame and fear at the influential nonprofit. In an anonymous letter sent to board members, 65 current SVCF employees asked for Natochy and CEO Emmett Carson to immediately be put on leave. Carson was placed on paid leave April 26 while an internal investigation is conducted.

Attempts to immediately reach Natochy for comment were unsuccessful.

Much of the controversy so far has centered on Mari Ellen Loijens, the foundation's No. 2 executive who resigned last

month. Her departure came after more than a dozen former employees went public with allegations that Loijens was an abusive manager whose ability to attract large donors insulated her from any repercussions.

Natochy was seen as having a supporting role in that abuse, according to former employees. When she joined in 2015, Natochy initially tried to address some of the workplace concerns, but she didn't persist for long, said Rebecca Dupras, former SVCF vice president of development.

Within a few months, Natochy was acting to protect Loijens from employees who were speaking out, Dupras said. On multiple occasions, Natochy had invited staffers to discuss workplace concerns under the guise of confidentiality. She later informed Loijens of what she had learned, Dupras said.

Dupras recalls getting summoned to Loijens' office and hearing the same employees who had complained being described as "problems." That practice led many employees to develop a

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With city shelter closed, for many there's no place to go

MAJORITY OF WOMEN, CHILDREN HAD NO HOUSING AFTER SEASONAL SHELTER SHUT DOWN

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View's new seasonal homeless shelter closed its doors last month after offering a warm, safe place to sleep for single women and families with children during the winter.

And while a handful of people and families successfully found permanent housing during their stay at the Trinity United Methodist Church shelter, located on

the corner of Hope and Mercy streets, new data shows that nearly two-thirds left with nowhere to go — transferring either to another homeless shelter or hitting the streets.

The downtown church shelter opened its doors just before Christmas, after Santa Clara County officials, church leaders and the shelter agency HomeFirst partnered up to provide a cold-weather shelter. Shelter space throughout the county is

in demand, particularly in the North County, where homelessness is on the rise and emergency shelter beds are in short supply.

Mountain View's homeless population has increased fourfold from 136 people in 2013 to 416 in 2017, according to county census data. The county's overall homeless count hasn't changed much over the same period — from 7,631 to 7,394 — but saw a roughly 12 percent dip

in 2015 while Mountain View's homeless population continued to climb. County officials, through initiatives spearheaded by county Supervisor Joe Simitian, have since opened a year-round Sunnyvale homeless shelter.

The Trinity church shelter operated on a referral basis, admitting only homeless single women and families with children. The shelter served 87 people — 16 of them children

— over the nearly four-month period it was open, according to data provided by HomeFirst. But the cold weather shelter closed its doors on April 15, and a reported 64 percent of the homeless were either bounced into another emergency shelter or had nowhere to go but the street.

"When the cold weather season is over, people go back out

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COURTESY OF BASUKI DAS GUPTA

Paintings by Basuki Das Gupta will be on display at Laasya Art Gallery in Palo Alto.

BASUKI DAS GUPTA'S 'TEXTURES'

Contemporary Indian artist Basuki Das Gupta will be exhibiting his new collection of paintings, "Textures," Saturdays and Sundays, May 5, 6, 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Laasya Art Gallery, 316 El Verano Ave., Palo Alto. He will also offer demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Das Gupta grew up in Bishnupur, India, where he drew inspiration from nature as well as a rich cultural tradition of fine arts and music. He studied painting, with a specialization in murals, at Santiniketan-Visva Bharati, a university in West Bengal. His richly colorful, mixed-media works involve layers of textures and colors, often depicting the divine feminine. This is his first visit to the United States. Go to laasyaart.com.

TOMAS VAN HOUTRYVE'S 'LINES AND LINEAGE'

Bay Area conceptual artist and photographer Tomas van Houtryve will present his project "Lines and Lineage" as part of the Palo Alto Photography Forum on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Mitchell Park Community Center, El Palo Alto Room, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. "Lines and Lineage" is a new body of work that explores the U.S. and Mexico border before 1848, when the United States seized half of Mexico's land and created the current border. His presentation will explore how photography has shaped our understanding of

early California history. Using glass plates and a 19th-century camera, van Houtryve has photographed landscapes along the original border and has created portraits of descendants of early inhabitants, imagining what that history might have looked like if photography had arrived in California before it was annexed by the U.S. The discussion will be moderated by Sally Martin Katz, a curatorial assistant of photography at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Tickets are \$15-\$30. Go to paloaltoforum.org.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMPOSER WINS AMERICAN PRIZE

Mountain view resident, composer and music teacher Brian Ciach has been awarded the American Prize in Music Composition, a competition that recognizes performing artists, ensembles and composers in the United States based on submitted recordings. Ciach, who teaches at Santa Clara University and the Hunter School of Music in San Jose, holds a doctorate in music composition from Indiana University, two master's degrees in composition and piano performance and a bachelor's degree in piano performance, all from Temple University. The prize was awarded for a chamber piece inspired by a medical slide of Albert Einstein's brain found in the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia.

Ciach composes for both traditional and unusual electronic instrumentation. "I have also written a 'Vegetable Requiem' and a piece for orchestra and food instruments and talking dolls which depict various medical oddities found in the Mutter Museum ... I often am fascinated by the unusual and find wonderful inspiration in these things and create music that I never would have previously imagined," Ciach said. The Pennsylvania native is now a proud local. He added that he met his wife, who works at Stanford University, on University Avenue in Palo Alto. "We live near Castro Street and really enjoy walking to the restaurants and bars," he said. His winning composition, "The Einstein Slide," can be listened to at soundcloud.com/brian-ciach/the-einstein-slide-2012.

—Karla Kane

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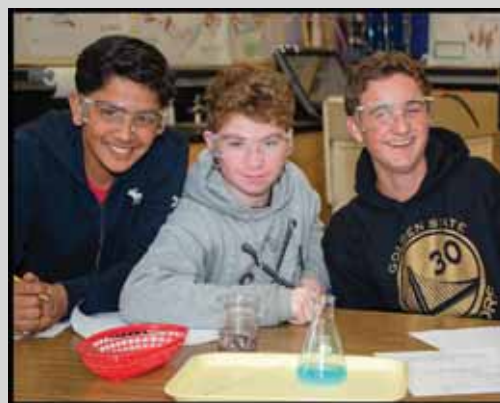
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CRIME BRIEFS

HOMELESS MAN ARRESTED ON ARSON CHARGES

A 51-year-old transient was arrested near El Camino Hospital late Sunday night after he allegedly started a brush fire to stay warm, which police say was at risk of spreading to trees and foliage in the area.

Officers were called to investigate reports of a fire around 11 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, along Grant Road near the Eunice Avenue intersection. The transient man reportedly put out most of the flames when he saw officers approach him, and told police that he had lit the fire to stay warm, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The area where the fire was started was surrounded by low-hanging branches and dead leaves, and was near a residential neighborhood, Nelson said. The man was arrested on arson charges for unlawfully causing a fire and for violating his probation. He was booked into Santa Clara County jail and is being held without bail.

The Mountain View Fire Department responded to the incident to verify the fire was completely out, Nelson said.

INJURY CRASH IN WAVERLY PARK

A two-vehicle crash prompted a major emergency response in the quiet Waverly Park neighborhood Tuesday afternoon after the collision flipped one of the vehicles upside-down, forcing emergency crews to extract one of the passengers, according to a witness.

