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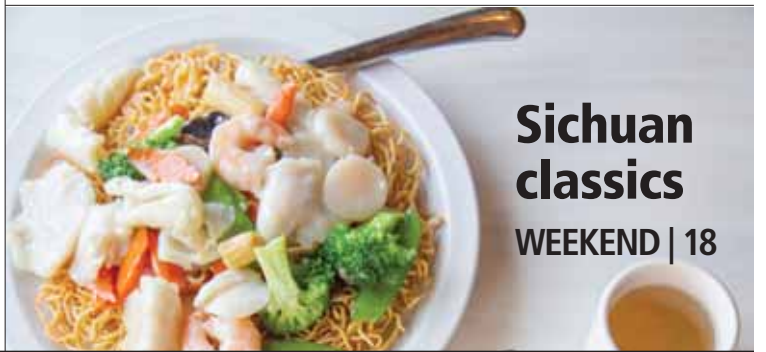


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Tiffany Maciel spent years seeking mental health help for her son, exposing serious gaps in Santa Clara County's services for children and youth.

Nowhere to turn for kids in crisis

SERVICES IN COUNTY CAN'T KEEP UP WITH DEMAND FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE

By Kevin Forestieri

For four years, Tiffany Maciel knew her son needed help.

Red flags signaling an anxiety disorder began cropping up at the end of preschool, made more challenging by a subsequent autism diagnosis.

She left her job and turned into a full-time advocate for her son, trying to find the psychiatric help and therapy he needed to cope with a problem that got worse with each passing year.

Despite having the willpower, the insurance and the resources to help her child, it

took four years and a stroke of luck to find the right kind of care. Four years of intensifying problems and deterioration that came to a head in third grade, when her son climbed onto a roof and said he wanted to die.

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Enthusiasm for homes near Google suddenly stops

DEVELOPERS SAY CITY FEES TOO HIGH

By Mark Noack

Bay Area housing advocates were thrilled last year when Mountain View leaders pledged to go hard on residential growth, transforming the corporate office park of North Bayshore into a dense urban neighborhood with 9,850 homes.

But despite that grand vision, almost nothing has changed for North Bayshore. After one year, not a single new apartment project has been pitched to the city for review, let alone constructed. In fact, city planners say at least one housing proposal already in the pipeline is now being pulled back by its applicants.

Why has the city's hottest new neighborhood suddenly gone ice cold? City officials say the culprit is that housing is too expensive — even for developers to build.

A line of developers at the Tuesday, Sept. 4, Mountain View City Council meeting took aim at the city's fees and requirements, which reportedly would add about \$120,000 in costs per apartment unit. These costs were intended to help make North Bayshore into a vibrant neighborhood with parks, transportation and

even a new school for residents.

But for the companies poised to build those homes, those costs are becoming a deal breaker, said Tim Steele, vice president with the Sobrato Organization. In June, Sobrato pulled plans first submitted in 2015 to build 635 apartments and a six-story office building on Pear Avenue. That project is reportedly being modified and will be discussed by city officials next week.

Steele explained that his company needed to amend the plan because the city's park fees had dramatically increased, from \$32,000 to \$60,000 per apartment. Basically, the project no longer penciled out, he said.

"Never in our mind did we anticipate the fees would double over that time," he said. "Even with the financial influence of offices, these projects can't overcome this burden."

The elephant in the room during the discussion was Google, the largest landowner in North Bayshore, which has enthusiastically supported the housing plans. No one from the company spoke at the meeting or submitted

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City Council backs mandatory seismic retrofit program

COSTS A CONCERN, BUT SAFETY FOR RESIDENTS OF SOFT-STORY BUILDINGS IS A TOP PRIORITY

By Kevin Forestieri

A majority of Mountain View City Council members agreed Tuesday night that the city should adopt a mandatory seismic retrofit program to prevent older, structurally weak apartment buildings from collapsing in a major earthquake.

The preliminary decision, made in a Sept. 4 study session, was regarded as the only effective path to bring aged residential

buildings into compliance with modern building codes. But council members approached the idea with a heavy dose of skepticism over whether landlords would be able to recoup the cost of safety upgrades under the constraints of the city's rent control law, and concerns that it could lead to more rent-controlled apartments being torn down.

Under a mandatory citywide retrofit program, property owners would be required to make

seismic upgrades to residential buildings that have a "soft-story" ground floor deemed structurally weak and vulnerable to collapse in a strong earthquake. A recent survey commissioned by the city found that Mountain View is home to an estimated 488 soft-story buildings, representing about 16 percent of the city's total housing stock.

Taking a softer approach to the problem through a voluntary incentive-based retrofit

program would likely be ineffective, according to city staff. Other Bay Area cities like San Francisco and Berkeley — which have mandatory programs — originally took a voluntary approach and found very few landlords willingly pursued the seismic upgrades. The soft-story survey report made clear that "substantial city-wide risk reduction" can only be achieved through a mandatory program.

"I think it's really important

these be addressed before the next major earthquake, if at all possible," said Councilman Chris Clark. "I think it's best to approach this with a mandatory program."

The biggest concern among council members was whether the retrofit program would amount to an unfair burden on property owners who can't easily pass on the costs to tenants under the city's 2016 rent control law. Landlords would need to go through a petition process and convince a hearing officer that

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Leslie Ivy stars as Catherine in "Northanger Abbey" at The Pear Theatre.

PEAR KICKS OFF NEW SEASON WITH 'NORTHANGER ABBEY'

There were some carping critics in the lobby at The Pear Theatre following the nearly three-hour performance of "Northanger Abbey" on Saturday. Despite its length, "Northanger Abbey" is really very enjoyable, and carries the audience happily along with the language of Jane Austen, as adapted by Pear founder Diane Tasca.

Leslie Ivy was beautiful, lively and fun as Catherine, the young daughter of a reverend. She loves "horrid" novels that require heroes. Her family, the Morlands, have moved to Bath, which she finds lovely for long walks and for visits to the Pump Room, where all the "propertied swells" meet to dance and gossip.

There she is befriended by Eleanor Tilney, played by the always lovely Damaris Divito, and is caught by the charms of Eleanor's brother, Henry Tilney, played with confidence by Peter Ray Juarez. The next night, Henry is missing but John Thorpe is there, played by Matthew Brown (last seen at The Pear as a rotating hot dog in one of the short plays during "Pear Slices" earlier this year).

Jane Austen's "Northanger Abbey" was one of her last novels, and is fairly short, at just more than 100 pages. Still, a novel carries a lot of information, and Tasca's script delivers it in a clever way by having the eight cast members deliver both dialogue and exposition as they cross from one side of the stage to the other. For instance, "Woman 2" crosses the stage while saying: "As a celebrated writer has maintained, it must be very improper that a young lady should dream of a gentleman before the

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gentleman is first known to have dreamt of her."

How very Jane Austen, and certainly the thoughts of young Catherine, who is smitten with Henry.

While the romance of Catherine and Henry continues in fits and starts, Isabella Thorpe — sister of the creepy John — invites Catherine to stay at her family's estate, Northanger Abbey. Catherine leaps at the chance, hoping for the spooky corridors, hidden rooms and ghosts of the horrid novels she reads.

But the horrid behavior is really that of John Thorpe, who several times creates significant problems for Catherine by promulgating lies about her.

The cast doesn't much bother with trying to speak with British accents, which works well for the most part. Instead we get to hear their more-or-less normal voices as they concentrate on their characterizations.

Almost everybody in the cast stumbled through a line at least once. They had three weeks of rehearsal, but it is a long play with a lot of lines; it is likely the delivery will be smoothed out soon.

