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Tax proposal leans heavily on big business

25 LARGEST COMPANIES TO PAY 90 PERCENT OF FEES

By Mark Noack

These days, few people are willing to defend Mountain View's current model for its business license, and resident Jimmy Yeung certainly isn't one of them.

Back in May, Yeung launched his business Wagmore, a van set up as a mobile salon for dogs. It's a one-man operation, and he serves as manager, driver and expert dog-groomer. To start his venture, he paid the city's \$150 fee for a mobile-vendor license.

On the other side of town, LinkedIn also cuts a check each year to the city for its business license, but the large tech company is charged only \$34. Walmart also pays \$34, despite being one of the city's largest retailers. Mozilla, Siemens, 23andMe and Synopsys each pay slightly more — \$104 — but still less than the dog-grooming van.

Hearing how little these large firms pay, Yeung said he felt a little shafted. He tried to stay impartial, saying those larger companies were probably paying higher taxes in other ways. But on the other hand, he was a little peeved.

"This is kind of ridiculous. I'm

paying \$150 a year and I'm not even doing all of my business in Mountain View," he said. "This just doesn't seem fair for me."

To a degree, Mountain View city leaders are on Yeung's side, saying the city's largest firms should be paying the largest share of business license taxes. Under a new plan that will go before voters in November, companies in Mountain View would be charged on a per-employee basis.

In effect, the business-license system now tilted against small businesses would swing like a pendulum the other way, making the city reliant on a handful of tech firms and big-box retailers. The fees are expected to raise an extra \$5.9 million per year, and about 90 percent of that money is expected to come from the city's 25 largest companies, according to an analysis by the *Voice*. A breakdown of the new fees that each company will pay in Mountain View can be found online at mv-voice.com.

As of last month, Mountain View has just over 3,600 licensed businesses on file. Under the city's new license structure, the city's

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Francisco Vargas attended a rally at Civic Center Plaza in March where demonstrators encouraged compassion for the homeless. Vargas, 23, and his parents were priced out of their Mountain View apartment two years ago and haven't been able to afford the rent on another apartment.

Young and homeless

EXPERTS SAY HOUSING CRISIS HAS PROFOUND AND LASTING EFFECT ON YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mark Noack

At 23, Francisco Vargas is in the prime of his life. Just a few years ago, he graduated from Los Altos High School. He has a girlfriend, a steady job and he's taking night classes at Foothill Community College in hopes of getting an

anthropology degree.

But he's been depressed, with a sense of hopelessness about his future in the Bay Area. It's a gloom that's been hanging over his whole family for two years, he said, ever since they were priced out of their two-bedroom apartment on Montecito Avenue in Mountain

View. They couldn't afford the rent any longer, but they were determined to stay in the area where they had laid down roots.

His parents planned to sleep in his father's work truck while Vargas would bunk in his sedan. Then, a friend located

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Former Councilman Kasperzak seeks health care district seat

By Kevin Forestieri

Despite telling himself that he was done with public service after four terms on the Mountain View City Council, Mike Kasperzak says he's running for a seat on El Camino Healthcare District's board of directors this

November.

The health care district, which encompasses Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills, plays an integral role in



Mike Kasperzak

overseeing El Camino Hospital and managing taxpayer money, the vast majority of which is funneled into community grants. Three of the five board members — Neysa Fligor, Peter Fung and David Reeder — have terms that expire in November 2018, and it's still unclear how many of them will to run for re-election.

El Camino Hospital is one of the few hospitals left in the region with strong ties to a public health care district. Kasperzak said that makes it a valuable asset that the community retains control over. Keeping the hospital in a healthy financial position will be a top priority, he said, given the troubled waters ahead for the

health care industry.

"We need a strong, financially secure hospital that can withstand the coming recession, and we're going to have one — it's long overdue at this point," he said. "And health care is in total flux because of the Trump

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“I’d love to be able to sign, because then you can communicate globally.”
Kristin Bliss, Campbell



“To be the most awesome dad because one day I think it will have a domino effect on my kids — my daughter and my son. If they have a positive example ... my legacy can continue.”
Michael Goldman, Jerusalem



“Magic, so that you can become a great magician and eventually have a Vegas show.”
Dominique Brych, Mission Viejo



“Playing a musical instrument, because it makes people happy.”
Steve Yeh, San Francisco



“Making people laugh, especially when people are feeling down, because if you try to be funny and you are not funny, it doesn’t help.”
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

MV TEEN ARRESTED OVER APARTMENT DISPUTES

A Mountain View teen is facing charges of assault and criminal threats after multiple disputes with his roommates, including one allegedly involving a knife, that landed him in jail over the weekend, according to police.

The 19-year-old man was arrested around 1:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, following reports that he had threatened his roommates in a home located on the 200 block of Escuela Avenue. He was charged with making criminal threats to both his roommates as well as to Mountain View police officers, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Later that day, one of the suspect's roommates came to the police department to report that the suspect allegedly attempted to stab him during an altercation the previous week, Nelson said. The 27-year-old victim told police that the two had gotten into an argument over rent payment when the teen threatened him with a knife and, in an attempt to stab him, cut his hand.

The suspect was already in custody and suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon was added to the charges of making criminal threats. He is currently being held in Santa Clara County's Elmwood Correctional Facility with a bail set at \$165,250.

—Kevin Forestieri

FIRE SHUTS DOWN SPROUTS MARKET

Sprouts Farmers Market on San Antonio Road had to shut down temporarily after a small fire ignited in one of the market's refrigerators early Friday morning, July 6.

A passerby called 911 just before 4 a.m. to report that smoke was billowing out of the Sprouts building. Firefighters arrived shortly afterward to find heavy smoke inside the market, but the fire had already been mostly extinguished by the market's sprinkler system. Fire officials say the building was unoccupied when they arrived, and they believe there were no injuries as a result of the fire.

The exact cause of the fire is still being investigated, and fire officials could not immediately give an estimate on the cost of the damage.

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■ POLICE LOG

ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

200 block Escuela Av., 7/7

AUTO BURGLARY

200 block Castro St., 6/30
1300 block Grant Rd., 6/30
Hope St. & Villa St., 7/2
200 block Easy St., 7/2
200 block Easy St., 7/2
100 block Easy St., 7/2
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/3
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 7/3
1800 block W. El Camino Real, 7/4
300 block Castro St., 7/4
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 7/7

BATTERY

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/4

GRAND THEFT

700 block Rainbow Dr., 6/28
200 block Palo Alto Av., 6/29
2500 block Charleston Rd., 7/2
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 7/2
500 block Castro St., 7/7

INDECENT EXPOSURE

300 block Showers Dr., 6/30
400 block W. Dana St., 7/3

POSSESSION FOR SALE

1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/2
Amphitheatre Pkwy. & N Shoreline Blvd., 7/2
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/2
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/3
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/3
1 block Amphitheatre Pkwy., 7/3

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

500 block San Antonio Rd., 6/28
2400 block Alvin St., 6/28

ROBBERY

600 block Showers Dr., 7/3
1900 block Latham St., 7/6

STOLEN VEHICLE

1 block Church St., 6/28
600 block Bush St., 6/30

VANDALISM

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A PERFECT SUMMER DAY

Shoreline Park is full of diversions all year, but it really shines on the Fourth of July, when locals flock to Mountain View's biggest park for picnicking and playing while they wait for night to fall and the annual fireworks display over Shoreline Amphitheatre to begin. Some might even argue that a couple of blankets spread on the rolling lawns make the best seats in the house.

Community college board backs away from new bond measure

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA SHELVES PLANS TO PUT \$898 MILLION BOND BEFORE VOTERS

By Kevin Forestieri

Sensing a potential political battle brewing, Foothill-De Anza Community College District board members agreed this week to postpone plans to put a \$898 million bond measure before voters this November.

The unanimous decision by

board members at the July 9 meeting aligns with the request of district officials, who urged trustees to wait for another election — likely in 2020 — in order to work through issues including staffing cuts, budget uncertainty and enrollment numbers that have tumbled in recent years. All of these factors could feed into a

powerful opposition campaign and strain the likelihood of a successful bond measure.

In an announcement via email Tuesday, Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Judy Miner wrote that a confluence of unstable enrollment and an “unprecedented”

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County makes 'significant' progress in homeless housing, report says

By Sue Dremann

Santa Clara County has made considerable strides toward reaching its goal of creating 6,000 units of new, affordable housing for homeless individuals and families, according to a report released Tuesday, July 10.