Several Mountain View Fire Department emergency vehicles were called to the intersection of Doverton Square and Levin Avenue shortly before 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1. One of the two vehicles involved in the crash, which appeared to be a Ford Explorer, had flipped onto the sidewalk near the intersection.

Los Altos Hills resident Scott Wills, who was at the scene, told the *Voice* that emergency crews had to extract one woman trapped in the vehicle using the Jaws of Life, and she was later transported to Stanford Hospital. Another person involved in the crash stated she had a broken arm and hit her head hard on the steering wheel, Wills said.

A total of two people were transported to Stanford Hospital, Wills said.

—Kevin Forestieri

'DISTRACTION BURGLARS' TARGET ELDERLY

Burglars are targeting elderly residents in Santa Clara County by distracting them and posing as workers, prosecutors said.

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 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/26
 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/27
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 2300 block California St., 4/23
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 600 block Mariposa Av., 4/23
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Lynn Rothschild, a NASA Ames researcher, is a pioneer in the field of astrobiology. She's studying a type of fungus that could be used to grow building materials for a future colony on Mars.

Mushroom houses on Mars

NASA AMES RESEARCHER TEAMS WITH ARCHITECT TO STUDY FUNGI-BASED BUILDING MATERIALS

By Mark Noack

Taking a page from the Smurfs, future astronauts colonizing the surface of Mars could be building their domiciles out of mushrooms.

Specifically, research biologists at NASA Ames are looking to the surprisingly versatile properties of mycelium — the fibrous, fuzzy-looking strands of fungus that you might find growing in your yogurt if you leave it out for too long.

Mold and countless other fungi all have mycelium, which grow rapidly like plant roots

in search of nutrients and reproduction. In recent years, mycologists (that is, fungus researchers), have been touting a range of new products that can be made from mycelium, including packing foam, plastics and building materials similar to particle board.

The fungal products are more than just novelties. In fact, some of the significant advantages of these mycelium-made materials are being demonstrated here on Earth.

Cleveland-based architect Chris Maurer first began experimenting with designing houses that incorporated

mycelium-built plywood in their walls. This so-called myco-architecture is fire resistant, and it also can also provide insulation for the home. Taking the idea further, he incorporated mycelium to cleanse wastewater, even letting some grow into mushrooms to provide a ready food source.

Maurer's idea was to use myco-architecture as a sustainable shelter for refugees in Africa, especially in resource-sparse areas affected by climate change. "What I love about these

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Injury at MVCPA spurs \$130,000 claim against city

GOOGLE EXEC SAYS HE SLIPPED WHILE CARRYING CHAIR AT "NUTCRACKER" PERFORMANCE

By Mark Noack

A Google executive is threatening to sue the city of Mountain View after he twisted his knee at a 2017 ballet performance at the Center for Performing Arts.

Los Altos resident Steven Muller, 38, who heads business development for Google Play, is seeking more than \$130,000 in damages, mainly for lost pay resulting from the injury, which he blames the city for causing.

In December 2017, Muller and his family had box-seat tickets to watch Western Ballet's performance of "The Nutcracker," according to the complaint filed with the city. But when the family of four arrived at their box, they saw there were only three chairs.

Muller went to an usher to complain, but he was told he could get his own chair. Eventually an usher did bring over a chair, but it was left at the top of the flight of stairs, Muller said in the complaint. He started to carry the wooden chair, which he described as heavy, down the stairs to his box, but he slipped on one of the stairs and twisted his knee.

Doctors found the cartilage at Muller's knee joint had been

torn, according to his complaint. He later underwent knee surgery and tried acupuncture, chiropractors and physical therapy. Prior to this accident, Muller was "physically in perfect shape," said his attorney, Matthew Haberkorn.

In his complaint, Muller says that he needed to take 14 days of paid time off from his job, which cost him a total of \$53,500, he claims. Additionally, he is seeking \$45,000 for pain and suffering, and an extra \$25,000 for the

added burden on his wife. Actual medical costs so far have totaled only \$11,850, but that expense could increase with further treatment, his attorney said.

Those costs are the responsibility of Mountain View because the city was in charge of staffing ushers for this performance, Haberkorn said.

The Mountain View City Council was scheduled to review Muller's claim in closed session at its May 1 meeting. If the city declines the claim, Haberkorn said he is ready to file a lawsuit against the city and Western Ballet, which is identified in the claim by its legal name, Palo Alto Ballet. ■

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Los Altos district's building plans fraught with uncertainty

MASTER PLAN EYES \$200M IN IMPROVEMENTS, BUT NEW 10TH SITE COULD DEVOUR ENTIRE BUDGET

By Kevin Forestieri

The Los Altos School District is dusting off plans to make major improvements at schools across the district, modernizing classrooms, creating tech-savvy flexible group spaces, chucking out old portables and installing solar panels at each campus.

There's just one snag: the district may not have the money to complete a single one of the projects. With so little set in stone in the district's long-term quest to buy land and build a 10th school, it's possible that bond money will dry up before the district can pursue projects at its existing schools.

The 65-page report, presented

to the school board April 23, lays out over \$207 million in potential upgrades to the district's schools including improvements to libraries and classrooms, facilities for extended-day kindergartens and so-called "flex" rooms for STEM-focused activities. The plans also set aside

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JAMES TENSUAN

Big upgrades to **Egan Junior High School** and other district schools may be put on hold if the Los Altos School District purchases land for a 10th school site.

LASD

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about \$9.8 million for solar power upgrades that could bring the district down to net-zero energy consumption.

The report lifts its cost assumptions from a similar report in 2014, with a price tag increase of about 20 percent to keep up with construction cost inflation, architect Lisa Gelfand told school board members at the meeting.

Although the report presumes that money from the \$150 million Measure N bond, passed by voters in 2014, will help finance some of the projects, it remains an open question how much money — if any — will be left over. Board members and district staff are working on a complex financing scheme to buy land in Mountain View and build a new school campus on it, ambitious plans that could come with a huge price tag.

The district is seeking to acquire about 8.6 acres of land north of the San Antonio Shopping Center for a new school campus, potentially through eminent domain. The district is relying on about \$79.3 million in financing through a process called the Transfer of

Development Rights (TDRs) with local developers to defray the cost of the expensive real estate, but it remains unclear how much the district would have to pay with Measure N money. Construction costs alone are expected to run between \$60 million and \$75 million, excluding the price of real estate.

Without that kind of information at their fingertips, board members were wary of weighing in on prioritizing master plan projects, instead punting the item to a future meeting.

"There is a huge unknown that could have a massive impact on our spending of the bond," board president Vladimir Ivanovic said.

Board member Sangeeth Peruri said he was uncomfortable having a list of prospective construction projects floating around when there's close to zero chance the district will get to them all, which could set an unrealistic expectation in the community. Things like site work and grading at Gardner Bullis, for example, may not be possible within the next two or three school bonds, let alone Measure N, he said.

"This is not like we're shaving 10 or 20 percent (of the projects), we're going to shave 95 to 100

percent," he said. "This whole process is something that seems off to me."

Along with unknown land and construction costs for the 10th site, the facilities master plan was updated with a huge degree of flexibility because of other unanswered questions. Board members have not decided whether Bullis Charter School will remain divided — it's currently housed at the Egan Junior High School and Blach Intermediate School campuses — or whether it will have a single campus elsewhere in the district.

Board members have also not decided whether to convert Blach and Egan, the district's two junior high schools serving seventh and eighth graders, into middle schools with sixth-grade students.