It's a colorblind cast, which I applaud. An insert in the press kit notes that some white-racist hate groups have taken to thinking of Jane Austen as bastion of white family life; this cast is a lovely poke in the eye for such people.

"Northanger Abbey" runs through Sept. 23 at the Pear Theatre (1110 La Avenida St.). A "junior" cast performs the same show in repertory, using the same set, through Sept. 22. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Go to thepear.org or call 650-254-1148.

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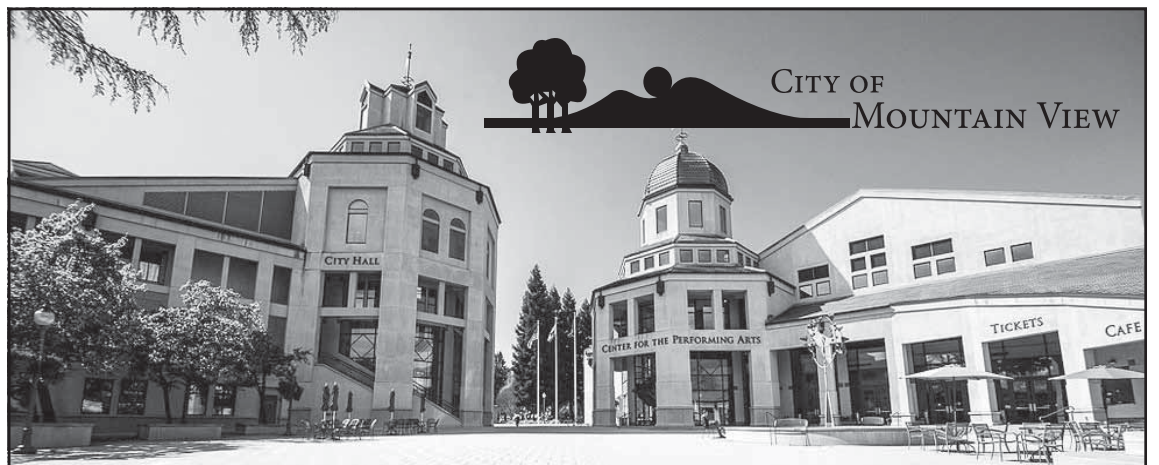
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- Performing Arts Committee (3 vacancies; 1 incumbent interested in reappointment)
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■ CRIME BRIEFS

RECKLESS MOTORCYCLIST ARRESTED

A 25-year-old motorcyclist was arrested on reckless driving and DUI charges after he allegedly sped away from police during a traffic stop, according to police.

An officer attempted to stop the man, a Mountain View resident, in the downtown area after noticing his motorcycle had no license plate around 1:20 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1. Instead, the man allegedly took off at a high rate of speed, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The motorcyclist reportedly ran several stop signs and a red light, going “well over” the speed limit, Nelson said. Officers later discovered the motorcycle parked on Chiquita Avenue, and found the man attempting to run away across the street.

The man was detained without further incident, Nelson said, and arrested on suspicion of felony reckless evasion, driving under the influence of alcohol and obstructing an officer. He was booked into Santa Clara County’s Elmwood Correctional Facility without bail, with a court date set for Sept. 6.

SPARE RIB ROBBERY

Police are seeking a warrant for the arrest of a Sacramento man suspected of robbery after he allegedly stole food from a Walmart by force and tried to flee in a van.

The 53-year-old man reportedly walked into the store shortly before 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1, and tried to leave the store with spare ribs without paying for them. Store employees reportedly tried to stop the man from leaving, but the man allegedly took the

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2100 block W. Middlefield Rd., 8/31

BATTERY

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200 block Bryant St., 8/29
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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VTA TO ADD EXPRESS LANES TO U.S. 101

Solo drivers who frequently travel on U.S. Highway 101 in Palo Alto and Mountain View could soon find relief — for a price — from traffic congestion under a plan to transition carpool lanes into express lanes that was recently awarded \$47.5 million from the state, according to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

The project will convert existing carpool lanes to double as express lanes, which solo drivers can pay to use, from the

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

John Inks, one of six candidates for Mountain View City Council, speaks at a forum held last week.

Housing crisis hangs over council race

CANDIDATES PRESENT DIFFERENT VISIONS FOR GROWING CITY

By Mark Noack

Amid expensive housing, congested roads and rising numbers of people living on the streets, Mountain View is experiencing a flurry of challenges. These growing pains for the city became the central theme for six candidates running for the City Council during their first public policy discussion last week.

The Aug. 30 candidate forum, organized by the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce, gave citizens a chance to ask those running about their positions. It was a polite, civil event

for the candidates: former planner Alison Hicks, Planning Commissioner Lucas Ramirez, Councilwoman Pat Showalter, Planning Commissioner Ellen Kamei, former Councilman John Inks and Mayor Lenny Siegel. Unlike a formal debate, the forum allowed candidates to take turns answering questions from the audience, and they were restricted from directly challenging or responding to each other's comments.

By far, housing issues underpinned the discussion, and all candidates agreed that Mountain View needs more of it, although they differed on how

to accomplish that.

Yes, housing is vital, said Hicks, but she immediately framed her campaign around ensuring that growth is accomplished responsibly. Parks, trees, safe streets and walkable communities all have to be considered as the city builds up, she said.

"We may be the fastest growing city in the Bay Area, and I'm running to make sure that growth is great growth," she said. "Along with building, we need to build it right."

On the other end of the

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Bullis seeks new school in Mountain View Whisman

EARLY PROPOSAL CALLS FOR K-5 CHARTER SCHOOL TO OPEN IN FALL 2019

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Charter School officials announced on Tuesday a proposal to open a new charter school in the Mountain View Whisman School District, aimed specifically at serving children of low-income families.

Charter school staffers said in a Sept. 4 statement that they plan to submit a charter application to create a small K-5 school with 320 students, set to open next fall for children in kindergarten up to second grade. Enrollment would be tuition-free and open to the public, with a preference given to children in the Mountain View Whisman district who qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

The plan is to submit the application this fall, which should be enough of time to open its doors for the 2019-20 school year, according to Jennifer Anderson-Rosse, a Bullis administrator leading the charter's Mountain View school proposal.

"We really feel confident that we can get it approved and then open a school in fall 2019," she said.

The announcement caps off three years of planning among Bullis parents and staffers exploring what it would take to expand the charter school into a new community. The team ultimately landed on Mountain View, Anderson-Rosse said, for

a host of reasons including the city's diverse demographics, growing enrollment and funding model.

She said the demand certainly seems to be there, given that 200 Mountain View families seeking a spot in the charter school were wait-listed last year, and both of Mountain View's choice programs — Dual Immersion at Mistral Elementary and Stevenson PACT — are popular alternative choices to traditional public schools.

Bullis parent Grace Yang, a longtime member of the team planning for the new school, said Bullis Charter School's expansion mindset has been baked into the school's strategic plan since 2012, with the bulk of the planning occurring over the last three years. She said it's arguably been a long time coming, and that Bullis is somewhat of an anomaly for sticking to just one campus for well over a decade. The short list of partner agencies included school districts in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, she said.

Where exactly in Mountain View the school would be located remains unclear. Anderson-Rosse said the first step is to put together the application and receive approval from the school district before deciding on its facilities.