Since January 2015, the county added 1,449 new housing units for homeless persons. It has another 840 in the pipeline, according to the Office of Supportive Housing's “Ending Homelessness: The State of the Supportive Housing

System in Santa Clara County 2017” report. The study is the first in a series of 10 annual reports regarding homelessness and it focuses on supportive housing, the \$950 million 2016 Measure A affordable-housing bond and progress toward the county's 2015-2020 Community Plan to End Homelessness.

In 2017, the county had an estimated 7,394 recorded homeless people. Of those, 74 percent were unsheltered — meaning they had no protection from the elements. But the problem is much greater.

A 2015 county study, Home Not Found, identified 46,225 residents in the county who experienced homelessness at some point in 2012 alone and received some form of county medical, behavioral health or other social service. Serving these individuals has been costly. The county spends \$520 million annually in support services for homeless persons, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Annual Homeless

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Drones set to patrol at Shoreline music festival

LOCAL TECH COMPANY TO AID POLICE WITH CRIME-FIGHTING DRONES THIS WEEKEND

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View police will be on the lookout for crime from a different vantage point this Saturday, using security drones to monitor Shoreline Amphitheatre during the two-day Audiotistic concert festival.

Employees from San Jose-based Aptomony will be working with the Mountain View Police Department to deploy the high-tech drones on July 14, the first day of the event. From overhead, the drones will use sensors and artificial intelligence capable of detecting suspicious activity ranging from car break-ins to drug deals around the perimeter of the concert venue and the surrounding parking lots.

Depending on how the drone debut goes on Saturday, officials may consider adopting a permanent drone program to assist Mountain View police in everything from crisis situations and surveying crime scenes to patrolling large-scale events, including making Shoreline's concert venue safer.

“Our hope is that, should the drones prove to be an effective way to help us more quickly respond to public safety calls, traffic problems and medical

issues, we may be able to move forward with creating a program here at MVPD that will serve the community in the same capacity,” according to a statement released by the department last week.

Aptomony markets the drones, which weigh about 30 pounds and have a 5-foot wingspan, as an effective way to monitor large areas in a short amount of time and an alternative to putting first responders in harm's way. The devices are equipped with software that allows the drones to fly autonomously, avoid obstacles and detect “anomalies” without human interaction, and can spot problems like a vehicle that isn't in the right place or a suspicious person breaking through a fence, Aptomony co-founder John Daniels told the *Voice*.

“These are some of the most advanced, industrial-grade type drones for security in the entire world,” Daniels said.

Since the company was founded in 2014, Aptomony has used its drones to help out law enforcement agencies throughout the country, and recently worked with the city of Louisville, Kentucky on a public safety program where

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COURTESY OF APTONOMY

Drones provided by San Jose-based Aptomony are set to aid Mountain View police as they patrol the Audiotistic music festival at Shoreline Amphitheatre this weekend.

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administration, so who knows what's going to be happening with all the machinations going on in (Washington,) D.C. and how that will filter down."

Kasperzak, who served 16 years on the City Council before term limits forced him out in 2016, said this isn't his first foray into the politics and policies of Mountain View's local health care district. He got heavily involved in the early- and mid-2000s when the hospital passed its Measure D bond, and has since participated in several hospital committees.

The hospital district owns and leases the land on which El Camino Hospital sits, and its board directly hires the CEO of the nonprofit corporation that runs the hospital. Members of the health care district board also serve on the hospital's larger board of directors.

Kasperzak's last bid for the health care district's board was decades ago. In 1984, he said he decided to run for one of the three seats up for re-election after reading in the Peninsula Times Tribune that no one had filed as a candidate. He said he didn't realize that the incumbents were planning to coast back into office in an uncontested election, and that he had inadvertently disrupted their strategy. He was soundly defeated by then-incumbent board members Alvin Rutner, Billy Russel and Charles Knell.

More recently, Kasperzak sought a vacant seat left by board member Dennis Chiu, who unexpectedly announced his resignation last year. The position generated intense interest, and Kasperzak was one of 13 candidates who applied. Board members opted to appoint Fligor to the seat.

Going into the campaign, Kasperzak doubled down on the importance of having a health

care district that retains public control of the hospital, and questioned the district's long-time strategy of diverting tax revenue to charity or philanthropy. He said the money might be better spent either investing in new medical technologies or putting it directly toward indigent care for disadvantaged people in the community, rather than handing it off to outside nonprofits.

"I don't need a taxing district to tax me just to give it away," he said.

Another concern, Kasperzak said, is that the board doesn't have a representative from Mountain View despite the hospital being located within the city. All of the current board members are from either Sunnyvale or Los Altos, which isn't an anomaly — the same was true during the 2014 and 2016 elections, and Kasperzak recalled Mountain View was not represented back in 1984 either.

What happens at the hospital, whether construction or nurse negotiations, disproportionately affects Mountain View residents, Kasperzak said, and there needs to be local representation on the board.

Kasperzak said the health care district and the hospital board could also do a lot more to be transparent in the way it operates and makes decisions, and "embody" open meeting laws and disclosure under the Brown Act. He quibbled with the way the board handled the removal of former hospital CEOs Ken Graham and Tomi Ryba, both of whom the board fired without citing a reason, and called it a "disservice" to leave the community in the dark.

"I think from the community's perspective, at some point they have the right to know why a person — who is a competent, successful leader — is no longer there, and nobody is saying anything," he said. "The public does have a right to know something."

Candidates seeking public office can pull nomination papers starting Monday and have until August to officially file for candidacy, according to the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters. ▣

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Following the fire, Sprouts was required to close temporarily in order for Santa Clara County health inspectors to check on the extent of the smoke damage.

—Mark Noack

FAST FOOD FRYER FIRE

A fire in a gas fryer at the Jack in the Box restaurant on Saturday morning led to the temporary closure of the restaurant.

A fire was reported at 9:17 a.m. on July 7 at the fast-food establishment located at 200 W. El Camino Real, according to the Mountain View Fire Department. Employees used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire in the fryer, and firefighters called to the scene put out a fire in the grease trap. Firefighters said the fire did not spread any further, and there were no injuries reported.

The Santa Clara County Department of Environmental Health was notified and was working with the Jack in the Box's management to recertify and reopen the restaurant.

—Andrea Gemmet

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median price for a license will go from \$34 to \$95.

In a league of its own with more than 23,000 employees, Google is slated for the largest increase by far if the ballot measure passes. The tech giant has paid just under \$10,000 a year for dozens of licenses for its various operations around the city. Under the new fee schedule, the company would pay more than \$3.5 million annually.