The master plan report, put together by Gelfand Partners Architects, states that the district would have difficulty trying to accommodate sixth-grade students at Egan and Blach with the "continued presence of Bullis Charter School." Rough sketches of both schools, redesigned for the addition of sixth grade, omit the current portable classrooms used by the charter school.

CRIME BRIEFS

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People in the area are suspected of dressing up as utility workers and saying they need to enter the home to assess equipment, discuss bills or other potential service issues.

They may also offer dent repair for vehicles, roof work or driveway cement repair, prosecutors said.

Another distraction method consists of asking the homeowner to go inside to turn on a faucet so workers can test a water line. In the meantime, burglars enter the home and steal any valuables they can find.

Suspects have been known to communicate in foreign languages and use handheld radios instead of cellphones to avoid being detected, according to the district attorney's office.

On one occasion, suspects pretended to be from Animal Control and said there was a dangerous animal or snake in the backyard, prosecutors said.

Residents are asked to call 911 immediately if anything seems suspicious.

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Superintendent Jeff Baier encouraged board members to think of the facilities master plan as a long-term plan separate from "this round of funding," referring to Measure N. He said trustees need to approach the list of projects with appropriate expectations.

"I don't know when the next (bond) will be, but we are talking about this current amount that we have to apply towards

this lengthy plan that will clearly exceed the moneys available," he said.

Assistant Superintendent Randy Kenyon described the master plan discussion Monday night as a "trial balloon," and that it might make sense to wait until the fall once the district is further along in planning for the Mountain View school site. ▀

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Challenge Team honors local 'Champions for Youth'

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View-Los Altos Challenge Team awarded both a police officer and a Los Altos High School teen the title of "Champion for Youth" at the organization's annual breakfast Wednesday morning, commending both for years of unending devotion to helping kids in the community.

The 31st annual breakfast event, held at May 2 at Michael's at Shoreline and attended by just about every civic leader and public official in the region, honored School Resource Officer Rodshetta Smith as the "adult" champion for youth. Smith joined the Mountain View Police Department in 2010 and took



Rodshetta Smith

her current schools-centric role in 2014. Since then, she's built a strong relationship with youth all over the city at the middle- and high-school level.

Police Chief Max Bosel, presenting the award, said Smith has had a very active presence at schools and has been a major resource in helping the Santa Clara County



Nadia Ghaffari

District Attorney's Office promote digital safety and curb cyberbullying. In an era where more children are communicating online, Smith has worked with the District Attorney's Office to create digital safety education and guidelines for both youth and parents.

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HOMELESS SHELTER

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to the streets," said HomeFirst CEO Andrea Urton.

Other shelters, like the Sunnyvale County Winter Shelter, used to have the same constraints — open for about six months during the rainy season — but county officials voted to keep the site permanently open. Similar funding was not made available for the first year of Mountain View's shelter.

"The whole point of the cold weather shelter is to provide shelter during the coldest part of the year," Urton said. "We're funded 'til April 15 and then we have to close our doors."

Data from HomeFirst shows that families and women stayed an average of 54 days in the Mountain View shelter between late December and April. About 38 percent had physical disabilities; 31 percent were survivors of domestic violence; and just under 30 percent had a chronic health condition. More than 25 percent of the people who stayed in the shelter were dealing with a mental illness.

Despite the dearth of shelter space in the county, Trinity's shelter struggled to reach its 50-bed capacity on most nights,

Urton said. She said HomeFirst is still investigating why beds went unused during the winter months, but it could be because the shelter doubled as a church space and everyone had to be cleared out by 7 a.m., which is not an easy ask for a family with children. The Sunnyvale shelter had no such requirement, so many opted to stay there instead.

"We need to look at the numbers, spend more time and understand why it wasn't at capacity," Urton said. "We need to be good stewards of the dollars that we're given — that's our responsibility to the community — and maybe the shelter should be for 25 to 30 people. Maybe that's what the need was."

Data from the county's Office of Supportive Housing, provided by Simitian's office, shows that a total of 247 people were referred to the shelter in total, but the "average use rate" of the 50 shelter beds was about 80 percent, which was dragged down by a slow start in December followed by about a 50 percent vacancy rate in April.

As county officials weigh the idea of contracting the size of the Mountain View shelter, the Sunnyvale shelter remains at capacity and could really

use some extra space. Urton said HomeFirst and the county have been considering plans to expand the shelter for about a year. An addition could also come with some badly needed upgrades to the windows and insulation, she said, which was converted from a county-owned warehouse in 2016.

Piloting a homeless shelter exclusively for women and families with kids was a bold move by the church, the county and everyone involved, said Tom Myers, executive director of Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos. Homeless shelters don't always feel like a safe environment for women and children, he said, and the Trinity United Methodist Church shelter gave them an alternative. This is particularly true for transgender homeless residents, he said, and the church shelter supported several trans women searching for a safe place to sleep.

"It was a wonderful, bold step by Supervisor Simitian and Trinity United Methodist Church to try this in its first year, and hats off to everybody involved for trying to make this a success," he said. ▀

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New principals selected for four schools

LANDELS, MISTRAL, THEUERKAUF AND GRAHAM ALL SET FOR LEADERSHIP CHANGES

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District officials have selected four new principals in a major leadership shuffle for the upcoming school year, drawing on educators both in-house staff and from the East Coast.

In March, school board members voted unanimously to “release” and reassign the principals at Graham Middle School and Theuerkauf, Mistral and Landels elementary schools following a closed-session performance review. District officials have been tight-lipped on the reasons for the major administrative changes, citing personnel issues that they cannot disclose to the public.

Heidi Galassi, assistant principal at Graham, was immediately selected to be the new principal of Landels Elementary, and last month the school board approved three new hires for the remaining vacancies.

Michael Hermosillo, a director at the Alameda County Office of Education overseeing the

county’s juvenile court schools, has been selected to be the new principal at Graham. Swati Dagar, the principal of the tech- and engineering-centric Paradise Valley Engineering Academy in Morgan Hill, was selected to lead Theuerkauf. Tabitha Miller, a dual immersion teacher and administrator from North Carolina, was tapped to lead Mistral Elementary. All four principals begin their new roles effective July 1.

Galassi did not respond to requests for an interview, and Hermosillo was not available for an interview prior to the *Voice’s* press deadline.

Swati Dagar

In December 2015, just days before the winter break, the Morgan Hill Unified school board voted to transform Paradise Valley Elementary School into an engineering and STEM-focused



Swati Dagar

academy. And it was up to the school’s principal, Swati Dagar, to lead the school community through the school’s complete redesign.

Dagar, now leading the newly named Paradise Valley Engineering Academy, recalled how she and the community rallied together to revamp the school, focusing on technology, project-based learning and better positioning the school for the state’s new science standards, which replace direct instruction with hands-on learning. STEM has turned into an attractive buzzword, she said, but her goal was to go above and beyond other schools and capture the spirit of Silicon Valley at Paradise Valley.

Classes at every grade level now revolve around a handful of major projects each year, students are encouraged to take an engineer’s approach to problem-solving, and the school has since adopted after-school coding classes and robotics clubs, Dagar said.

“We redid the vision for the school to focus on engineering, project-based learning,

inquiry-based learning and kids doing projects to learn,” she said. “This is our second year, and so far it has been an incredibly successful redesign.”

Dagar said she believes her experience transforming her current school into a STEM-centric campus — a process she believes got students more engaged in school and rallied parents behind a common cause — will help her add to and enhance the education programs at Theuerkauf Elementary.