Plans for the new Mountain View school are entirely separate

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New NASA chief's moonshot

TRUMP APPOINTEE TOUTS MOON'S COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL DURING VISIT TO NASA AMES

By Mark Noack

NASA is setting its sights back on the moon as a stepping stone toward sending astronauts to Mars someday. On his first visit to NASA Ames last Thursday, Jim Bridenstine, the space agency's new administrator, said that a new focus on moon operations would serve as a test for future exploration while opening up immense commercial possibilities.

"The moon is our proving grounds; it's our best opportunity to retire risk as it relates to the

human physiology and for our technology," he said to reporters Thursday, Aug. 30. "Do we want to test this out for the first time on Mars, or do we want to prove it first on the moon, which is a three-day trip?"

By bringing NASA's focus away from Mars and closer to home, Bridenstine was plugging a trio of space policy directives signed by President Donald Trump. Those policies direct NASA to develop a sustainable lunar program — astronauts would no longer be visiting the moon just for "flags and footprints," he said. Instead,

the program called for harvesting resources, particularly lunar ice, and possibly platinum and valuable rare earth metals.

He described it as a race among the international space community to claim those lunar materials.

"To the extent they exist, we have to be sure that we're the ones who are finding them, rather than someone else," he said.

The commercial opportunities also involve plans for a Lunar Orbital Platform-Gateway, a permanent station for future moon

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Jim Bridenstine, NASA's new administrator, paid his first visit to NASA Ames last Thursday, where he talked about developing commercial opportunities on the moon.

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comments in advance.

Reached by the *Voice* for comment, a source at Google speaking on background said that the company is still committed to building North Bayshore housing, but it needs to be built in an economically feasible and affordable manner. The company was reportedly encouraged that Mountain View would be revisiting the fee structure for North Bayshore.

Previously, Google officials had signaled that the city was overreaching with its fees. Last September, a Google director issued an ultimatum, saying that that the company would need 800,000 additional square feet of office space development to compensate for the various city requirements, particularly one for 15 to 20 percent to be set aside as affordable housing. That demand ended up backfiring and becoming a public-relations misstep for Google. Within a week, company officials were pledging their ongoing commitment to North Bayshore housing plans in an attempt to undo the damage.

While many developers need to balance out their costs, council members indicated they weren't sure Google should get the same

consideration. It is one of the world's richest companies, and it already owns significant swaths of land in North Bayshore. Plus, Google has a self-interest in finding ways to build housing near its headquarters, said Councilman John McAlister.

"What if they don't want a monetary return but rather an equity return on employment?" he said. "What if their return is a reliable workforce?"

The reasons for the sudden spike in development costs are complicated. On one hand, land values have nearly doubled since 2016 — going from \$5.2 million to \$10 million an acre in 2018. The city's ambitious and well-publicized housing plans were surely helping to drive these dramatic valuations. But as land values went through the roof, that also meant city fees for parks and schools were also rising to new heights.

Taken together, each apartment in North Bayshore would cost about \$645,000 to build, according to city officials, a \$120,000 increase from roughly one year earlier.

Anticipating bad news, officials from the Mountain View Whisman School District came out in force to remind the council that a future school was not optional.

"You've looked me in the eye

before and assured me there would be a school. After reading your staff report, I have to say I'm concerned," said Laura Blakely, Mountain View Whisman's school board president. "I support development ... but it can't come at the sacrifice of schools."

Yet many council members signaled they had little choice but to surrender some fees if they wanted housing in North Bayshore. Mayor Lenny Siegel started off the discussion by proposing a study of cutting school fees by 50 percent. That cut could be supplemented by some future state funding, a bond measure or money from the city's Shoreline Regional Park Community fund. Without giving specifics, he said the school fees were stopping at least one developer from submitting a housing proposal to the city.

"We have to come up with a compromise," Siegel said. "The only way to get any money to build a school in North Bayshore is to build the housing."

It was a controversial comment, and other council members said they were not comfortable with backpedaling on the fees, especially given the uncertainty of finding other funding sources for schools. The Mountain View Whisman School District has estimated it

would cost \$109 million to build a compact school on a 5-acre plot in North Bayshore. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said about one-third of that money was expected to come from development fees.

Joined by McAlister, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga warned that the city was being pushed into a corner where they could end up subsidizing the developers' costs.

"We know what the school fees are based on what we've heard, but (the developers) just don't want to pay it," Abe-Koga said. "Someone has to subsidize for this, and I don't know if it should be us."

Siegel and others proposed incentives for housing developers, including giving credit toward their park fees for providing recreational space, even for private gyms and swimming pools not open to the public.

In another idea that was proposed, the city could loan the school district money on the uncertain possibility that it could be paid back through additional state funding or a bond measure.

Mountain View city staff members said they will investigate these options and bring them to the City Council at a future date. ■

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missions, which is expected to launch its first stage in 2022. When ready, the station opens up possibility for an array of new ventures, Bridenstine said. One such opportunity is growing human organs in space using stem cells, which grow much faster in micro-gravity conditions compared to Earth's gravity. Low gravity is also beneficial for producing higher quality fiber optics, the lifeline of modern day telecommunications.

Bridenstine, who was approved as NASA administrator in April, is an unorthodox figure to lead the nation's premier space agency. A former Oklahoma congressman with a master's degree in business administration, Bridenstine was criticized during his nomination process for lacking a scientific background. The burgeoning commercial space industry was thrilled by his nomination, praising him as an excellent person to strengthen the partnership between NASA and the myriad firms now seeking business opportunities in space.

Critics noted Bridenstine had a record of casting doubt on climate change, which NASA is actively involved in researching. Since becoming the NASA administrator, Bridenstine now asserts that he "fully" believes climate change is caused by human activities. ■



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Judge rules against mobile home tenants

RHC DECISION TO EXCLUDE THEM FROM RENT CONTROL WILL STAND

By Mark Noack

A Santa Clara County Superior Court judge last week rejected arguments by Mountain View mobile home tenants that they should also be covered under the city's rent control program.

In his decision signed on Aug. 28, Judge Mark Pierce upheld a February vote by the city's Rental Housing Committee to not protect mobile homes under the city's Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (CSFRA).

"The Court agrees with (the Rental Housing Committee) that whether the CSFRA applies to mobile homes and mobile home lots is, based on the text of the act, at best ambiguous," Pierce wrote. "It is therefore within the Rental Housing Committee's discretion to determine whether or not the CSFRA so applied, and to establish rules or regulations where applicable."

The decision comes as a setback for a coalition of mobile home occupants, centralized at Santiago Villa, who have been seeking limits on rising rents for spaces in Mountain View mobile home parks. Many mobile home residents pinned their hopes on the CSFRA after getting assurances from advocates that the rent control law was written so it could also encompass mobile homes. Voters passed the measure in 2016, but city officials

implemented rent control only for apartments.

The case for including mobile homes wasn't so clear-cut. City attorneys pointed out that the CSFRA language never once mentions mobile homes, and it contains numerous conflicts with state laws specifically tailored for mobile homes.

Despite those shortcomings, city legal staff advised the rental committee that a stronger case could be made that mobile homes should be included. Because none of the explicit exemptions in the CSFRA applied to mobile homes, the committee's legal team said it was reasonable to cover them under the law.

Despite that legal advice, a majority of the committee indicated they were uncomfortable with restricting rents on about 1,100 more homes in one fell swoop. Committee members Vanessa Honey, Tom Means and Matthew Grunewald voted in the 3-2 majority against covering mobile homes. Mobile home residents later filed a lawsuit with Fenwick & West attorneys providing pro-bono legal representation.