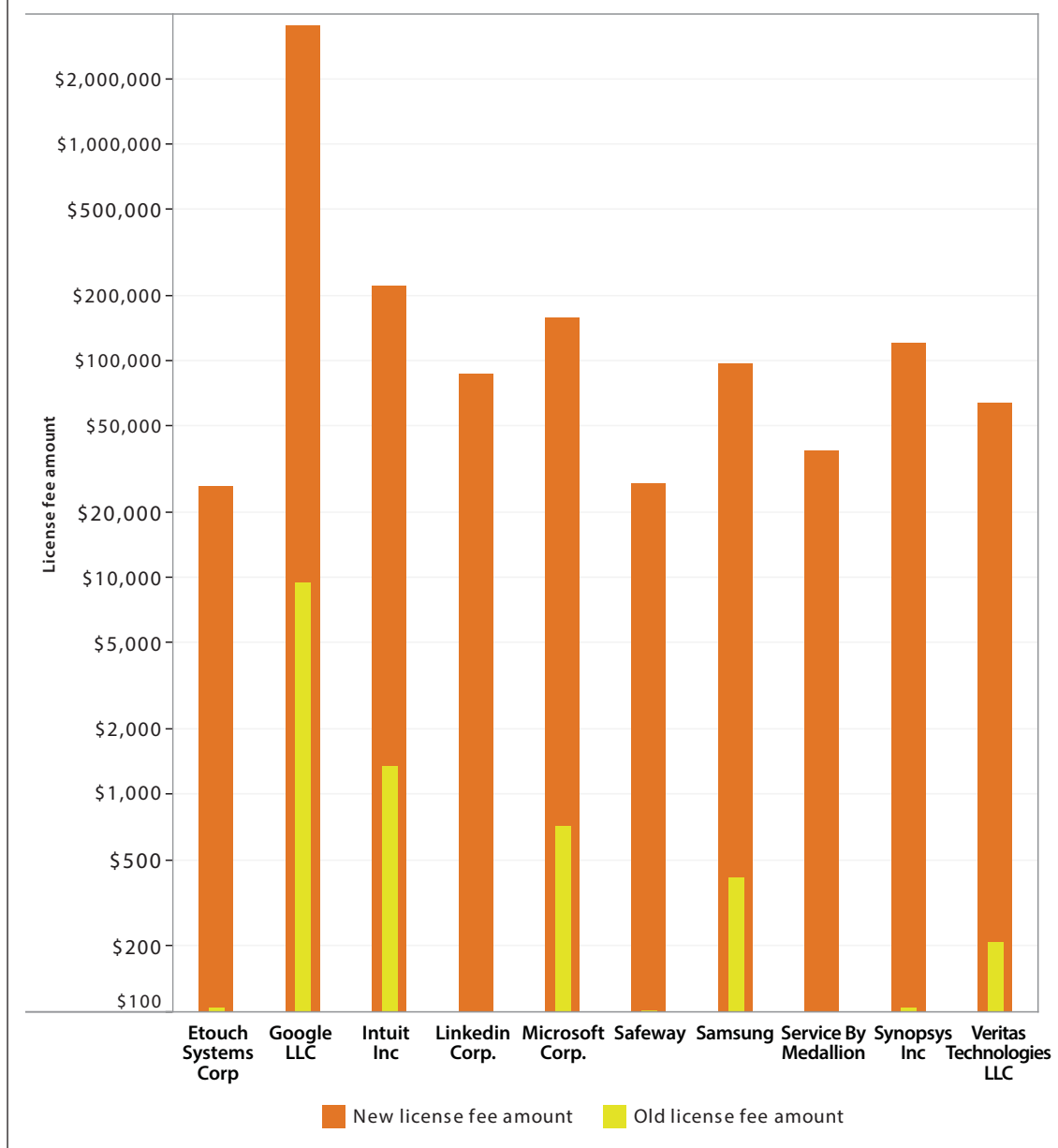
Looking to one company to pay about two-thirds of the entire fee could be seen as lopsided, and city officials have acknowledged this in multiple meetings on the proposal. In many instances, stakeholders have pointed to Seattle, which recently tried to implement a similar head count fee on Amazon and other big companies. That led to a fierce political opposition campaign from the business community, prompting Seattle leaders to relent. Within about a month, the Seattle City Council voted to repeal its own tax plan.

Dan Kostenbauder, a tax policy expert with the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, believes Mountain View could be making the same mistake by pursuing a similar tax system. He acknowledged that Mountain View's proposal is different in many ways, but it still would force employers to shoulder higher costs based on the number of jobs they create, he said.

That might be bearable now as tech companies are flush with cash, but if an economic downturn comes around, companies will scrutinize Mountain View's fees more closely, he said. It's not a matter of if but when this downturn will arrive, he said.

"It's almost a certainty that (there) will be a down cycle, and

How head count tax impacts city's biggest businesses



The 10 companies expected to pay the most under a proposed business tax that will go before voters in November. The yellow bars reflect the current annual fees the companies pay to the city. Some amounts, such as LinkedIn's \$34, are so small they aren't visible on the graph.

MARK NOACK

companies will look at all the costs of doing business," Kostenbauder said. "If you keep adding more and more costs onto the employers, then it gets to the point

where a company makes the decision to move to a nearby city or out of the area."

On the flip side, about 100 smaller companies could end up

paying less under the fee structure. This includes Wagmore, Yeung's one-man dog-grooming van, which would be charged \$75 under the newly proposed

fees. The biggest winners will be dozens of apartment owners in the city who have had to pay higher rates based on the number of homes on site. For example, the 544-unit Americana Apartments is currently charged about \$1,100 annually, but that fee would drop to about \$200 under the new model.

Any business with less than \$5,000 in annual revenue would be exempt from the license fees, but it is unclear how many might fall under that threshold.

As part of the new fee structure, Mountain View's Finance Department is also planning to step up enforcement to ensure companies are accurately reporting their head count. Up to this point, many businesses have been routinely underreporting their employee numbers, according to city finance staff. For example, many restaurants claim to have just one employee. The data storage company Pure Storage claims to have only 11 employees in Mountain View despite being listed as one of the city's largest sales tax contributors, according to city records.

Under the new system, the city plans to collect employee numbers reported to the state Employment Development Department, said Finance Director Patty Kong. She expects her department would need to hire extra staff to handle the workload.

Mayor Lenny Siegel, a leading proponent for the new fee model, maintains that it will not stifle local business. Small businesses will be protected, and larger companies can easily carry the higher costs, he said.

"This tax will be a small percentage of the payroll of any company in Mountain View," he said. "We don't believe it will force any business to leave town or close up." ▀

HOMELESS HOUSING

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Assessment Report.

The rental market and lack of income are the primary barriers to regaining housing, according to the county's 2017 Homeless Census and Survey. Sixty-two percent said they can't afford rent, 56 percent had no job or income and 23 percent had no money for moving costs. Job loss and eviction were among the leading causes of homelessness. Evictions are the primary cause, rising by 11 percentage points from 2011 to 2017, according to the survey.

The cost of housing has far outstripped wages in the county — particularly for extremely low- and low-income renters. According to the county report issued Tuesday, an affordable unit for an extremely low-income renter

(in which the household pays no more than 30 percent of its income for housing costs) would be \$628 for an individual, \$716 for a two-person household and \$885 for a four-person household. The county 2017 fair market rent averages \$1,773 monthly for a one-bedroom apartment and \$2,200 for a two-bedroom apartment.

Voters approved the nearly \$1 billion Measure A bond measure to help fill some of the need by providing funding for approximately 4,800 affordable-housing units. So far, the county has approved six developments with housing designated for persons leaving homelessness, but none of them are in the northern section of county. The locations include three developments in San Jose and one each in Cupertino, Gilroy and Morgan Hill, which are scheduled to open between May

2019 and February 2021. Another 134-unit development in San Jose, Second Street Studios, is expected to be completed by this September.

The county plans to support a total of 120 developments through the next decade, according to the July report. Of the 1,449 housing units built as of Dec. 31, 2017, 946 are permanent supportive housing — housing that provides social, medical and other services — and 503 are rapid rehousing, which gets people off the street quickly. Housing currently in the pipeline will supply an additional 655 units of permanent supportive housing, 87 rapid-rehousing units and 62 others of which use has not yet been determined.

But data in the county's July report supports a June 21 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury finding that Santa Clara County cities are not supplying adequate

housing — particularly of the type that helps keep people from homelessness.

A large part of the report is dedicated to support services that help keep people in housing by providing case management, job assistance, medical and mental health services and other needs. These programs are provided in both short-term and permanent housing. The report points to the overall success of such programs. Since the county implemented the 2015-2020 Community Plan to End Homelessness, 5,154 people have found permanent housing through various programs.

Of the clients in permanent supportive housing, 90 percent remained stably housed for at least a year between July 2011 and the end of 2016. Only 6 percent of all clients who left permanent supportive housing for other

permanent housing in 2015 had returned to homelessness within two years (four out of 65 persons). And 72 percent of clients who were in short-term housing programs in 2017 went on to obtain permanent housing.

New programs aim to build on those numbers. In 2018, the Special Needs Direct Referral program will work to house people with medical or behavioral needs who don't meet federal standards for chronic homelessness. Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Supportive Housing Program also helps medically fragile persons who are identified as high users of county emergency services. The program is a collaboration to provide housing, case management and high-quality health care. Enrollment, which began in November, will serve 70 clients. ▀

Six drug sale arrests at Dead and Company concerts

By Kevin Forestieri

Police arrested six people at Shoreline Amphitheatre last week during back-to-back Dead and Company concerts, all of them on suspicion of selling drugs outside the venue.

The six suspects were arrested in five separate incidents in the afternoon on July 2 and July 3, either during or before the concert events starring Dead and Company. The band includes three members of the Grateful Dead along with singer-songwriter John Mayer, and performs songs that draw from the Grateful Dead's vast catalog of music.