Dagar said she comes from a family of educators and feels comfortable in her role as a teacher and educator, but she didn’t jump into the career right away. She received her business degree in India before eventually deciding to switch professions, and taught in multiple California school districts including a rural district in Greenfield. She later taught at James McEntee Academy in San Jose, where she said the school followed a science and technology focus similar to that of Paradise Valley.

“I enjoy being the educator that I am, and I will always be a teacher at heart,” she said.

Dagar said she is excited about her new role at Theuerkauf, and that she can’t wait to start

working with the school’s community and students.

Tabitha Miller



Tabitha Miller

During her 13-year career in education, Tabitha Miller said she has grown into a passionate advocate for bilingual education. Benefiting from an immersion program herself, and later teaching classes in Spanish and working at a dual-immersion school in North Carolina, Miller said dual-language programs are a powerful tool for creating bilingual, biliterate citizens in a globalized 21st century world.

She has certainly walked the walk. Four years ago she joined the Collinswood Language Academy in Charlotte where she worked as a kindergarten immersion teacher, taught science in Spanish in kindergarten through fifth grades, and sixth-grade science in English. The only grades she hasn’t taught during her career, she said, are seventh and eighth grade.

“Knowing two languages

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GOOGLE CAPACITY

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located here in 1999. On numerous occasions, Mountain View's elected officials have pressed Google for its headcount for traffic planning purposes, but the company has always equivocated, said former Mayor Jac Siegel.

"You'd ask them specifically for an answer, and they'd blow smoke at you," he said. "At best, they'd give a confusing answer, but you'd never get a specific employee number."

"I always wondered why this number is so confidential," said Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga. "They might give us a ballpark number, but they would never say exactly how many folks are working there."

Now Mountain View officials appear to be helping the company keep the employee numbers a secret. For the first time, Google is providing regular reports to Mountain View on its headcount figures, but the city is withholding this information from the public, on Google's recommendation.

In response to a records request filed by the *Voice*, city officials consulted at least twice with Google officials to decide what information should be treated as trade secrets and redacted from public documents. This could be a violation of California Government Code, which prohibits outside groups from preventing the release of public information.

"Public agencies are not supposed to allow a third party to control the disclosure of public records," said Nikki Moore, an attorney with the California News Publishers Association who specializes in the state's public records laws. "Once Google discloses this to a government agency, it doesn't have a right to dictate whether the information is public."

Last year, Google representatives

agreed to provide headcount information to Mountain View. At the time, the company's real estate team was focused on winning city approvals for the company's new showplace headquarters at Charleston East, which is scheduled for completion next year.

Before granting the approvals, city officials wanted some kind of assurance that Google's expansion wouldn't worsen traffic congestion in North Bayshore, at least, not until a series of nearby road improvements were finished. For that reason, Google's team promised to allow a third-party auditor to survey its offices to produce an annual report on the Mountain View campus' headcount, including employees, consultants and interns. If the auditor found Google had increased its employee numbers, then Mountain View could block the Charleston East campus from opening.

In March, the first of these reports was delivered to Mountain View, and the *Voice* requested a copy. The city turned over a heavily redacted report with dozens of paragraphs — and even some entire pages — blanked out. Among the privileged information, the city withheld the auditor's methodology for counting employees and Google's internal systems for tracking employees.

The whole point of the report was also redacted — the city removed any mention of Google's current employee headcount and the old number to which it was being compared. Across the board, all this information was redacted under a California Government Code section that exempts disclosure of public records related to trade secrets for corporate developments.

In an interview, Mountain View Public Works Engineer Ed Arango admitted the city was "conservative" in deciding what

to withhold. Last month, he said he reviewed the Google reports with the city attorney's office.

After striking out some language, they sent a copy to Google for further revisions, he said. Certain systems mentioned in the reports were unique to Google, and the city couldn't identify them without the company's assistance, Arango said.

"We provided Google an opportunity to review it, and they were more conservative and they wanted more redactions," he said. "This was new to us, and I didn't know what was proprietary information."

Public Works Director Mike Fuller disputed the notion that the city was ceding its responsibility on public records. The process was "collaborative," he said.

After the *Voice* pressed the city to explain why so much information was being withheld, the city attorney's office promised to revisit the reports and disclose more information.

In that second review, city officials again allowed Google to participate in deciding what information should be redacted, Arango said.

The second round of reports released more information, although various sections remain redacted. In particular, city officials still insist that Google's current employee numbers in North Bayshore must not be made public.

However, the city did reveal Google's employee headcount as of 2016 — 26,143. That number is being used as the baseline to compare the company's current employee numbers.

While city officials won't reveal Google's current workforce numbers, they can at least give assurances that it's under 26,143.

Google officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. ■

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CHALLENGE TEAM

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member Lisa Matichak described how she went on a ride-along with Smith, and was blown away that she seemed to know every single student they came across, their family members and what's going on in their lives.

Smith said she was "beyond humbled" to receive the award, and that it has always been her mission to support youth in her role in the police department.

"It's my whole purpose for being a police officer," she said.

The Challenge Team honored Los Altos High senior Nadia Ghaffari for her tireless work

supporting mental health initiatives in the community, founding her own nonprofit as a means to open up dialogue between students and reduce stigma surrounding mental health.

Ghaffari said she was galvanized to take action during her sophomore year when her friend was going through a mental health crisis and attempted suicide. She recalled that she didn't know what to do, what to say or what resources were available to help her friend. She created a nonprofit, TeenTalk, as a means to empower youth and give them an outlet for conversations, storytelling and education that's free from judgment.

During her acceptance speech, Ghaffari called on public officials to make an effort to improve access to mental health services now, not tomorrow, and said that youth need to be at the table when deciding how to best spend resources on mental health from the school to the county level. But she also commended school districts and nonprofits in Mountain View and Los Altos for supporting her own initiatives along the way.

"This would not be possible at all without your support," she said. ■

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biomaterials is we can use it in a minimal resource environment,” Maurer said. “Mycelium might look light and fluffy, but it can grow at an explosive rate and even go through rock or asphalt.”

His work caught the attention of Lynn Rothschild, a NASA Ames researcher who pioneered the field of astrobiology. Rothschild just happened to be finishing up similar work on the advantages of biomaterials. Hearing about Maurer’s work, she realized that fungus could be a substantial improvement over the heavy materials that would have to be transported to build habitats on Mars. Both of them are now partnering on the new study.

In basic terms, Rothschild envisions future astronauts being able to essentially grow their building materials as needed on Mars, rather than lugging it from Earth. This would require some rubber bags for the spores to grow in, but these could be stowed in a fraction of the space that it would take to bring girders, beams or other materials from Earth. She anticipates some type of lightweight hollow plastic shell could be brought from Earth, and the mycelium could be used to fill out its framework, sort of like drywall.

With just a little bit of water and some type of feedstock, the spores could germinate in a couple days and fill out a container. With heat and pressure, these fungal roots can then be

compacted into durable materials that could rival most currently available products.

Rothschild points out that packed mycelium boasts a compression strength superior to lumber, and bend strength more robust than reinforced concrete. The material also shows promise to resist fire and small meteorites, and she is hoping it can even be bioengineered with pigments to shield against radiation.

Perhaps the biggest advantage for mycelium is its versatility. Based on how it’s grown and compacted, mycelium can produce leather-like fabrics or rigid material suitable for structural frames. Rothschild believes the enzymes normally excreted by mycelium could be engineered to produce bioplastics or latex materials. Even better, the products can later be broken down for fertilizer for farming.

“Of all the projects I’ve done, this is the one that has the clearest path to getting up and going,” Rothschild said. “I really don’t think this is beyond our technological capabilities.”