In rejecting the lawsuit, Pierce said it wasn't enough for mobile home tenants to show that the CSFRA could be construed to include mobile homes. In order to overturn the decision, tenants would need to show that the rental committee's decision was "fundamentally flawed," he wrote. This

suit did not pass that bar, he said.

The Mountain View Mobile Home Alliance, a tenants group that includes the plaintiffs in the case, said in an emailed statement that they were disappointed by the judge's ruling and they would continue pursuing the matter.

"We are considering the next steps we might take, both legal and legislative, to protect the residents of the last affordable housing in Mountain View," Mobile Home Alliance spokesman John Waters said.

Mobile home tenants could appeal the case, or they may seek a political solution by pushing for new rental committee members who are sympathetic to their issue. Earlier this week, committee member Tom Means announced his resignation, leaving a tie-breaking seat at play.

But even if the committee decided to cover mobile homes in the future, it would hardly settle the issue, said Anthony Rodriguez, an attorney who represented mobile home park owners in the lawsuit. His clients would have a strong case that the CSFRA was never intended to cover mobile homes, he said.

"If a rental board was to come along in the future and impose this on park owners, there's no doubt that they would challenge it in court," Rodriguez said. "There's a big difference here. This is a rent control ordinance, not a mobile home ordinance." ■

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ribs by force and walked out of the store, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The man left in a van, but officers were able to locate it heading away on San Antonio Road, Nelson said. The man was detained and identified as the suspect in the alleged robbery, but had to be taken to a nearby hospital for a medical issue that occurred while he was detained, Nelson said.

Police have since requested a warrant for the man's arrest, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

STOLEN TESLA ARREST

A 20-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing a Tesla from a Los Altos home early Tuesday morning, Santa Clara County sheriff's officials said.

Deputies responded to a residential burglary in unincorporated Los Altos at 5:10 a.m. and learned that several items had been stolen, including a silver 2017 Tesla Model X.

The vehicle was located on

southbound Interstate Highway 280 and deputies gave chase. Deputies said the chase ended with a crash at Delmas Avenue and West Santa Clara Street when the suspect lost control of the car and hit a pole.

The suspect then fled from the vehicle, but was located at 6:11 a.m. after officers set up a perimeter and used police canines. Sheriff's officials are still investigating the crash and the burglary.

—Bay City News Service

HOME REMODELING SCAM

A married couple has been charged with 79 misdemeanor and felony counts after allegedly stealing \$800,000 from customers of a Santa Clara based home renovation company, Santa Clara County prosecutors said.

Constance and William Gabriel, 50 and 65, who operated Sunrooms America Inc., are accused of tricking online clients into paying for construction work that was never completed, or never started, between 2015 and 2017.

"The victims wanted to beautify their homes, but they were taken advantage of by an ugly criminal

scheme," prosecutor Cherie Bourlard said in a statement.

The two defendants were arrested on Aug. 9 in Maricopa, Arizona, where they allegedly fled after taking money from the victims. Prosecutors said they spent the money on Disneyland tickets, car payments, rent and other personal expenses.

The couple was extradited to Santa Clara County this week, according to prosecutors, who said more than 30 local customers were victims of the couple's scheme. The Contractors State License Board revoked business licenses from three businesses associated with the Gabriels earlier this year.

The Gabriels were arraigned last week on charges including grand theft and elder fraud, with white collar crime enhancements due to the large sum of money involved.

Their plea hearing is scheduled for Sept. 17 in Santa Clara County Superior Court. They will be assigned defense attorneys from the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office at that time.

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BULLIS

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from the ongoing debate over where the existing Bullis Charter School will be housed within the Los Altos School District and the effort to secure for it “permanent” facilities. Bullis is currently located in portables and split between two Los Altos public school campuses.

Outreach to Mountain View residents on the proposal had mostly been one-on-one conversations with interested families up until last week, when the district held a parent night at the Mountain View Senior Center on Aug. 30. The meeting, which was posted on a Bullis Mountain View Facebook page, was not meant to be widely publicized, and drew about 20 predominantly Spanish-speaking families.

The Mountain View Whisman

School District confirmed it has not received a formal application from Bullis Charter School as of Tuesday, Sept. 4, and had no prior warning about the announcement. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said Bullis officials had met with him twice over the past year and a half to discuss their expansion goals and spoke broadly about their desire for a “partner district,” but did not talk about a direct partnership with Mountain View Whisman.

“Their announcement to you, and the subsequent *Voice* article (posted Friday), come as a complete surprise to me,” Rudolph said in an email.

For the charter school to open in fall 2019, the district would need to receive the application and provide a response by Feb. 1, Rudolph said.

The plan is to draw heavily on the curriculum at Bullis’

existing charter school in Los Altos, with a strong emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM), project-based learning and personalized education plans for students.

One of the big differences proposed in the application is that incoming students would have transitional kindergarten and full-day kindergarten to ensure students without access to high-quality preschool don’t enter the public school system behind their peers.

Yang said lower-income families often struggle to pay the high cost of preschool and have difficulty working around a half-day kindergarten schedule. Offering both of these at the new charter school would be a game-changer, Yang said.

“What we’re really offering is a solid path for their kids,” she said.

Bullis is among the highest-performing schools in the state and popular among families in the county, with close to 1,000 families seeking to enroll children in kindergarten each year. Of those families who apply, only one in 10 are admitted through a lottery process. Bullis board members have expressed interest in accommodating more of the demand through a new school, as well as increasing enrollment at its existing school.

The strategy for financing the school’s operations will likely differ significantly from the existing charter school, where close to one-third of Bullis’ annual budget comes from parents and community members and only 5 percent of students are from low-income families that qualify for free- or reduced-price lunches. Bullis parents are encouraged — though not required — to consider donating

\$5,000 per student per year. By drawing from lower-income families in the community, the funding may need to instead come from state, federal and private grants, and the school would be eligible for more state funding to support “target” students who are either English learners or come from low-income families.

Anderson-Rosse said the new school would seek to benefit from grant funding made available to charter schools, but would be able to survive solely on public dollars provided by state and local funding.

Upcoming information sessions on the charter school proposal include a Saturday, Sept. 8, meeting at 9 a.m. at 102 W. Portola Ave. in Los Altos, followed by a Tuesday, Sept. 11, meeting at 7 p.m. at 1124 Covington Road in Los Altos. ▀

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Highway 101/state Highway 85 interchange in Mountain View to near the San Mateo County line in Palo Alto.

The VTA was notified on Aug. 16 that state funding was approved for the Mountain View and Palo Alto express lane project and two other improvement projects in Santa Clara County. Funding for the project came from state Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, which increased the gas tax to repair roads and improve public transit, as well as create state programs aimed to improve local roads, provide congestion relief and improve trade corridors, according to the VTA.

The express lane program was spurred by high growth estimates in Santa Clara County, where the population is expected to increase by 38 percent and jobs could rise to 62 percent — equivalent to 555,000 new residents and 445,000 new jobs — between 2010 and 2040, according to the VTA. Express lanes will presumably alleviate some traffic woes in the coming years.

The express lane project will likely begin construction in early 2019 and be completed in summer 2021, according to the VTA. Crews will install express lane signs, electronic toll readers, a video enforcement system, lighting and communication and electrical services for the tolling

system. The project will also add California Highway Patrol enforcement areas, restripe existing lanes and reconstruct concrete barriers and metal guard railings. Upon completion, VTA will operate, manage and maintain the new express lanes.

—Alicia Mies

CALTRAIN RECEIVES GRANT FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation has given an \$18.7 million grant to Caltrain to implement advanced technology for monitoring and controlling train movements, according to Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-San Jose, and Rep. Anna Eshoo, D-Palo Alto.

The Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, which owns Caltrain, will use the technology for safety modifications, such as automatically stopping trains to prevent accidents like collisions and derailments.

“I’m glad to see federal funds put towards improving the safety of our local rail systems,” Lofgren said in a statement. “This federal grant will benefit millions of residents and many businesses from San Jose to San Francisco.”

Eshoo said the new technology, known as positive train control, is a “game changer” in railway safety. The federal grant will be provided under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Program.

“This is a critical component to the modernization of Caltrain, the spine of our region’s transportation system,” she said in a statement.

In 2017, Caltrain reported an average weekday ridership of 62,190 people.

Seven people have died in fatal Caltrain strikes this year.

—Bay City News Service

MEDIAN BAY AREA HOME PRICE DROPS SLIGHTLY

The median sale price for homes sold in the Bay Area in July was down 2.9 percent to \$850,000 from the record high of \$875,000 recorded in May and June, according to a report by CoreLogic Data, a supplier of U.S. real estate and business data.

Still, the median price for July is up 11.4 percent from July 2017, when the median price was \$763,000, the report showed.

“It is not unusual for a regional median sale price to slip back from a new peak,” CoreLogic analyst Andrew LePage said.

The region also saw a 10.2 percent drop in the number of home sales in July compared with June. In July, a total of 7,547 new and existing houses and condos were sold in all nine Bay Area counties, down from 8,403 in June.

The number of sales in July was also below the month’s historical average.

“Tight inventory continues to constrain sales, but the overall increase in housing costs, exacerbated by this year’s rise in mortgage rates, means more would-be buyers are unable or unwilling to buy,” LePage said.

—Bay City News Service



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“I knew what was happening, but I couldn’t stop the train wreck from coming,” Maciel said. “From first to third grade it was just the darkest time. It just took everything to deal with it. He’s in sixth grade now and we’re ‘okay,’ but it’s not perfect. He’s still not back in school.”

Maciel is not alone. Families seeking mental health support for children are beset on all sides by challenges, whether it’s difficulty finding the right kind of help or finding out there is no help within 50 miles. Parents who are uninsured, on Medi-Cal or have commercial insurance face unique problems getting appropriate care at a price they can afford, and must rely on a shallow pool of local services that threatens to shrink further in the coming years.

Mental health experts, advocates, school leaders and public officials lament that Santa Clara County, a wealthy region known for thinking outside the box, falls short of meeting the mental health needs of children and teens at a time when they need it most, with deep gaps in services ranging from education and early intervention to emergency psychiatric care. Even with new programs in the pipeline, it may take decades to fix what many describe as a fragmented and chronically underfunded system, with quality and access that differs wildly from one community to another.

And while some say that Silicon Valley’s bleak situation differs little from that of the rest of California and the United States — the cost of a broken system that undervalues mental health — others say that public agencies and major hospitals have a moral responsibility to step up and provide services for families that desperately need them.

A rising demand

For hundreds of teens in Mountain View, their first exposure to mental health care comes not from a hospital or a clinic, but an anonymous message in a box. Friends, family and school staff at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools are encouraged, if they think someone is struggling with problems like anxiety and depression, to jot down that person’s name and drop it off in designated referral boxes.

Each box gets checked multiple times per day, and referred students are called in and asked if they need help. A March report from the district found that just under half of the students began seeing an on-campus therapist

or were referred to outside counseling services as a result, while many more relied on interim check-ins with the district’s support team until an outside therapist could be found.

District officials have seen the reliance on this quaint system and its small team of in-house mental health counselors explode in recent years. About five years ago the number of annual referrals tallied up to about 200. By last year, it had quadrupled to more than 800.

The reality is that the need has always been there, but a reduction in stigma surrounding mental health and a growing willingness to address a long-neglected gap in health care is creating demand that exceeds capacity. National studies have found that about one in five children have a mental, emotional or behavioral disorder, but only about 20 percent of those children actually receive care from a mental health provider. This leaves tens of thousands of children and adolescents in Santa Clara County without treatment. When they do get it, it is frequently delayed by years or even decades.

Peeling away at that disparity is absolutely the goal, said Susan Flatmo, the clinical services coordinator at the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, but she admitted that the district faces limits on its open-door referral approach.

“If there was no stigma, if every student was screened, the truth is we wouldn’t be able to address every student’s needs. That’s just a given,” Flatmo said. “We need to work on that, because we are working on erasing stigma and our kids do need care.”

Clinics outside of the school environment are similarly inundated with high demand and not enough space, staffing or funding. Bay Area Clinical Associates (BACA) provides outpatient psychiatric and psychological services to children and young adults throughout the Bay Area, including San Jose and Menlo Park, and has the rare and coveted advantage of accepting private insurance plans from five different companies.

Of the company’s 1,458 clients, nearly half are between the ages of 13 and 18, the vast majority of whom were diagnosed with anxiety (45 percent), depression (46 percent), a learning disorder (20 percent) or a behavioral disorder or family issue (20 percent).

Child psychiatrist and BACA co-founder Tom Tarshis told the *Voice* that the clinic doesn’t maintain a waitlist anymore because so many families would queue up so quickly, and that it didn’t feel right to dangle hope in front of families for months. He estimated that for every



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Halstrom Academy in Cupertino provides one-on-one instruction for Tiffany Maciel’s son after she was unable to find appropriate support services for him in a traditional school setting.

1,500 requests for service BACA receives, about 350 families actually admitted for services, and the other 75 percent are effectively getting turned away.

Scaling up isn’t easy either, and for the classic reasons that Bay Area residents are all too familiar with. The cost of living makes recruiting clinical staff difficult, facility space is limited and landlords are often reticent to sign a lease deal for behavioral health services due to the pervasive stigma of mental health illness. BACA is hiring new therapists, but they’ll likely have full case loads and not be able to accept new families for a few months, said Joel Oberstar, co-founder of BACA.

Part of the unmet need is simply that mental health care takes a long time, Oberstar said, and teasing out things like deep-seated trauma doesn’t happen overnight. The fix doesn’t come as quickly as it does with physical problems, and it’s crucial to be able to provide long-term care.

“Very few of the cases resolve quickly, most of them have been building for a while,” he said. “It can take weeks, months, even years to get through their episode of care. It’s not a high-volume proposition.”

A false promise

In the years before her son’s mental health crisis, Maciel sought to leave no stone unturned. She fought to get mental health services for her son through schools — public and private, from San Jose to Palo Alto — tried (and failed) to get long-term care from Stanford Children’s Hospital after a referral to the university’s Anxiety Disorders Clinic, and tangled with what she described as a useless directory of resources provided by her

insurance company.

Maciel said Blue Shield’s mental health service administrator, Magellan Behavioral Health, provided her a list of care providers in her area, giving her the false hope that she had a menu of options. The problem is that these lists are notorious for being nearly useless. After crossing off services that no longer exist, can’t be reached or don’t provide appropriate services, families are left with few or no options.

“Most of them did not serve children,” she said. “Many of the lines were disconnected, and when they weren’t they didn’t take insurance. It was a stupid list.”

That isn’t exclusive to Blue Shield. Tarshis of BACA said anyone can put in a zip code and get a list of 60 to 70 clinics and private practices within a 20-mile radius and experience the same disappointment on their own, regardless of the insurance provider or the type of care.

“When you go down the list the vast majority of them are either not active or don’t really see those particular patients. And the five people that are? Their next opening is in six months, or maybe isn’t the quality of provider that you want,” Tarshis said.