All six suspects are from outside of the area, residing in cities as close as Modesto and as far as Germantown, Ohio, and were allegedly caught selling either LSD, cocaine or psilocybin (hallucinogenic mushrooms), according to police

spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The first arrest took place on July 2 around 2:30 p.m., when a 21-year-old Modesto resident was allegedly caught selling LSD and mushrooms prior to the first concert. Later that afternoon, a 44-year-old resident from Salida in Stanislaus County and a 46-year-old resident from Modesto were arrested after officers allegedly caught them selling cocaine during the concert. All three were charged with possession of a controlled substance for sale, Nelson said.

The next day, three people were arrested for allegedly selling LSD tablets outside the venue. A 32-year-old Ohio resident, a 28-year-old Lodi resident and a 23-year-old resident from Washington, California were all arrested in the afternoon during or prior to the July 3 concert, and all face charges for the reported illicit drug sales.

The incidents all took place in parking lots surrounding the venue, which theoretically serve as an easy place to meet potential buyers traveling to and from Shoreline Amphitheatre, Nelson said.

The string of arrests is similar to last year, when police arrested eight people on drug- and alcohol-related charges during back-to-back concerts by Dead and Company at Shoreline. Aside from the six arrested for drug sales last week, one person was also arrested for public intoxication on July 3.

During concerts, the Mountain View Police Department typically focuses its enforcement efforts on preventing drug sales, particularly if concert-goers take advantage of the large crowds to sell narcotics in the presence of children. ▀

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number of staffing eliminations on the horizon — along with strained labor negotiations — has created a rare but volatile environment ripe for a strong opposition campaign, throwing into jeopardy whether the measure would meet the 55 percent majority of district voters required to pass it.

"The convergence of these unfortunate circumstances is unusual in our history and I do not expect it to remain this way indefinitely," Miner said. "We will continue to assess the situation and look for a more opportune time to engage with district voters, which could be as early as 2020."

The decision comes despite polling data earlier this year that found strong support for a bond measure, with about 75 percent of respondents at least leaning toward voting in favor of a hypothetical \$898 million measure. The language of the proposed measure was pretty vague, asking voters whether they would support a bond that would pay for new and improved facilities aimed at "preparing students for four-year university transfer and careers such as healthcare, nursing, paramedics, technology, engineering and sciences."

At the time, staff concluded that a ballot measure is "viable and receives widespread support from the district's voters," with a particular interest among the 800 respondents in building better facilities suited for science, technology, engineering and

math (STEM) fields.

But Miner cautioned board members that good polling numbers are no slam dunk, particularly in an uncertain political environment. She noted that Foothill-De Anza's Measure E parcel tax in 2010 had solid polling numbers but ended up falling significantly short of the two-thirds majority required to pass. The six-year, \$69 parcel tax

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CHANCELLOR JUDY MINER

measure faced opposition from the Silicon Valley Taxpayer's Association and the local chapter of the California School Employees Association, both accusing the district of overpaying some of its employees in the face of budget woes.

The worry is that something similar could happen again this year. District officials are heavily focused on bringing down annual expenditures to reduce chronic deficit spending, which will likely result in staffing cuts — something that Miner said could lead to an "opposition campaign based on misinformation."

At the same time, uncertainty in state funding strained negotiations with the district's largest union, the Faculty Association, during the spring, leading to a

"work to contract" protest lasting one month. The district has since brokered an agreement with the association for a one-time pay increase of 5 percent over two years, with no permanent increases to the salary schedule.

Despite Miner's concerns that the standoff caused "tensions" that could hurt the bond's chances, Faculty Association president Tim Shively told board members at the July 9 meeting that the union would be supportive of the district's bond regardless of whether it goes to the ballot box this November or in 2020.

While polling showed widespread support for a facilities bond that supports STEM programs and classes that put students in a strong position to enter the workforce or transfer to four-year universities, some board members urged the district to look at options for teacher housing. Board member Laura Casas said the district is going to need to find ways to attract new staff to replace retiring faculty, and housing could be a direct way to appeal to teachers in the high-cost region.

Board members agreed to explore faculty housing options, looking to the example set by the San Mateo County Community College District, which owns and operates a total of 104 housing units on two of its campuses.

Foothill-De Anza is still wrapping up projects funded by the \$490 million Measure C bond, which district voters passed in 2006. ▀

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the company's security drones would automatically respond to the sound of gunfire.

"It's much quicker, and you don't get a human involved," Daniels said.

The hope is that the drones will be able to spot potential criminal activity around Shoreline including auto burglaries, fights and drug deals, and could provide officers with "real-time traffic flow information," according to the department's press release. Daniels said the drones could prove to be pretty useful at concerts, where a large number of people leave their vehicles and possessions unattended.

During the 2017 Audiotistic concert at Shoreline, which took place on July 15 and 16, six people were arrested on drug sale-related charges and one person was arrested for public intoxication, according to the police department's crime blotter. Another concert attendee was cited for possession, and there was a report of a battery and two reports of drug sales.

Four Aptonomy employees are planning to come to Mountain View during the Saturday concert to operate the drones, which will be flown once an hour for 20- to 30-minute intervals. Police spokeswoman Katie Nelson said the company is volunteering its time and equipment, and it won't cost the department any money, and stressed that the usage of drones this weekend is a one-time demo.

"We are only in the exploration phase of potentially implementing a drone program and are looking to make the best decision possible for our community," Nelson told the *Voice*. "Nothing has been finalized."

If police officials like what they see this weekend and decide to move forward with a permanent drone program, they wouldn't be the first. Law enforcement agencies in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties have adopted drone programs, and the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is exploring the idea of buying drones to assist its police officers, Nelson said.

Drones have a pretty strong track record in helping police search for and rescue missing people and track down shooting suspects, Nelson said. They can also be used for thermal imaging during fires, which came in handy when fire crews sought to put out the deadly 2016 Ghost Ship fire in Oakland.

The drones at this weekend's concert will stick to rules and regulations set by the Federal Aviation Administration, and will not fly directly over crowds, homes or nearby businesses, instead sticking to a circular pattern along the perimeter of the venue. None of the Mountain View police personnel assigned to the Saturday concert are certified to operate drones, Nelson said, so it will be up to Aptonomy employees to manage the flights. ▀

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a 15-foot-long aluminum trailer large enough for all three of them, and the family began living on the street in Mountain View's Jackson Park neighborhood.

Vargas told the *Voice* he has been pushing himself to stay productive in hopes of being able to afford to rent an apartment. His family might be homeless, but it's not indigent. His father works a landscaping job, and Vargas said he was recently hired as a maintenance worker for the city of Los Altos. His mother can't work, due to her arthritis.

In many other parts of the county, Vargas would not be considered poor. He has a smartphone, a car, a dog and a steady income. Meeting at a downtown cafe, he refused to let a *Voice* reporter pay for his meal.

Yet stable housing still remains out of reach. Even with two incomes, his family would have had to pay 75 percent of their earnings to pay rent on an apartment, he said.

Living in the trailer was supposed to save money, but given all the costs, it still feels like they're losing ground, he said. While they aren't paying rent,



Francisco Vargas stands with **Elisa Morales** and **Blaine Dzwonczyk** at a rally opposing increased restrictions on Mountain View's homeless population on March 6.

of rental housing has rebounded with a vengeance. Since 2010, the median price for rental housing across the Bay Area has increased by \$1,100 a month, surpassing almost every other region in the

increase; and nearly 700 more in Alameda County, a 230 percent increase. This was all compared to just the last count done two years prior.

"Holy mackerel!" Lorraine Flores said she remembers thinking when she first saw those numbers. As an associate director at the Santa Clara-based Bill Wilson Center, which provides services to at-risk youth, she helped organize the 2017 count in Santa Clara County.

Her team put more effort than ever before into the job. Flores recruited homeless youth to serve as guides, who helped her team chart out common "hot spots" where street youth would gather, such as Rengstorff Park in Mountain View and Greer Park in Palo Alto. They spent seven hours on the count, nearly double the time spent any previous year, Flores

said. If she had her druthers, they would've spent the whole day walking the streets if it meant getting a more accurate number.

Still, when the numbers came back, Flores said she felt her stomach sink a little — 1,650 more homeless youth in Santa Clara County than recorded in 2015. That figure is likely still an undercount, she said.