Granted, there are still plenty of challenges with this concept that will need to be vetted. In particular, mycelium will need an ample supply of organic material to keep it growing. That’s a big problem on Mars, where there’s no known organic life — for now, at least.

A good workaround here is cyanobacteria, Rothschild said. This type of algae can gain nourishment through photosynthesis,

just like plants. The algae would be a convenient feedstock, but it also would be useful on Mars for other reasons, including that it produces oxygen and CO₂. Even better, this algae can also be eaten by humans.

Rothschild is the first to admit that many questions still remain. With thousands, perhaps millions of fungi species here on Earth, she isn’t sure which one would serve best on the red planet. It’s also unknown how exactly fungi would grow with Mars’ extremely low temperatures, even when insulated.

For NASA, a big worry hanging over this idea is what would happen if fungal spores somehow escaped and contaminated Mars. What if this fungi ended up harming some unknown life on Mars?

“I’m an astrobiologist. If there was life on Mars, it would be one of the greatest tragedies to not be able to study it,” she said. “What we’re talking about would be double-enclosed, so there’s no chance of a spore getting out.”

In March, NASA announced Rothschild’s “myco-architecture” study would be funded through the agency’s Innovative Advanced Concepts program, which is normally reserved for long-term research. This summer, Rothschild plans to work with about 15 graduate students on a proof of concept.

“I can’t predict where we’ll be in a year from now, but I think we’ll be a long distance,” she said. ■

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stretches the brain and only enhances what we are able to do, understand and communicate,” Miller said. “It is a rich experience that has cognitive and social benefits that are impossible to ignore.”

Miller said she comes from a humble background, describing her upbringing in the small city of Danville, Virginia, where most of her family worked in a local cotton mill. After attending Virginia Tech, she said she studied Spanish linguistics as well

as Spanish and Latin American literature at Florida State University with a goal of becoming a teacher. She eventually landed a teaching job in Charlotte.

Miller said she could have fallen through the cracks in her hometown, but support from educators, family and community members helped launch her into a successful career. That has shaped her outlook on education, and she said her goal is to go the “extra mile” to make sure kids from all backgrounds are afforded the same opportunities.

“My passion is in providing a rich, individualized educational

experience for every child,” she said. “To give every child the opportunities he or she needs to have a full, happy, successful life.”

From the outset, she said the district and the Mistral community — families and staff alike — have been incredibly welcoming, and that she is excited to explore Mountain View and the “amazing” depth of culture in the area.

“I’m looking forward to working closely with the community in order to continue building upon Mistral’s already strong dual-immersion program,” she said. ■

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SVCF

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deep-seated distrust of Natochy and the foundation’s human-resources department, which is still an ongoing problem at the nonprofit, according to other employees.

“I had to tell my staff: ‘I can’t tell you not to go to HR ... but you need to be careful about what you say to her because Daiva will

share it with Mari Ellen,’” Dupras said. “She had extra knowledge of what was going on, but with that extra level of access, I think people felt betrayed by her.”

Natochy’s departure was announced in a letter sent to donors on Tuesday afternoon, May 1, by interim CEO Greg Avis. In the letter, Avis assured donors that the investigation, being conducted by outside legal counsel, would not be financed

by individual donor advised funds. Funding will come directly from the foundation’s operating budget surplus and, if necessary, from its reserves, Avis said.

In 2017, SVCF celebrated its 10th anniversary. The organization has grown from controlling \$1.4 billion in assets in 2007 to controlling more than \$13.5 billion today. ■

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Don't sign the Measure V Too Costly petition

Petition from "Measure V Too Costly" is deceptive. Fake news alert!

Paid signature gatherers are showing up around Mountain View asking people to sign a "rent control" petition. Don't be deceived! Don't sign!

The purpose of the petition from the deceptively named group "Measure V Too Costly" is not to improve the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (i.e. the CSFRA or Measure V); it's essentially to repeal it. Let this petition die the natural death it deserves. It can only get on the ballot if enough registered voters sign it.

"Measure V Too Costly" claims that the rent stabilization program is costing the city a great deal of money. That's fake news. Truthfully, the cost of Mountain View's rent stabilization program falls on the landlords. The fee this year was less than \$13/unit, per month. That fee is designed to make the program self-sufficient. The city did front the program some funds to get started, but that money has all been returned.

The purpose of the petition is to repeal the CSFRA. It suspends the rent stabilization program if the apartment vacancy rate climbs above 3 percent. The vacancy rate is always above 3 percent!

All of the other new language in the proposed measure is window dressing, designed to appeal to voters who would like to see

improvements without abandoning the entire program. Those changes won't matter because the vacancy rate is always above 3 percent.

Measure V is not too costly to taxpayers, because they don't foot the bill. Measure V is not too costly for the residents of rent-stabilized apartments.

With rent hikes limited to a small increase each year, tenants who might be forced to leave Mountain View or live in vehicles on our streets are able to stay. Before Measure V took effect, many tenants faced rent increases of 10 percent or 20 percent each year.

Apartment owners might consider Measure V "too costly," but their mortgages are fixed and their property tax hikes are stabilized at 2 percent per year by Proposition 13. Measure V provides an opportunity for landlords to petition for rent increases above the inflation-based general annual increase.

Mountain View and surrounding communities are suffering a housing crisis of supply and affordability. This crisis impacts everyone. It's difficult to find people to work in our restaurants, mow our lawns, drive our buses, and even teach our children. Few of our adult children can afford to live in the community where they grew up. The entire fabric of our community is threatened.

The human cost of escalating rents is huge. Starting in September 2015, hundreds pleaded

with the City Council to protect them from rent hikes that required them to leave our community. We heard from janitors, students, teachers, tech workers, scientists, retirees, and many more.

At the time, each of the three of us took different positions. While the council did pass modest protections, many residents didn't think we did enough. The proponents of rent stabilization circulated a petition for what became Measure V. In November 2016, it passed with 53 percent support, despite an expensive campaign against it.

Among our neighbors, our city leads in planning for more housing, and we are funding and requiring the construction of a steady stream of subsidized units where rent is based on income. This is how we're trying to solve the housing crisis, but even in the best of circumstances it will take many years. Until the crisis eases, the CSFRA makes it possible for many of the residents of our 15,000-plus apartments to stay in Mountain View.

The repeal of Measure V, as proposed by the deceptive petition, would be too costly, not only for tenants, but the entire community of Mountain View. Don't sign!

Pat Showalter and Ken Rosenberg are Mountain View council members and former mayors. Lenny Siegel is the current mayor. This represents their views and not necessarily the views of the entire City Council.

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

MEASURE V "AMENDMENT"

The League of Women Voters of Los Altos-Mountain View spent the last year studying rent control and programs for just cause for eviction in California in order to understand implementation of the Mountain View charter amendment. Our findings showed that rent stabilization and programs for just cause for eviction in California that are fair and reasonable to landlords and tenants are beneficial to the community.

The league finds that the community benefits when:

- People have stable housing and can afford to live near their work
- Businesses have access to workers of all skill and socioeconomic levels
- Rent stabilization is cost neutral to the city. (A fee paid by landlords covers the costs.)

The league supports the rent stabilization and just cause provisions in Measure V and is concerned with the efforts to "amend" Measure V. The proposed "amendment" changes the vacancy rate trigger for turning off rent stabilization to a vacancy rate above 3 percent instead of the

5 percent used in Measure V. For the last decade, the vacancy rate has consistently been above 3 percent and typically in the 4 percent range. The change in the vacancy rate would effectively repeal Measure V/rent stabilization.