Tarshis said the status quo — too few providers and so much demand — leaves little reason for psychiatrists and psychologists to take insurance when they can successfully run a cash-only business. Anyone who can’t afford \$300 or more per visit faces fewer options.

It’s tempting for psychiatrists and psychologists to avoid the headache, Tarshis said. Brokering reimbursement deals for mental health care with insurance companies, as well as Medi-Cal contracts with counties to serve lower-income families, is

an uphill battle compared to primary medical care. It can be tough to get the companies on the phone, he said, and it can be difficult to negotiate reimbursement rates for services like Intensive Outpatient Programs, which provide hours of daily support as a valuable step-down from partial hospitalization and residential treatment.

This dynamic adds to an even larger problem, which is the shortage of mental health care workers in the Bay Area and throughout the country. Last year, Santa Clara County cited data showing there are 26.7 psychiatrists per 100,000 people in the county, compared to 30.8 in San Mateo and 76.6 in San Francisco counties. Those figures worsen for psychiatrists licensed to treat kids and teens, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry estimates that the county would need double the number of child and adolescent psychiatrists in order to have a “sufficient” supply for the county’s population. San Francisco is the only county to reach that benchmark in the state.

A recent study done by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco found that while insurance coverage for mental health care has vastly improved over the last two decades, it needs to come with a commensurate boost in behavioral health workers. That’s not happening: The number of psychiatrists in the state is projected to decrease by 34 percent between 2016 and 2028.

The study found that psychiatrists are disproportionately male, white and nearing retirement. Forty-five percent are over the age of 60, and psychologists in the state aren’t far behind, at 37 percent.

Some agencies, notably Children's Health Council in Palo Alto, say Santa Clara County is overdue for a comprehensive navigation system for families who don't know where to go for mental health services. At a meeting with mental health leaders and advocates in May, health council Executive Director Rosalie Whitlock announced the nonprofit is seeking to create a comprehensive wayfinding system for care, which could cast a light on where critical services — like child psychiatrists who accept insurance — are most lacking.

Maciel said that during her time advocating for youth mental health care in the county, she's found that parents go looking for help and simply can't find it, and that there's an ugly tendency to blame parents for failing to address the high levels of stress, anxiety and chronic sadness and hopelessness that surveys show are affecting close to one-third of high school students.

"Looking at the suicide rates, both Morgan Hill and Palo Alto are high," she said. "If you listen to the reasoning for why it's happening in Palo Alto, they say the expectations are too high. And if you listen to the reasons for why it's happening in Morgan Hill, it's because they aren't educated and their expectations are too low.

"It's bad enough to not have preventative care or promote mental health wellness in schools. But when parents go looking for help, it's just not there."

A role for schools

Nineteen-year-old Robin Fox, a South County resident, has skipped party-filled college nights in favor of packed days starting before dawn. Commuting from a small corner of South San Jose where you can still find farmland and orchards, her schedule juggles Bikram yoga instruction, working at a detox

center and earning a master's degree in psychology.

Since she was 13, Fox has been a relentless advocate for mental health and suicide prevention in any way she could find, volunteering for the American Federation for Suicide Prevention, leading school-based mental health awareness events and eventually finding a role helping people who are fighting drug and alcohol addiction.

Her current job at a six-bed luxury recovery center in Alum Rock is a little different from her last gig in Santa Cruz, where she provided counseling services for formerly incarcerated parolees seeking substance abuse treatment. It came with its fair share of challenges — some of the people coming in had co-occurring mental health disorders including schizophrenia — and it was purely voluntary, meaning patients were free to go and would drop treatment partway through.

"If someone came in, I would do a urine test, and if they were positive for heroin or something I'd have to send them over to a detox center elsewhere and say 'Come back when you're all dried out,'" Fox recalled. "Nine times out of 10 you would never see them again."

Still, Fox said doing one-on-one and group therapy with parolees who took extraordinary steps to get help left an impression on her. Some of the men she treated took up her invitation to do yoga.

"Working with people trying to break the cycle of incarceration is the most beautiful experience I've ever had in my life," she said. "I think recovery and healing is possible for anyone, regardless of their background."

Despite the outgoing personality, Fox's journey through her teenage years was fraught with challenges, with a history of anxiety and depression that had a devastating effect and led

to self-harm, suicidal ideation and eventually an attempt on her own life. She hung on using coping mechanisms of her own — yoga became a huge part of her life — before finally reaching a child psychiatrist through Kaiser. She made the call and set up the appointment herself. The conversation on the phone was pretty stilted, given Kaiser staff members were expecting a call from her mother.

From eighth grade to her junior year, Fox raised money for a nonprofit called "To Write Love On Her Arms," giving speeches during mental health week encouraging students to wear their hearts on their sleeves and open up about mental health. But years went by and no one seemed worried about her own well-being, or noticed she was covering up signs of self-harm with long sleeves and pants even on scorching summer days. She said the principal suggested to her that mental health rallies weren't necessary because any students going through serious depression and anxiety would be forthcoming and tell her directly.

"My experience in high school is nobody noticing that I was wearing long sleeves every day and that I was eating my lunch in the handicap stall of the bathroom every day. Nobody noticed I wasn't outside socializing," she said.

Undeterred, Fox worked with a group of 15 kids and made a poster with a list of important phone numbers and resources ranging from information to suicide hotlines and posted it on the wall of her high school.

"I got so much flak for that, but eventually I prevailed," she said. "I remember putting it up in the hallway as one of my proudest moments in high school because it was the first mental health resource we had."

School districts throughout Santa Clara County have taken on a growing role to directly care for teens and children struggling with anxiety, depression and other mental health issues. Many of these programs are adopted by individual districts, meaning the quality and extent of care varies from one region to another, and almost all of it is fueled by general fund dollars rather than any sort of mandate.

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District lies in one of the wealthiest regions of the country and enjoys a healthy mix of philanthropic dollars, mental health partnerships and a general fund buoyed by strong property tax growth. It spends more than \$1.3 million annually on a network of on-campus therapists and ongoing parent and student wellness events, all for a district of about 4,500 students. That

translates to seven therapists — five hired directly by the district — and a half-day of support from a Stanford fellow in clinical psychiatry.

This team forms the backbone of clinical support to handle the torrent of anonymous referrals of students, and even then it can be challenging to resolve the increasing number of complex cases in a timely manner. The goal is to try to work with students in the short term, but some students simply aren't going to resolve what's bothering them in four to six sessions, said Flatmo, the district's clinical services coordinator.

"The services we provide have to be short-term so we can see as many students as possible, but we're not going to be clinically irresponsible," she said.

Some of school districts' responsibility to focus on student wellness and suicide prevention has been enshrined into state law. Earlier this year, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation requiring the California Department of Education to provide grants for suicide prevention training for all public middle and high schools, adding to laws already requiring districts to have suicide prevention policies on the books that includes awareness and prevention training for staff.

When asked about the role of schools in mental health, Fox emphatically supported a greater involvement that should have been there to support her during high school. Teachers have a strong relationship with students and came the closest, that she could remember, to finding out she wasn't okay. Teachers have a moral responsibility to support these students regardless of whether the school district wants to pay for it.

"People in education need to have training on mental health issues. It's the most prominent in ages 13 to 17, and if you're going to be a teacher with this age group you have a responsibility to educate yourself," she said. "It doesn't matter if you're great at geometry if you want to die."

Intervention when it matters

Building more robust mental health services in the schools also lends itself to teasing out and remedying mental health disorders early on, preventing struggling children and teens from the suffering and deterioration that comes with any untreated illness. Psychiatric studies estimate that close to half of all mental health conditions begin by the age of 14, rising to three-fourths by the age of 24.