"It was an alarming number, but at the same time it also made sense for why we're seeing so many homeless youth at our center, and on our waiting list," Flores said. "And I have to believe there's far more homeless youth than any of these counts have found."

Like Santa Clara, counties across the United States made a concerted effort in 2017 to count as many homeless youth as possible. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development Department, the chief government agency in charge of homelessness, provided an incentive, stipulating that 2017 would serve as a baseline that future years' funding would be compared against.

These numbers are likely just scratching the surface, capturing only a fraction of the true number of young people who lack stable housing, according to experts. Homeless youth are notoriously hard to track — at a glance, many street youth may look like any other teenagers. Compared to the general homeless population, they tend to avoid shelters, soup kitchens and service agencies where unhoused individuals would normally be counted. Many of them are struggling out of sight.

As homeless survey teams were out on a January morning in 2017 to canvass the streets of Mountain View, they may have counted Vargas and his family living in their trailer. But there would be no way for this survey team to know about his relative and her baby, who were sharing a bedroom in someone else's Mountain View apartment. The same goes for his classmate who is couchsurfing in East Palo Alto. All of these unstable living situations meet most definitions of homelessness, but they are almost always missed in homeless surveys, according to experts.

Couchsurfing and doubled-up sharing of bedrooms, garages and other spaces is believed to account for 75 percent of the homeless youth nationally, according to the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Far from perfect, the regional Point in Time count offers one snapshot of homelessness, said Dr. Colette Auerswald, an associate professor at University of

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SPARKY HARLAN, BILL WILSON CENTER

the family has to pay for a storage unit for their belongings, fuel to stay warm, vehicle maintenance and frequent parking tickets. The pressure his family is under makes it difficult for him to concentrate on his studies.

"I have to worry about school, but also about work, and now also about housing. And I have to keep constantly thinking about this, every day," he said.

"It feels like I'm trapped. But if you want to live in this area, what else can you do?"

California's housing crisis

That California has housing crisis is no secret: decades of insufficient residential development created a distorted housing market that's heavily tilted against low-income renters. Locally, suburban Eichler homes that sold for \$23,000 a half century ago are considered a bargain at \$1.5 million. About half of all renters in Santa Clara County are considered cost burdened, meaning they're paying more than 30 percent of their total income toward monthly rent, according to U.S. Census data.

Following the recession, the cost

U.S. In Mountain View, monthly rents have increased by \$1,470 over the same period.

This surge has been a windfall for older Californians who bought a house back when they were cheap and plentiful. California's housing crisis predictably dovetails with a growing homelessness crisis — one that is falling hardest on the youngest generation. Youth homelessness has spiked across the Bay Area and other large California cities in recent years, leading experts to warn of a new generation plagued by unstable housing.

Last year, more than 2,500 youth under the age of 25 were considered homeless across Santa Clara County, nearly triple the number from just two years earlier. The number was derived as part of a biennial "Point in Time" homeless count.

The South Bay isn't alone: the same count found homeless youth rates spiking in other parts of California. In Los Angeles County, 2,493 additional homeless youth were counted, a 93 percent increase; about 530 more in San Diego County, an 85 percent



Gerald Garrett, right, and **Life Moves CEO Bruce Ives** conduct an RV count along Crisanto Avenue near South Rengstorff Avenue on Jan. 25, 2017. Garrett, who used to live in a motor home in Mountain View, volunteered to help with the biennial Point in Time count of the homeless.



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Victoria cuddles the youngest of her four children inside the RV where the family of six lives.

California at Berkeley who has closely studied youth homelessness. She strongly believes all the Point in Time numbers should be seen as a crude baseline, the outermost layer of a deep-rooted problem, she said. If it were to get a grade, she would give it a D- for accuracy.

For a slightly better study, she points to the data provided by the McKinney-Vento law, the landmark 1987 bill that created the first federal homeless program. As part of that study, McKinney-Vento has been expanded to require school districts to assign a staff member to be a liaison tracking homeless students and gauging the nature of their living situations.

The most recently reported numbers, from 2016, shows that about 1 in 20 public school students in California are homeless. The vast majority of homeless students — about three-quarters — are living doubled up with multiple family members or others sharing the same room.

But the McKinney-Vento data has its own flaws. The school data

only tracks students 18 years old and younger who are enrolled and don't drop out of school.

"I'm old enough to remember when homelessness was rare," Auerswald said. "What we have now just didn't exist. Period. There was poverty, but it wasn't anything like this."

According to Auerswald and others, things have gotten so bad in the Bay Area that people are starting to believe that homelessness is normal. Doubling up in a single room or sleeping on a colleague's couch sounds like a typical Silicon Valley living situation for many millennials. But for anyone who has to endure such unstable housing for prolonged periods, it is essentially the same as homelessness and carries many of the same issues, said Sparky Harlan, executive director of the Bill Wilson Center. Especially for young people, lacking stable housing can have huge negative repercussions on their development, education and future prospects, she said.

"Every homeless person starts out on a couch," Harlan said.

"Depending on what day it is, a youth could be sleeping on a friend's couch or they could be out on the street. They go back and forth, and the idea they're two distinct populations is inaccurate."

A more plausible theory is that youth homelessness has not suddenly skyrocketed; instead, it has gone unnoticed. It may have been widespread for years, and data is beginning to trickle in that shows its extent. Many of the experts who were interviewed by the *Voice* say they believe youth homelessness has been steadily increasing since the 1980s, when the federal government ceased most direct funding of affordable housing.

"People talk about this group as the invisible homeless," said Shahera Hyatt, director of the California Homeless Youth Project. "Our society overemphasizes substance abuse and mental health as being pathways into homelessness, but really, many of these folks just don't have an economic and social safety net. We put an undue emphasis on personal responsibility on this issue, but that ignores the national crisis that is growing."

Kids living in vehicles

Victoria, a mother of four, moved to Mountain View last year because her husband had family in the area, and he thought he could find stable work in the bustling construction industry. Back in Los Angeles, her husband's boss didn't pay him for months and the couple drained their savings waiting for a paycheck that never came. At her request, the *Voice* changed her name to protect the privacy of her children, who attend local schools.

When the family arrived in

Mountain View, the plan to bunk with relatives didn't work out ("family issues," Victoria said.) Instead, her husband's relatives gave them a car and for a time, the family of six squeezed inside the sedan and tried to sleep in a Safeway parking lot.

They began renting a trailer for \$500 a month that had barely enough room to fit everyone. Her older children, ages 12, 10 and 8 years old, sleep up in the trailer loft while her 2-year-old sleeps in a car seat. Victoria and her husband sleep head-to-head on the floor.

During last summer's grueling heatwave, Victoria said she often stayed up through the night to fan her children so they could sleep.

"I cry at night when I look at them," she said, in Spanish.

The plight of Victoria and Francisco Vargas and their families is not unique. In Mountain View, homelessness has become harder to ignore, as several neighborhoods have transformed into de facto trailer parks for people living out of cars, RVs and trailers. As of March, there are nearly 300 inhabited vehicles throughout the city, nearly double the number from last year, according to city officials.

A series of new studies is beginning to show just how prevalent

San Francisco as well as South Dakota.

These findings are mirrored in a mix of other recently published reports. About one in 10 college students in California are homeless, according to a 2016 report by the California State University system. About one in five college students lacked enough food to eat.

More locally, the Santa Clara-based Bill Wilson Center surveyed South Bay community colleges and reported that 44 percent of students — nearly half the student body — identified a classmate who was experiencing homelessness. The study eliminated duplicate student names provided by those surveyed, Flores said.

While the growing body of research shows that youth homelessness is becoming widely prevalent, federal and state policy for the most part continues to ignore this segment of the homeless population. Most resources for homelessness are directed toward the so-called chronically homeless, who are defined as individuals with a disability who have been living on the street for a year or more. But focusing on helping only the most dire cases ignores the source of homelessness, experts say.

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DR. COLLETTE AUERSWALD, UC BERKELEY

youth homelessness has become in the U.S. and especially the Bay Area.

The study with a widest scope came from a national survey of more than 26,000 people conducted by the University of Chicago Chapin Hall school. Unlike the routine on-the-ground counts, this study was a conducted in 2017 as a phone survey by the Gallup polling firm. Households with young people were called up and respondents were asked whether any youth had couchsurfing or been homeless over the past year.