Although some of the tweaks in the petition may have some validity, Measure V would be totally repealed by the lower 3 percent vacancy rate.

The LWV urges: Don't sign the petition to put the "amendment" on the ballot.

Donna Yobs

*Housing committee co-chair
LWV of the Los Altos/
Mountain View area*

KIM THOMPSON HONORED

A surprise celebration on Friday for Kim Thompson, principal of Graham Middle School, showed an outpouring of community support. Over 150 teachers, parents, students and community leaders expressed thanks to Thompson, who has been a teacher in the Mountain View Whisman School District for 10 years and principal at Graham for eight.

Steve Chesley led the evening of moving, and often humorous, tributes. Students spoke about

how Thompson helped shaped their characters, "even when they didn't deserve it." Others spoke of how she taught them how to discover their potential and excel in school. Teachers acknowledged her personal mentoring and legacy of building an award-winning school, with a focus on high academics, STEM, fine arts, and extracurricular activities for all. Project Cornerstone parents admired her strong integration of values and ethics into the school environment. A volunteer described a gang-free school, one where almost no student is expelled and almost all advance on to high school — a school with active involvement of parents, one with volunteer scientists and mentors, and one where students greet you with a "hello" when you walk down the halls.

Among the large turnout of Latino ELAC parents, many spoke emotionally about the woman who "showed us the best in a principal." They valued their years of workshops where they learned to be leaders and advocates for their children. Countless community members contributed to a memory book, filled

with letters and photos. A Mountain View police school resource officer wrote, "I truly believe that one of the many reasons why you were so successful at Graham was simply how much you loved the students. This could also be said for the way you treated your faculty members. All of the students knew they were loved (even when they were in trouble), and knew that you genuinely cared about them, and wanted the absolute best for them."

The evening concluded with tears and hugs, given to a dedicated and visionary educator who has "made a difference on a grander scale."

*Marilyn Winkleby, former
Graham parent and volunteer
Joey Ordonez, Graham & community engagement facilitator*

What's on your mind?

Tell us your thoughts on matters of interest to the community by sending your letters to letters@MV-Voice.com. Or snail-mail them to: Mountain View Voice, P.O. Box 405, Mountain View, CA 94042.



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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Equator coffee and housemade pastries are on the compact menu at Kristi Marie's, a take-out eatery open for breakfast and lunch.



Kristi Marie's occupies a tiny space on the corner of Arguello Street in downtown Redwood City near the Caltrain station.

To go, with love

KRISTI MARIE'S BRINGS QUALITY FARE,
FRIENDLY VIBE TO REDWOOD CITY

Story by Monica Schreiber | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

I would argue that it is not the hamburger that most perfectly embodies all-American comfort food. It is the breakfast sandwich.

For pure protein-between-bread satisfaction, few portable

meals are more pleasurable than handmade sausage, fluffy eggs and gooey American cheese inside a house-baked English muffin.

I'm talking specifically about The OG (\$7), a.k.a. "the



Wendell Prieto serves pastries at Kristi Marie's in Redwood City.

Original Gangsta," one of five breakfast sandwiches available at Kristi Marie's, a tiny cafe in downtown Redwood City. It is an easy place to overlook at the corner of Arguello and Broadway, especially given that the 3-year-old establishment does business beneath the vestiges of the sign for the space's former tenant, a hair salon.

With its well-curated menu of sandwiches, scrambles, smoothies, pastries and salads, the 750-square-foot cafe feels a little like a hipster food truck that set off from Berkeley or the Mission and ended up in Redwood City. Even if you decide to linger at one of Kristi Marie's three tiny tables, your meal will arrive in a to-go box. But the prevalence of packaging belies the high quality of the offerings here.

Kristi Borrone runs the place with her husband Zu Tarazi. The former owners of Woodside's Station 1 focus on organic, homemade breakfast and lunch, serving mostly Caltrain-bound commuters and downtown regulars who pop in for a quick lunch or a cup of Equator Coffee (a Marin-based, woman-run, fair trade company). The focus on good quality, order-at-the-counter fare is not surprising, given that Borrone has a family name to live up to. She learned the business from her parents Roy and

Rose Borrone of Cafe Borrone fame, where she started working at age 14. Tarazi also earned his restaurant bona fides — and met his future wife — while working at the iconic Menlo Park cafe.

► See **KRISTI MARIE**, page 18



The grass-fed hamburger is one of Kristi Marie's most popular items. It's slathered in bacon marmalade and topped with provolone cheese, arugula and a slice of heirloom tomato.

Public Meeting Cancellation

FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT and DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER 2017 PROPOSED AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN, MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

The public meeting that was to be held on May 16th, 4-6pm, is cancelled. Location was the Mountain View Historic Adobe Building, 157 Moffett Blvd, Mountain View, CA 94043

A Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) has been prepared for the proposed activities and operations outlined in the 2017 Area Development Plan (ADP) for the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Mountain View, CA. the ADP DEA has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and 32 CFR Part 651 Environmental Analysis of Army Actions. The DEA analyzes the potential environmental impacts resulting from the proposed 2017 ADP

The DEA is available on the project website at www.sustainableusar.com and at the following location:

- Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

Public comments on the DEA will still be accepted from April 20, 2018 through May 21, 2018. You are invited to submit comments and questions by mail to **Laura Caballero, 63d Readiness Division, Environmental Chief, 230 R.T. Jones Road, Mountain View, CA 94043, or email nepa@specprosvcs.com**

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KRISTI MARIE

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Where Cafe Borrone evokes European cafe culture, Kristi Marie’s moves to a funkier, but very friendly, beat.

“Our goal is to have people walk through the doors, hear and feel the music, be greeted with warmth and walk away with something carefully prepared with love,” Borrone said.

I did indeed feel some love on my first visit. Arriving near closing time, I noticed one forlorn, partially-uncurled cinnamon roll in the pastry case.

Figuring it was the lone survivor of the breakfast rush and that it might meet an unfortunate end in the compost bin, I asked if they might want to offload it for half price. The woman behind the counter — the restaurant’s namesake, it turned out — smiled and said, “Oh, you can just have it.” (Note: All reviews are conducted anonymously). The yeasty homemade roll (\$4) was not overly sweet and drizzled with a zingy frosting.

A kale, avocado and almond milk smoothie (\$7) was pre-made and sitting on ice in a plastic cup atop the counter, but the

lack of presentation didn’t impact my enjoyment of the frothy drink too much. It was a cleansing counterpoint to the fantastic breakfast torta (\$7.50), stacked high with chorizo, spicy pasilla peppers, scrambled eggs, queso fresco, sour cream, cilantro and avocado.

The autumn salad (\$8) was a large box of fresh, crunchy greens, tossed with a nice balsamic vinaigrette and studded with almonds, olives, feta and roasted red peppers. Halfway through, however, I realized the salad did not contain any seasonal fruit, as had been promised on the chalkboard menu. The subsequent explanation — “we were out of berries” — was off-putting, but the offer to belatedly add some avocado helped remedy the situation.

An egg salad sandwich (\$7.25) came on house-baked whole wheat bread and frankly looked a little pedestrian, packaged in plastic in the display case. It turned out to be egg-salad perfection. The grainy bread was a toothsome counterpoint to the airy, unadulterated egg salad. A thin layer of avocado added to the experience. This was egg salad as God intended.