Studies going back more than a decade have found youth and

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young adults ranging from 12 to 24 years of age represent the critical point for intervention, and that delays in care can be clearly connected to a host of problems ranging from poor school performance and substance abuse to violence and higher chance of landing in the juvenile justice system. Studies have reaffirmed since the early 1990s that an estimated 70 percent of youth in the U.S. juvenile justice system were diagnosed with at least one mental health disorder.

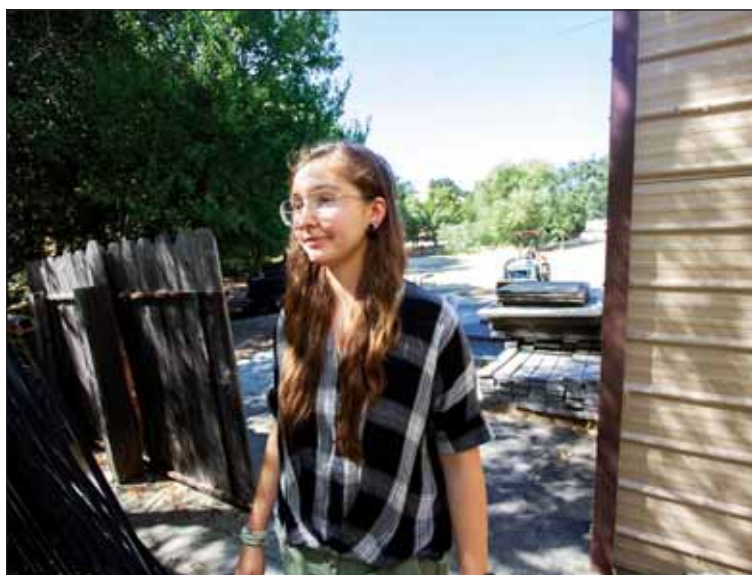
Programs aimed at getting children and young adults treatment could potentially reduce well-documented, significant delays between when first symptoms appear and when they finally see a doctor and begin treatment. A 2005 study in the Archives of General Psychiatry found that delays in what researchers call "treatment contact" typically range from six to eight years for mood disorders and nine to 23 years for anxiety disorders, with higher delays for males, minorities and lower-educated patients.

That delay period, the study concluded, is a pervasive aspect of the unmet mental health care needs in the U.S., and that something ought to be done to make sure youth are able to quickly get an appointment with a mental health care provider at its onset.

"Research consistently shows that a high proportion of people with prevalent mental disorders in the United States are untreated despite their disorders causing substantial distress and impairment, and despite effective treatments being available," the study states.

Efforts to address mental health at this critical age in the northern reaches of Santa Clara County include clinical and in-school services from nonprofits like Children's Health Council and the Community Health Awareness Council in Mountain View, as well as separate efforts from local school districts who have poured money into mental health initiatives. The Bay Area Clinical Associates, similarly, has tailored its services for children, teens and young adults, with 90 percent of its clientele below the age of 26,

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Robin Fox, who lives at her family's ranch, has dedicated herself to helping people in crisis after going through her own serious struggles during high school.

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Oberstar from BACA said.

“Mental health illnesses start in youth, and there’s a great potential to alleviate that suffering,” he said.

Flatmo said she envisions MVLA’s wellness program as a pyramid, where universal prevention and education sit along the bottom as the largest, most well-resourced portion. The next level, she said, should be targeted intervention like short-term counseling services and support groups, followed by intensive care for teens who need crisis intervention, outpatient care, case management and consistent one-on-one mental health therapy.

Given the intense need of students seeking services, the way the health care system is set up and the number of referrals for intervention, Flatmo said that pyramid is upside-down.

A struggle for low-income families

Theoretically, low-income families with children in Santa Clara County are afforded a comprehensive set of mental health services through the county’s behavioral health system, with the state’s Medi-Cal program picking up the costs. That suite of services includes everything from psychiatric care and psychological therapy, crisis residential treatment and inpatient psychiatric hospitalization.

But in many cases, these resources aren’t reaching the youth who need it, with state data showing only a small portion of children and adolescents eligible for the services are receiving consistent mental health care.

The latest state data available shows that 187,624 people under the age of 21 are eligible for care through the county’s “Specialty Mental Health Services,” which are paid for through Medi-Cal but administered by individual counties. Of those children and young adults, only 10,608 — about 5.7 percent — had at least one appointment for mental health care in the 2015-16 year. Among patients who sought consistent mental services, measured roughly by children and youth with five or more visits in a single year, that rate drops to 4.5 percent.

Survey data collected by the California Health Interview Survey has consistently found between 18 to 23 percent of teens needed help with an emotional and mental health problem in any given year, indicating the majority aren’t being reached by county services. This low “penetration rate,” defined by the

state, is even lower in California as a whole, with only 3.1 percent of Medi-Cal patients under 21 receiving consistent mental health services.

It’s also an open question whether these services are equally available to all residents throughout the county, or if families far from in San Jose aren’t getting the same access to care. A report released by Santa Clara County last year found that of the 1,806 residents who received mental health services in District 5, which encompasses North County and West Valley cities, around 60 percent had to travel to San Jose for treatment. Among those who were discharged, only 36 percent successfully finished treatment, which Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian said could be connected to the long travel times. Just under half of those patients were ages 17 or younger.

“Although northern Santa Clara County is often regarded as an affluent area, with high median incomes and comparably high housing costs, there remain residential pockets in the region that are also experiencing high levels of poverty, being subjected to crime, and have poor health outcomes,” the report found.

Some inroads have been made to connect hard-to-reach North County families with mental health services. The nonprofit Community Health Awareness Council provides services at 34 schools in Sunnyvale, Mountain View and Los Altos and therapy at its El Camino clinic on a sliding scale. CHAC pours significant resources into helping lower-income and Latino families who are in these “pockets,” silently struggling through mental, emotional and behavioral health challenges. Perhaps the most successful is the nonprofit’s Latinx program, which provides hundreds of Spanish-speaking families with culturally sensitive psychotherapy, family counseling, parenting classes and support groups.

CHAC clinical supervisor Rebecca Jedel said a disproportionate amount of the nonprofit’s staff time is devoted to making sure kids from the high-needs schools in the region get treatment, particularly Castro and Mistral elementary schools in Mountain View, where a majority of families speak Spanish in the home and whose children qualify for free and reduced-price meals at school. The patients who rely on the nonprofit aren’t necessarily teens struggling with academic pressure, but families dealing with neglect, domestic violence, child abuse, divorce, financial stress and even homelessness.

Many of these families could benefit from Medi-Cal, but there’s an unfamiliarity and

uneasiness with government-run programs and a perception that the county-run system doesn’t extend into the realm of mental health, said Elisabet Revilla, a clinical supervisor at CHAC who works in the Latinx program.

“When they have a problem, when they have difficulty communicating or they have PTSD, anxiety or depression — they know about CHAC, through the schools and through word of mouth,” Revilla said.

Latinx program director Camila Rodriguez, a marriage and family therapist, said the program has a waiting list, and that the past few years have been particularly rough on the families they serve. She said many of the families she works with are dealing with the constant fear of immigration enforcement and are always anticipating the next sweep by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The result, she said, is pervasive anxiety and trauma in the Latino community over the possibility that parents may be separated from their children.