From that survey, the study found that one in 10 young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 were experiencing some form of homelessness — roughly 3.5 million people. Between the ages of 13 and 17, at least one in 30 were experiencing homelessness, or about one in every classroom, according to the study. Surprisingly, the Chapin Hill study found homelessness was prevalent in both rural and urban areas; it was a problem shared by

"People don't just fall out of the sky and one day become chronically homeless," said Barbara Duffield, former policy director at the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth. "The pipeline for homelessness is youth homelessness, and the failure to address youth homelessness is leading to more homelessness." ■

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The RV where Victoria lives with her husband is decorated with a drawing by one of the couple's four children.

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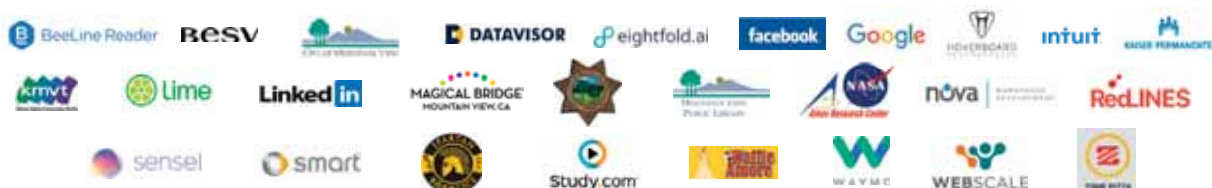
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Devoto Street*

DON'T FALL FOR THE LIES

When my family made the decision in 2017 to move to Silicon Valley, we looked to find a progressive city that valued human rights and quickly settled on moving to Mountain View, especially once I discovered that the voters of Mountain View passed a rent stabilization measure in 2016. Having lived in the Washington, D.C. area for the majority of my adult life, I know how important strong rent control laws are for protecting the least privileged and most hard-working people in a city.

After becoming a renter in Mountain View just a year ago, I quickly discovered that the California Apartment Association (CAA) and greedy corporate landlords want to dismantle rent control in Mountain View by getting a deceptively named petition ("The Mountain View Homeowner, Renter, and Taxpayer Protection Initiative") on the ballot this November. Since late April, I have been approached by numerous paid signature gatherers on my trips to Nob Hill on Grant who have been hired by the CAA. The different paid signature gatherers I encountered each provided various lies and misinformation about the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA) to get me to believe that "rent control isn't working" in Mountain View. Not one of these paid signature gatherers explained that the petition has a clause regarding the vacancy rate that will turn off the very provisions in the CSFRA working to protect renters in Mountain View.

Luckily I am an informed voter (thanks to the information

provided by the Mountain View Tenants Coalition) and I never signed the petition, but I'm very concerned about the thousands of other Mountain View voters who have been tricked by the misinformation being spread by these paid signature gatherers. I implore all voters in Mountain View to not fall for the lies and don't sign this sneaky repeal of rent control, which is working to protect our diverse community. If you did sign, take action immediately and fill out a signature withdrawal form at mvtentantscoalition.org/remove-your-signature.

*Heather Phipps
Centre Street*

LASD SCHOOL PLANS

I thought our City Council had some empathy for small businesses and the people that work there. Apparently, I was wrong. I think it is obscene to use "eminent domain" to get rid of all those small businesses and the Kohl's department store ("Council gives the green light to shopping center school plans," June 29). I personally go to Kohl's, Pearl Cafe, and the Chinese restaurant. I do not want to see those businesses removed. I also think the location is lousy for a school. It is surrounded by busy streets. A school should be near a quiet residential area with safe streets, not speeding cars and buses. Bad idea, City Council!

*Melinda Rosenaur
Montecito Avenue*

NOVEMBER ELECTION CANDIDATES

Here is my bi-annual call for candidates for local offices. Three of seven City Council seats are up for election. Two incumbents plan to run. Seats on all local school boards are up, along with seats on the boards of the hospital district, the valley water district and the regional open space district. The filing deadline is August 10 but is extended five days when an eligible incumbent does not run.

The chief issues in the council race should be (1) whether to stop adding office space and tens of thousands of new workers in North Bayshore and elsewhere in the city, and (2) whether to keep or undermine restrictions on residential rent increases in older (pre-1995) apartments that are

legally subject to local control. City Council candidates without clear positions on key issues deserve no votes. And watch out for "independent" campaigning by obscure special interest groups.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*

HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM LIGHTS

We are deeply troubled by the current proposal to install massive stadium lights and blasting public address systems at the MVLA high school campuses. We need livable neighborhoods and quality schools, not stadium style sports fields. Our priorities are best served by striving to improve classrooms, teaching and technology, not the destruction of a neighborhood by severely affecting the quality of life we all believed would be maintained and respected.

Installation of these lights would be an unresolvable imposition on neighbors, creating more traffic and parking problems, crime, noise and light pollution, as well as opening up

the campuses up to third party exploitation.

*Dr. Peter Gise and Susan Gise
Los Altos*

BIKE SPACE ON TRAINS

Caltrain should increase projected bike capacity on electric trains. The current capacity is behind demand, and the board agreed in 2015 to increase capacity on electric trains but staff continue to attempt to back away from the 2015 board directive. Please add bike space to electric trains with seating available in bike cars to limit the threat of theft.

*Scott Yarbrough
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Above: Junyan Xie recreates a little bit of the community spirit she felt at her mother's tea shop in China by hosting informative tea tasting events at her home in Menlo Park.
Below: Pu'er tea leaves served at a June 23 tasting event.

Steeped in tradition

EXPAT BUILDS COMMUNITY WITH CHINESE TEA-TASTING EVENTS

Story by Christine Lee | Photos by Natalia Nazarova



Junyan Xie reminisced about her nights in China with a warm smile. After dinner, she used to sit in her mother's tea shop and neighborhood friends would drop by, coming and going as they wished. It was a nightly routine — sitting around a table, sipping cup after cup of tea, talking about their lives.

"That was interesting," she said. "I love to hear people's stories."

This social bonding over tea is what she sought to bring to her new home in Silicon Valley. Xie, who moved to the United States to attend graduate school at Northwestern University and is now working in tech, started hosting tea tastings to introduce others to traditional pu'er tea from China and share the experience of connecting through an ancient tradition.

Pu'er tea, a special variety of fermented tea from the Yunnan province, is aged and has a long history in China, much like wine and whiskey in the West. It's also extremely popular for social events in China. The idea is to "bring the new and old together," Xie said.

Xie invites anyone interested in traditional tea to step into her modern, Scandinavian-style Menlo Park home for an intimate tea tasting experience.

Over the course of two hours, guests sip tea out of small glass cups, seated at a communal table set with clay teapots and light snacks. (Traditionally, pu'er is regarded as a luxury tea and is not paired with food.) Xie offers four types of pu'er tea from over 150-year-old tea trees.

The session begins with a 12-hour cold-brewed white pu'er tea, which Xie



Babe lime pu'er tea is stored in a dried and hollowed-out lime.

served from a large glass jug. The jug can be refilled with water to keep the tea going for about a week.

During the hot pu'er tea tasting, Xie carefully brewed four types: white, black, raw and babe lime with ripe pu'er tea. Each had a distinctive color, taste and smell. The more a tea is processed, the darker its color, she said. The quality increases when the pu'er teas are aged properly. Unlike commonly seen loose tea leaves, pu'er teas are dried and pressed into a ball shape to facilitate fermentation and storage.

To brew each tea, she placed the leaves in a yixing clay teapot, which is small with a purple-brownish hue. The specific type of porcelain it's made from is ideal for brewing pu'er tea; it retains heat, prevents burning and the density of the clay helps air flow better, Xie said. She then poured boiling water through the tea for about 30 seconds and threw out the first batch of water to "wake up the tea."

"Clean the tea," she instructed. "Even if it's organic, it will have dust and all that."

Afterward, she poured another batch of hot water into the teapot and steeped the tea for 15 seconds. Using wooden tea



Junyan Xie pours out tea from a yixing clay teapot.

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A pu'er tea storage jar, left, is next to a wrapped stack of tea cakes.

TEA TASTING

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tongs, she placed thin, white tea cups onto wooden tea coasters embellished with intricate flower designs and gently poured out the freshly-brewed tea, filling around three quarters of the cup.

The tea can be brewed around 20 times, she said.