The hamburger (\$8.50) is one of Kristi Marie’s most popular menu items, for good reason. A hefty, grass-fed beef patty is slathered with a salty-sweet bacon marmalade and topped with an heirloom tomato, arugula, provolone cheese and a smear of mayo. Some crunchy dill pickles would be the only ingredient I would implore Borrone to consider adding.

While Borrone continues to serve her beloved “cast of characters” at the cafe, Tarazi will soon be embarking on another downtown Redwood City concept: a wine bar called Bottleshop. They expect their new venture to be open by July. ▣

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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.

Upcoming Workshops

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■ DINING NOTES

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www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview
(650) 823-5167

Spartans Sports Camp

Mountain View

Spartans Sports Camp offers multi-sport, week-long sessions for boys and girls in grades 1-7, sport-specific sessions for grades 2-9, color guard camp for grades 3-9, and cheerleading camp for grades pre-K – 8. We also offer a hip hop dance camp for grades 1-7. Camp dates are June 4 through July 27 at Mountain View High School. The camp is run by MVHS coaches and student-athletes and all proceeds benefit the MVHS Athletic Department. Lunch and extended care are available.

www.spartanssportscamp.com (650) 479-5906

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explore.stanford.edu explore-series@stanford.edu

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www.mountainview.gov/register (650) 903-6331

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Palo Alto

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Stanford

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MOVIE OPENINGS

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A YOUNG 'RIDER' CONTEMPLATES LIFE AFTER RODEO

★★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

Marvel Studios' superhero action film "Avengers: Infinity War" currently dominates the worldwide box office, but the movie studio recently showed its interest in a little indie film drawing an alternative audience: Chloe Zhao's "The Rider."

Zhao took a meeting with Marvel for a proposed Black Widow spinoff, and it's no big surprise that didn't work out. Zhao's smarts and gift for capturing authenticity are obviously desirable commodities for producers of blockbusters, but there's a pretty big gap between superhero fantasies and Zhao's tales of life on the socioeconomic fringes.

So for now, let's celebrate Zhao's independence. In keeping with her previous film "Songs My Brothers Taught Me," "The Rider" takes place on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation, where Zhao met Lakota saddle bronc rider and horse trainer Brady Jandreau. Intrigued by his story, Zhao crafted a film around it, with Jandreau essentially playing himself, albeit by the name of Brady Blackburn. Like Jandreau, Blackburn has suffered a fall from a bucking bronc and a cranial stomping that left him with a plate in the head. When the film opens, Blackburn is still nursing his wound and pushing his luck. His doctor insists another head injury could well kill the cowboy, but his work with horses is all he knows.

Zhao casts Jandreau's real father, Tim, as Blackburn's father, Wayne, and Jandreau's real sister Lilly as Blackburn's sister Lilly (both Lillys have Asperger's Syndrome). The Blackburns live hand-to-mouth, so there's a financial pressure for Brady to continue in his work. Compelling scenes of Jandreau breaking horses essentially qualify as documentary

footage, but informed with our intimate knowledge of the trainer's thoughts, love of what he does, and fears of losing everything. As with any film starring nonprofessional actors, Zhao's docu-fiction approach requires an adjustment and forgiveness of a certain amount of awkwardness. But such early concerns quickly fade as the cast, and the film, finds its legs.

If the plot doesn't ever get more complicated than "will he or won't he" go on risking his life, "The Rider" does examine some of the pitfalls of the old-school definitions of American masculinity. What is a man without his work, without his earning power, without his competition? As an "American Indian" who's also a rodeo cowboy, Jandreau/Blackburn also occupies an ironic space, his ancestral culture slowly but surely succumbing to another fading tradition: the American West, embodied by a rodeo that's inhumane to animals and perhaps to people as well.

Pressing the point is Blackburn's friend Lane (Lane Scott), in intensive rehab after suffering severe head trauma from a bull-riding incident (in real life, Scott incurred his brain damage from a car accident). Amidst a small brotherhood of other male rodeo friends, Blackburn can no longer simply kick back; seeing his friends means contemplating his choices and how he's viewed in the community. In the ways they languish, Jandreau and Scott could just as well be veterans of foreign wars. "The Rider" acknowledges the tender side of masculinity, of brotherly love and supportive friendship, but also recognizes the damage men can inflict on themselves and others just by trying to men.

Rated R for language and drug use. One hour, 44 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



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

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Beirut (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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

Black Panther (PG-13) ★★★1/2
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Chappaquiddick (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

I Feel Pretty (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Isle of Dogs (PG-13) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Naa Peru Surya (Not Rated) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

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Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Ready Player One (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16:
Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

The Rider (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (R)
Guild Theatre: Saturday

Sherlock Gnomes (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Spellbound (1945) (Not Rated)
Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Super Troopers 2 (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Traffik (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Truth or Dare (PG-13) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Tully (R) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

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

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View tinyurl.com/Century16

Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City tinyurl.com/Century20

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

Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 324-3700) Stanfordtheatre.org

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Western Ballet's Beauty & the Beast Western Ballet will present "Beauty and the Beast," a full-length ballet telling the classic story of the bookish Belle and the mysterious Beast. May 5 and 6, 1 p.m. \$27, with discounts for seniors/students. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

THEATER

'Distracted' "Distracted" offers a close look at the challenges of modern family life. As we follow Jesse's mom through meetings with psychologists, homeopaths and environmental physicians, both actors and audience members are forced to grapple with the question: Are we so tuned in to our 24/7 information-rich world that we've tuned out what really matters? May 6, 3 p.m. \$18-\$22. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat The award winning musical tells the timeless story of Joseph, who is blessed with vivid dreams that foretell the future. May 2-6, 9-13; times vary. \$12-\$14. Palo Alto Children's Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org

Pear Slices 2018 The 15th annual Pear Slices is a collection of original, short plays — written by members of the Pear Playwrights Guild — that are brought to life by a single cast. Thursdays through Sundays, May 3-20, times vary. \$10-\$35, with discounts for seniors/students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

Western Ballet's Ballet Fantastique Western Ballet's annual mixed repertoire program features neoclassical masterpieces by Venezuela's world-renowned choreographer Vicente Nebrada as well as works by Alexi Zubiria. May 4 & 5, 7 p.m. \$20-\$45. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. westernballet.org

Juana & Lucas The charming book "Juana & Lucas" by Juana Medina comes to life in this adaptation. This performance is appropriate for all ages. May 5, 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. \$10. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Tangos De Concierto: Tango Music for the Concert Hall The program will highlight Pablo Estigarribia's original tango music with brief narratives. The bandoneon, emblem of tango music, is featured in the opening performance by local guest artists. May 6, 7-8:30 p.m. \$35. Mountain View Center

for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

CONCERTS

Stanford Taiko Spring Concert: WaveBreak An evening of original works for North American taiko presented in Stanford University's Bing Concert Hall. May 5, 7:30 p.m. \$20, with discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Concert on the Plaza Residents can bring their blanket or lawn chair down to the Civic Center Plaza for a variety of musical performances. In addition to the music, there will be food trucks, a "Pop Up Park" area for children and for adults, beer and wine. May 4, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/plazaevents

Merit Scholar's Mother's Day Concert CSMA's Merit Scholarship Student Ensembles perform special selections to celebrate Mother's Day in this annual event. May 5, 5 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

MUSIC

Open Mic Open Mic takes place every Monday on the second floor of Red Rock Coffee in downtown Mountain View. It features free live music, comedy, poetry and a supportive atmosphere for experienced and new performers. Mondays, ongoing, 6:30 p.m., sign-ups; starts at 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

47th Annual Stanford Powwow and Art Market A celebration of Native American cultures including dance and music with more than 100 artist, food and information booth vendors. May 11, 5 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

2018 Birth & Family Fair The event will have workshops demos for pregnancy and parenting and connect parents with local pregnancy and new parent businesses throughout the day. May 6, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Persia and its Neighbors Lecture at the Portola Valley Library This docent lecture from the Asian Art Museum is an exploration of ancient Middle Eastern art and its influence across Asia and Europe. May 4, 2-3 p.m. Free. Portola Valley Library, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley.