While the white tea had a refreshing scent and subtle taste, the raw pu'er tasted slightly bitter due to fermentation. The bitterness is followed by a hint of "sweetness in the throat," Xie said.

"Like caffeine, it gets rid of (a)

tired feeling (and) makes you very refreshed," she added.

Then there's the ripe pu'er in babe lime tea, in which the pu'er tea is placed inside of a premature lime, picked in Xinhui at six months old.

Throughout the tasting, Xie talked about the history of Chinese tea, how to evaluate quality and brew tea properly, and what draws her to tea. She's especially touched by the way ethnic minorities in the Yunnan province have tended religiously to the tea trees for thousands of years.

In the two months since she's started the tea tastings, Xie's guests have included a diverse range of people, from startup employees to doctors to couples who share stories about how they met. One husband booked a recent tasting as a surprise for his wife. Although the guests typically don't talk much initially, the tea eventually works its magic as everyone around the table gets to know one another better over cups of tea.

The tasting is \$28 per person. For more information, go to airbnb.com/experiences/93258. ▣

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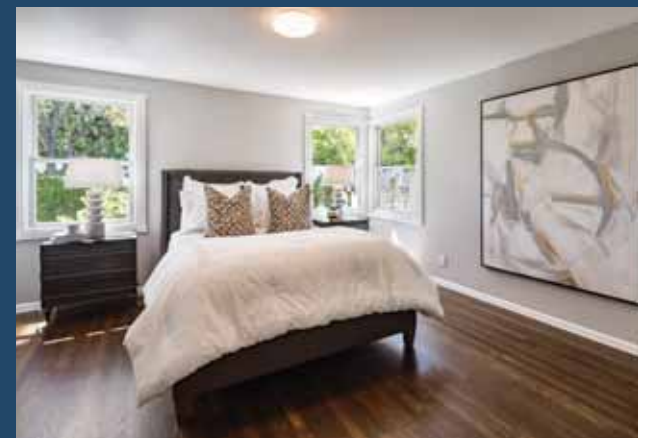
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Count Dracula is voiced by Adam Sandler in "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation."

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'HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3' A CRUISE ANCHORED BY CLICHÉ

★★ (Century 16 & 20)

It'll be the parents asking "Are we there yet?" at this year's middle-shelf animated sequel, "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation." Kids, as we know, are happy to be anywhere (with popcorn and soda), and there's no point in begrudging fans of this popular franchise another ride. There's every possibility they'll love it. Their discerning parents, on the other hand, are liable to struggle through this amiable but objectively mediocre product launch.

"You only zing once." That's the conventional wisdom understood by Dracula (Adam Sandler) and his daughter Mavis (Selena

Gomez) when it comes to "love at first sight for monsters." Drac hasn't had a date in 100 years and frankly doesn't see the point. When Mavis senses her father is down in the dumps, she signs up her dopey-wise human husband (Andy Samberg) and their whole monster clan (including Kevin James' Frankenstein, Steve Buscemi's werewolf, David Spade's invisible man, Mel Brooks' grandpa Vlad, et al) for "the monster cruise of a lifetime." Point of departure? The Bermuda Triangle. Destination? The lost city of Atlantis.

So far, so good, especially when the first leg of the vacation requires a trip on a monstrously

(and amusingly) ramshackle air-line. As soon as the plot kicks in on the bad ship Legacy, the writers struggle to keep interest afloat. The ship's captain, Ericka (Kathryn Hahn), catches Dracula's eye and suddenly we're in the monster version of a Sandler-Drew Barrymore rom-com, the complication being that Ericka's "legacy" belongs to the adversarial Van Helsing family (Jim Gaffigan voices her marching orders from great-grandfather Professor Abraham Van Helsing). As Dracula's catch phrase goes, "Blah blah blah."

It would be uncharitable to call "Hotel Transylvania 3" a bad movie, especially with its pro-tolerance message (albeit a recycled one) — never more needed than now — and its grasp for kid empathy when it comes to a single parent's yearning for a love life (there's also generational talk of honoring the past while embracing the future). Still, as return director, highly regarded animator Genndy Tartakovsky achieves an impression here of manic but dull. This is the kind of lackluster animated movie at which you'll lose count of how many times the characters randomly break into dance — and that's in addition to the times they sensibly dance, at the not one but two dance parties incorporated into the plot. Actual line of dialogue: "Anyways, let's get back to dancing."

It's hard to imagine the talent involved being truly invested in this material, a third go-around that feels fiscally obligatory rather than creatively imperative. Tartakovsky and his team literally go big with giant-sized menaces (while the most amusing subplot

finds the kids smuggling huge pet Tinkles on board), but like the undead, "Hotel Transylvania" is active without being truly lively, awkwardly "honoring the past" of bygone monster sitcoms like "The Munsters" and "The Addams Family" not so much by musty gag humor and character-actor juice as by "embracing the future" of pumped-up pop music.

Rated PG for some action and rude humor. One hour, 37 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



MOVIE REVIEWS

ANT-MAN AND THE WASP ★★★

Ant-Man must fight alongside Hope Van Dyne — a.k.a. super-suited the Wasp — to recover Van Dyne's mother from the "quantum realm" in the Marvel sequel "Ant-man and the Wasp." Though a familiarity with what's been going down in the Marvel Cinematic Universe certainly

doesn't hurt, it's not required to enjoy the latest adventure of Scott Lang, a.k.a. Ant-Man. Rudd's criminal-turned-hero has been re-criminalized as a result of the side he took during "Captain America: Civil War," so when this picture kicks off, he's stuck on house arrest for three more days (under the purview of Randall Park's comically feckless F.B.I. agent). "Ant-Man and the Wasp" keeps its two hours fairly fleet by hurtling through its plot. The three stooges who work with Scott (Michael Peña, David Dastmalchian, and Tip "T.I." Harris) make a welcome return, as do Scott's hero-worshipping daughter (Abby Ryder Fortson) and her mom (Judy Greer) and stepdad (Bobby Cannavale). Part of the fun of the "Ant-Man" films comes from their retro roots in '50s and '60s sci-fi films. Put simply, "Ant-Man and the Wasp" is a good time at the movies.

Rated PG-13 for some sci-fi action violence. One hour, 58 minutes. — P.C.

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Logic Presents: Bobby Tarantino vs. Everybody Tour with NF and Kyle Rapper Logic will perform at Shoreline Amphitheatre. July 19, 7 p.m. \$27-\$109. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Miles Electric Band at Jazz On The Green Three bands will perform, including the Miles Electric Band, several of whose personnel performed with Miles Davis during his electric period; Kev Choice, a musician, emcee and hip hop artist; and Sidewalk Chalk, a horn-driven unit that blends elements of jazz, funk, hip hop and R&B. July 13, 6:30 p.m. \$40. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu/calendar/july-2018

Classic Albums Live Fleetwood Mac: 'Rumours' Band Classic Albums Live will play Fleetwood Mac's "Rumours" from cover to cover. July 20, 7-9 p.m. \$40. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Dave Rocha Jazz Group The Dave Rocha Jazz Group will perform jazz standards, pop tunes and original compositions at the Mountain View Library. July 18, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

Encounter I: London, Paris and St. Petersburg Leader Michael Parloff will open Music@Menlo's Encounter series. The performance will be a musical "tour" of London, Paris and St. Petersburg. July 13, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Menlo School, 50 Valparaiso Ave., Atherton. musicatmenlo.org

Michelle Lambert at Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival Up and coming indie pop singer and songwriter Michelle Lambert will perform at the Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival. July 14, 2-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos Village Association, 88 Main St., Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Paramore & Foster the People Paramore will perform as a part of their The After Laughter Summer Tour, joined by alt-indie band Foster the People. July 21, 7-10 p.m. \$39-\$1200. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Sing Along to Brahms Buddy James, Director of Choral/Vocal Studies at Cal State University, East Bay, will conduct Johannes Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem." Attendees are encouraged to sing along and scores will be provided at the door. The event is free for students 25 and under with ID. July 16, 7:30 p.m. Free-\$17. Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos. scholacantorum.org

TALKS & LECTURES

Dr. Paul Seward at Books Inc. Palo Alto Emeritus member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Emergency Physicians Dr. Paul Seward will discuss his memoir, "Patient Care: Death and Life in the Emergency Room." July 20, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

James Crabtree with Vivek Wahwha at Books Inc. Mountain View James Crabtree, former Mumbai Bureau Chief for the Financial Times and current professor of practice at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, will discuss his novel, "The Billionaire Raj: A Journey Through India's New Gilded Age." He will be in conversation with Washington Post columnist Vivek Wadwha. July 17, 7 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event

'ODYSSEY' The art exhibit "Odyssey" by Bay Area artist Judy Gittelson will be on display at Los Altos Hills Town Hall through September 2018. Free. Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills. losaltoshills.ca.gov/judgy.com

LESSONS & CLASSES

Java Programming The Mountain View Library will hold a class introducing basic concepts of Java for students between sixth grade and 12th grade. The course will cover variables, arithmetic and logical operations, string manipulations, arrays and functions. Space is limited to 25 students and participants need to bring their own laptops (no Chromebooks) but can reserve a loaner in advance through mathandcoding.com. Students will meet once a week for three weeks. July 7, 14 and 21, 3-5 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

Language Swap The Mountain View Public Library will host a language swap, an opportunity for interested participants to help others speak their native language and practice a new language themselves. All levels and languages are welcome. Every Thursdays, Ongoing, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/librarycalendar

Learn to Solder The Mountain View Public Library will hold a soldering class for teens between sixth grade and 12th grade. Participants will learn how to connect components by soldering and will take home a light-up badge. Instruction and materials will be provided and each student must have a completed and signed waiver beforehand. July 16, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Ink Worlds: Contemporary Chinese Painting from the Collection of Akiko Yamazaki and Jerry Yang Ink Worlds considers ink painting from the 1960s through the present, examining salient visual features and international connections, as well as the ongoing impact of historical techniques, materials and themes. Ongoing, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

The Dancing Soweï: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a soweï mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Alphabété: The World Through the Eyes of Frédéric Bruly Bouabré The Cantor Arts Center will display Frédéric Bruly Bouabré's artwork. The exhibit will show Bouabré's original pictographic alphabet and brightly colored postcard-size illustrations. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through February 25, 2019; times vary. Closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford.

Film Series: Contemporary Ink Painters Films by Britta Erickson from the series "The Enduring Passion for Ink" will be screened. Erickson's films will feature artists Xu Bing, Zheng Chongbin, Liu Dan, Wang Dongling and Yang Jiechang, whose work is included in the "Ink Worlds" exhibition. On July 13, there will also be an introduction and Q&A with Britta Erickson. Aug. 31, 1 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/programs

Paint the Town II: Echoes of our Past The Los Altos History Museum will display never-before-shown works of art by local artists that showcase "echoes of the past" by representing historical buildings and sites that are still present in local landscapes and capture a connection to the past. Through October, Thurs-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. patch.com/california/losaltos

SPORTS

Drop-In Bike Clinic Professional bike mechanic Ryan Murphy will be available for assistance with any bike-related issues. July 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View.

Tennis MVTC July Team Tennis Tournament For its July competition, the Mountain View Tennis Club will organize a one-day team tennis event, open to all adult levels. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. No partner needed; club will organize teams. Breakfast, lunch and prizes included. Visit www.mvttc.net to register.

July 21, 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. \$10-\$15. Rengstorff Park Tennis Courts, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. mvttc.net

DANCE

Hustle The Lucie Stern Ballroom will hold beginning and intermediate hustle dance lessons. Lessons for beginners start at 6:45 p.m. and intermediate lessons begin at 7:45 p.m. Lessons are followed by a dance party which will feature a wide variety of dance music. July 18 and 25, 6:45-9:45 p.m. Free-\$10. Lucie Stern Ballroom, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. cubberleyballroom.com

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures and more. July 14, 9 a.m.-noon. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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BUSINESS

4th Annual Technology Showcase Local tech companies and startups will showcase their latest products and technologies at the Technology Showcase. Presented by the city of Mountain View and the Chamber of Commerce, the event will include product demonstrations and networking opportunities. July 18, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. City Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. chambermv.org/technology-showcase

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TOO MANY TREES LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN643278
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Too Many Trees LLC, located at 317 Cypress Point Drive, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ERIC NEHRICH
317 Cypress Point Drive
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 12/22/2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 11, 2018.
(MVV June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2018)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
MOLLIE ANN JONES
Case No.: 18PR183808
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MOLLIE ANN JONES.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RANDY HOWARD JONES in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: RANDY HOWARD JONES be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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File No.: FBN643791
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CID Consulting, located at 292 Monroe Drive, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LAWRENCE REDICAN
292 Monroe Drive
Mountain View, CA 94040
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/27/2009.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 26, 2018.
(MVV July 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018)

ISLAMIC CENTER OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN644091
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Islamic Center Of Mountain View, located at 361 Villa St., Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
ABDUS-SALAM BOON
585 Mountain View Rd.
Santa Cruz, CA 95065
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 04/18/2017.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on July 5, 2018.
(MVV July 13, 20, 27; Aug. 3, 2018)

SOLANO AT MOFFETT APARTMENTS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN643192
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Solano At Moffett Apartments, located at 655 Lynwood Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LYNWOOD MTNVIEW, LLC
84 West Santa Clara St.
Suite 680
San Jose, CA 95113
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 06/07/2018.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 7, 2018.
(MVV June 29; July 6, 13, 20, 2018)



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 September 6, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Jan Cummins and Brigitte Binkert
411 Borel Avenue, Suite 600
San Mateo, California 94402
(650) 342-2670
(MVV July 6, 13, 20, 2018)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
RACHEL MEGAN TAYLOR
Case No.: 18PR183641
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of RACHEL MEGAN TAYLOR.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MILES R. TAYLOR in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: MILES R. TAYLOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052

of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Jessica J. Poyner
16450 Los Gatos Boulevard, Suite 216
Los Gatos, CA 95032
(408) 358-1900
(MVV July 13, 20, 27, 2018)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
WEL CHONG SIM
Case No.: 18PR183715

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of WEL-CHONG SIM, BEN WEL CHONG SIM.

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: WEE LIN SIM 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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Shirley Tam
95 South Market Street,
Suite 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 977-7766
(MVV July 13, 20, 27, 2018)

A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 29, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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Shall the measure to fund critical City needs such as reducing traffic congestion, enhancing bicycle/pedestrian friendly routes, providing housing affordable for a range of incomes/homeless services, by imposing a business license tax of between \$8 and \$149 per employee on average, with larger companies paying more per employee, generating about \$6 million yearly for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

Shall the measure to maintain and protect essential public safety services, including 9-1-1, police and fire protection, emergency medical response; reduce traffic congestion and repair roads; and provide other critical City services, including library, park maintenance, senior services, by levying a tax of up to 9 percent on gross receipts of cannabis businesses, providing about 1 million dollars per year, for unrestricted general revenue purposes, until ended by voters, with independent yearly audits, be adopted?

YES _____
NO _____

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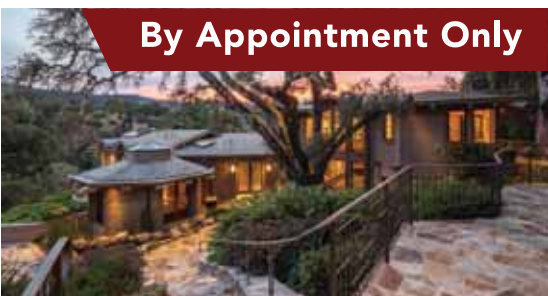
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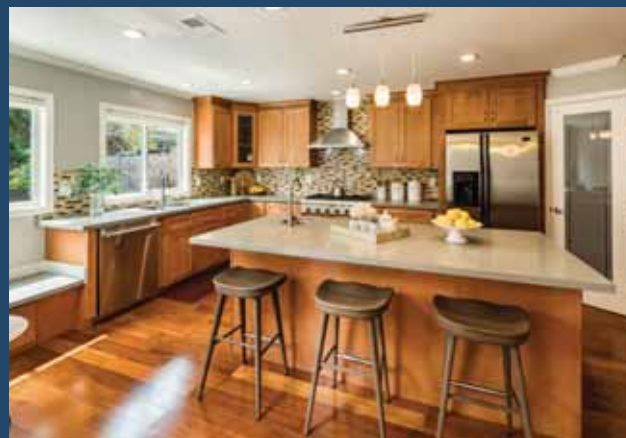
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