SALES

Used Book and Media Sale Friends of the Palo Alto Library is holding their next monthly sale of gently used or new books, CDs, DVDs, games, puzzles, artwork and collectibles. Over 70,000 items for adults, teens and children will be available for low prices and be sorted by subject and genre. May 13, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

The Baltic Way: History and Culture in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania 1918 Using photographs, posters, correspondence, and other documents paired with narrative text, the exhibit attempts to explain the complicated history of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in the twentieth century, and considers their prospects and challenges in the twenty-first. Ongoing until Aug. 18. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Over Here: Americans at Home in World War I The Los Altos History Museum will host a special exhibition created by the National Archives during the centennial observation of U.S. involvement in World War I. May 4, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/exhibits/over-here/

Portola Art Gallery Presents Larry Calof's 'Sunrise, Sunset' The Portola Art Gallery presents "Sunrise, Sunset," a collection of photographic images of sunrises and sunsets, primarily around the West and Southwest, by Larry Calof of Atherton. The exhibit features images printed on aluminum, as well as pieces printed on traditional archival paper. May 1-31, Mondays-Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park.

Gallery 9 May exhibition Artist Jan Mayer delights in working with color, shapes and pattern. Geometrics, florals, stripes and polka dots are combined, with intense color. An artist's reception will be held May 4, 5-8 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

DANCE

Adult Ballet Classes Adult Ballet welcomes dancers mid-teens to 80s and up. Instructor, Leslie Friedman, has a distinguished international touring career and experience teaching national ballet companies around the world as well as adult beginners. May 8, 7-8 p.m. \$15. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. livelyfoundation.org/wordpress

FILM

A Discussion with Loung Ung, Cambodian American Activist and Author Loung Ung will speak about her experiences fleeing the Khmer Rouge regime, resettling in the U.S. and translating her life experience into a powerful human narrative in her best-selling memoir, "First They Killed My Father." May 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. CEMEX Auditorium (Stanford University), 655 Knight Way, Stanford. bit.ly/SKAXLU8

Film Screening: 'A Quest for Meaning' "A Quest for Meaning" is the story of two childhood friends and their journey around the world. Equipped with a camera and a microphone, Marc and Nathanael will attempt to uncover the causes of the current world crises and discover a way to bring about change. May 9, 7-9 p.m. Free,

registration required. Cubberley Auditorium, 485 Lasuen Mall, Stanford. ccare.stanford.edu/events

LESSONS & CLASSES

Introduction to Modern Calligraphy and Spring Florals Basics of modern calligraphy will be taught in this class. All supplies, guides and workbooks are included with registration. May 6, 11:30 a.m. \$80. West Elm, 180 University Ave., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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Art Hiking Class The class combines fitness and creative activities and provides an introduction to sketching. The first lesson is free. May 6, 9:30-11 p.m. Free. Shoreline Lake Boathouse, 3160 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

SPORTS

Bike Sale The sale will feature complete bikes starting at \$150, project bikes, bike parts of all kinds, shoes, clothing, car racks and more. May 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free. Silicon Valley Bicycle Exchange, 2566 Leghorn St., Mountain View. bikex.org

HOME & GARDEN

Los Altos Ikebana Flower Show The Third Annual Ikebana Flower Show returns to the Los Altos Public Library in celebration of Mother's Day. Presented by Sogetsu Artist Katsuko Thielke and her students, the event will showcase traditional Japanese flower arrangements, and visitors can learn the art of Ikebana by attending live demonstrations. May 5 and 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

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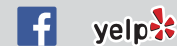
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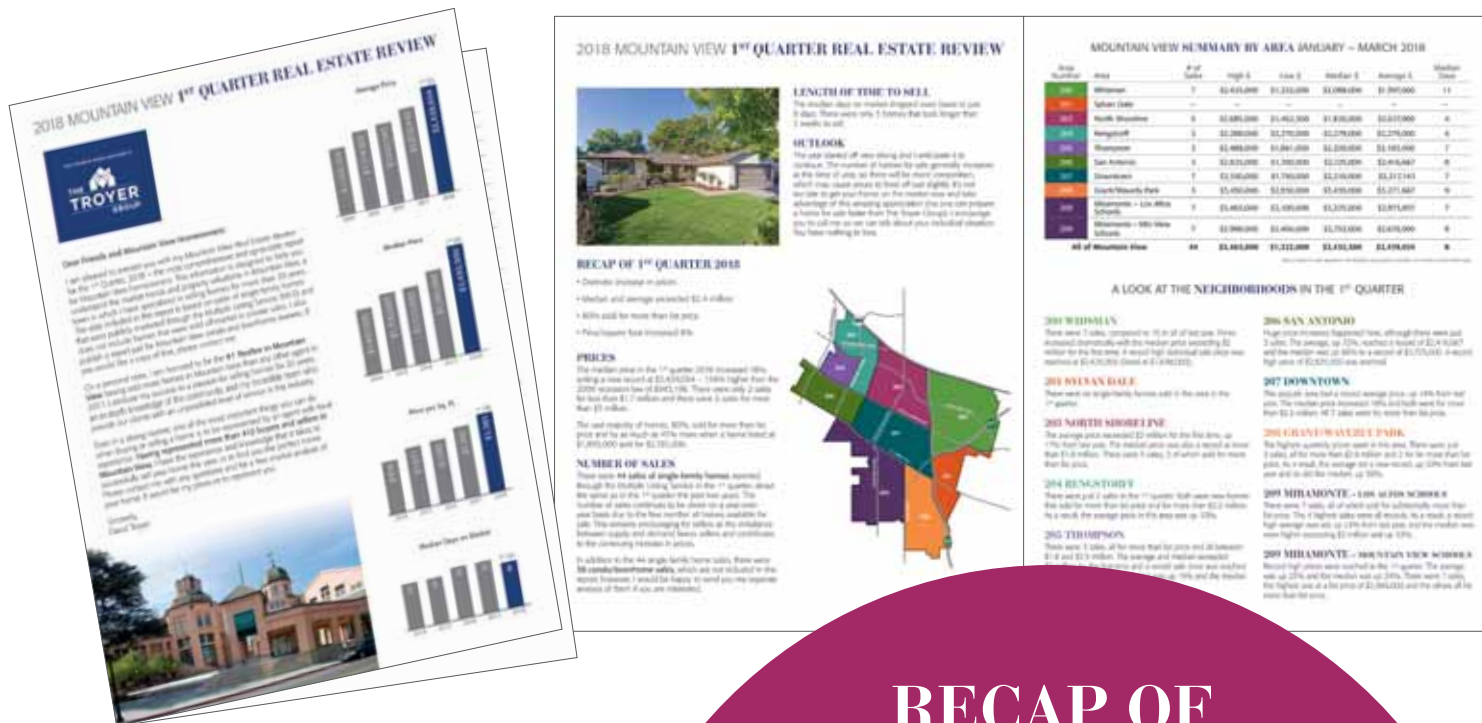


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