Free services for many of these families may be available in San Jose, Rodriguez said, but that doesn’t help when transportation time and work schedules make it too difficult to access. Rather than take referrals to San Jose when there are space constraints at CHAC, she said, many would rather wait for an opening in the Latinx program, regardless of how long it takes.

“I keep calling them and saying we don’t have anybody to serve you and they say, ‘Okay, I’ll just stay on the waitlist,’” she said. “There’s always a waiting list of 30 or more people, and those clients are not going anywhere else. I’ve asked them, ‘Did you get services? Were you able to see someone?’ and they didn’t.”

CHAC’s program offers services on a sliding scale ranging from \$20 to \$130 based on a client’s ability to pay — with mostly philanthropic, private donations picking up the rest of the cost — and many of the families seeking services simply don’t have the means to pay for a private practice therapist. Many struggle to pay the lowest \$20 fee, and others feel so crushed by the high cost of living that mental health and wellness is the last thing on their minds, Rodriguez said.

“That’s a huge problem right now in Mountain View and Sunnyvale. You can’t deal with anything when you don’t have a roof over your head — that’s all you can worry about,” she said. ▣

This article is the first in a two-part series that was supported by a USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism California Fellowship.

	How would you solve the housing crisis?	What are your thoughts on the business license tax increase (Measure P)?	What should be done with RVs on the street?	Who should be appointed to the Rental Housing Committee (RHC)?
Lenny Siegel	"The best way to build affordable housing is to build lots of market-rate housing."	"This is a drop in the bucket whether it's small businesses or large businesses ... We're doing it in a way that will benefit businesses and the rest of Mountain View."	"I'm not going to throw them out just because some people don't like to look at them."	"I'll ask the other candidates: Will you be willing to appoint people who will be willing to implement rent control?"
Alison Hicks	"We need to create a better jobs-housing balance, and not get ahead of ourselves by building more and more offices."	"We're urbanizing, and when you look at other urban cities, they need some kind of tax system."	"This is not just a Mountain View problem; it's a regional problem ... We should have a conversation with the county about greater solutions."	"I'll be looking for someone who will uphold the community will and who will listen fairly and with an open mind."
Ellen Kamei	"When we were looking at our Regional Needs Housing Assessment, I saw zero for middle-income housing — that's something I hope to create."	"I think this is a lesson in how to be transparent and to meet with different stakeholder groups when you're putting something together."	"It's not a long-term solution to live out of your RV. How can we (work with nonprofits) to help to make sure there's an end to that?"	"Having different perspectives is key to bringing as many voices to the table."
Pat Showalter	"The housing crisis affects everyone. We need to have a very large toolbox of things that we use to work on it."	"The city has a positive relationship and interacts regularly with (the business community). That's a good thing and I hope we'll continue to do that."	"In Mountain View, being poor is not a crime, that's the issue. But we do need to be strict about (those) that live in RVs that are having criminal activity."	"People who are on the RHC have to have a commitment to make this program work."
John Inks	"I would emphasize protecting the housing that's there. The stock of pre-1995 housing is under the threat of being turned into million-dollar townhouses."	"Smaller companies that want to start in Mountain View, when they get to 50 employees they might be asking: 'Do we want to stay here?'"	"The RVs on the street are a problem for neighborhoods."	"Julian Pardo de Zela - I think he would be a good replacement, and I hope the council puts him on."
Lucas Ramirez	"The solution is to add housing, especially in areas where there are plenty of jobs and not enough opportunities to live near your jobs."	"We need to be reasonable in our approach and that the expenditures benefit not only residents but also the business community."	"I'd explore opportunities to use public land for RVs and vehicle dwellers. But long-term we have to move aggressively to help people living in those cars to relocate into permanent housing."	"I will support people for the RHC who will support the fair implementation of Measure V."

The top issues from last week's forum are shown with responses from the six City Council candidates.

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spectrum was Mayor Lenny Siegel, who indicated he was less concerned with the qualities of housing, rather than the quantity. Solving the housing crisis means new market-rate housing and lots of it, which would provide fees to pay for new subsidized housing, he said.

Housing is the "existential crisis" of Mountain View, said Ramirez. The best way to solve the crisis is to build high-density housing near job centers, he said. He plugged long-term planning to encourage more duplexes, triplexes and transit systems.

"Over time as the community evolves ... I think we can retrofit this community in a way that makes transit a viable option for people," he said.

Echoing a theme of her campaign, Kamei touted building more housing priced for the "missing middle," those earning too much to qualify for affordable housing but not enough to buy a home. A recent Bay Area housing assessment reported that Mountain View had built zero homes fitting this income category, she said.

Inks parted ways with the group on this issue, saying city policies were causing older affordable apartments to be razed and rebuilt into pricey condos. He didn't utter the words "rent control," but his implication was clear.

Dovetailing with housing,

candidates were also asked about the growing homeless population, exemplified by the inhabited vehicles on city streets. Mountain View is funding three full-time workers who are trying to help people living on the street access services, but it a difficult balancing act, Showalter said. Poverty isn't a crime, but the city needs to enforce rules against any criminal activity stemming from those vehicles, she said.

Many other candidates touted Mountain View as a "compassionate" city. Hicks and Ramirez both said that public land should be repurposed as some kind of temporary parking area for vehicle dwellers. Inks, who said he had previously been an "urban camper," pointed out that many residents are losing patience with people squatting in their neighborhoods, and he suggested the city needed to stop "subsidizing habits."

Speaking next, Siegel swiftly denounced the push to sweep the homeless out of town.

"I will not be intimidated by the intolerant few who think we can play whack-a-mole and knock them out of our community," he said. "I'm not going to throw them out just because we don't like to look at them."

On another issue, bringing paid parking to downtown Mountain View, Siegel was in the minority. He came out against the idea for disproportionately punishing the poor, while other candidates indicated they were open to studying the

idea. Paid parking is worth testing out as a pilot program, Kamei said.

The Chamber of Commerce moderator also made sure to ask about the city's proposed employee-based tax on businesses, which some are calling the "Google tax." Kamei and Ramirez both said the city could have done better in drafting the tax increase with the business community, but they

indicated general support. Inks said Measure P would hurt businesses by disincentivizing them from growing beyond certain thresholds. Siegel was the only champion for the proposed tax, describing it as a "drop in the bucket" for most businesses to pay.

The candidates spoke about a variety of issues, including transportation, teacher housing and sustainability. More information

on the candidates' positions can be found online at mv-voice.com.

The next candidate forum will be hosted by the League of Women Voters on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at Charlie's Cafe on the Google campus at 1600 Amphitheatre Way in Mountain View. The event is scheduled for 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. with a reception to follow. ▣

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SEISMIC RETROFITTS

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they did not receive a “fair rate of return” that year due to investments in seismic improvements.

Although a mandatory retrofit program would not necessarily mean property owners would be able to pass the costs on to tenants, a voluntary program would mean landlords would have to eat the costs. Capital improvements that are required to comply with local laws can be included in a petition to increase rents, whereas discretionary upgrades can't be included.

“If it's a mandatory program, it's not an absolute guarantee that they can recover (the money) in a rent increase,” City Manager Dan Rich said. “But if it's voluntary, it's an absolute guarantee that they cannot recover it.”

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga said a mandatory program would need to come with some kind of support from the city, whether it be a low- or zero-interest loan program to carry out the construction work or financial assistance using affordable housing funds. She suggested that the money could come from housing impact fees from developers, which could potentially be used to offset the costs to landlords.

“We either have to make it voluntary and hope for the best or make it mandatory and ensure that there is funding available for them to do it, and that may mean that we just have to fund it ourselves,” Abe-Koga said.

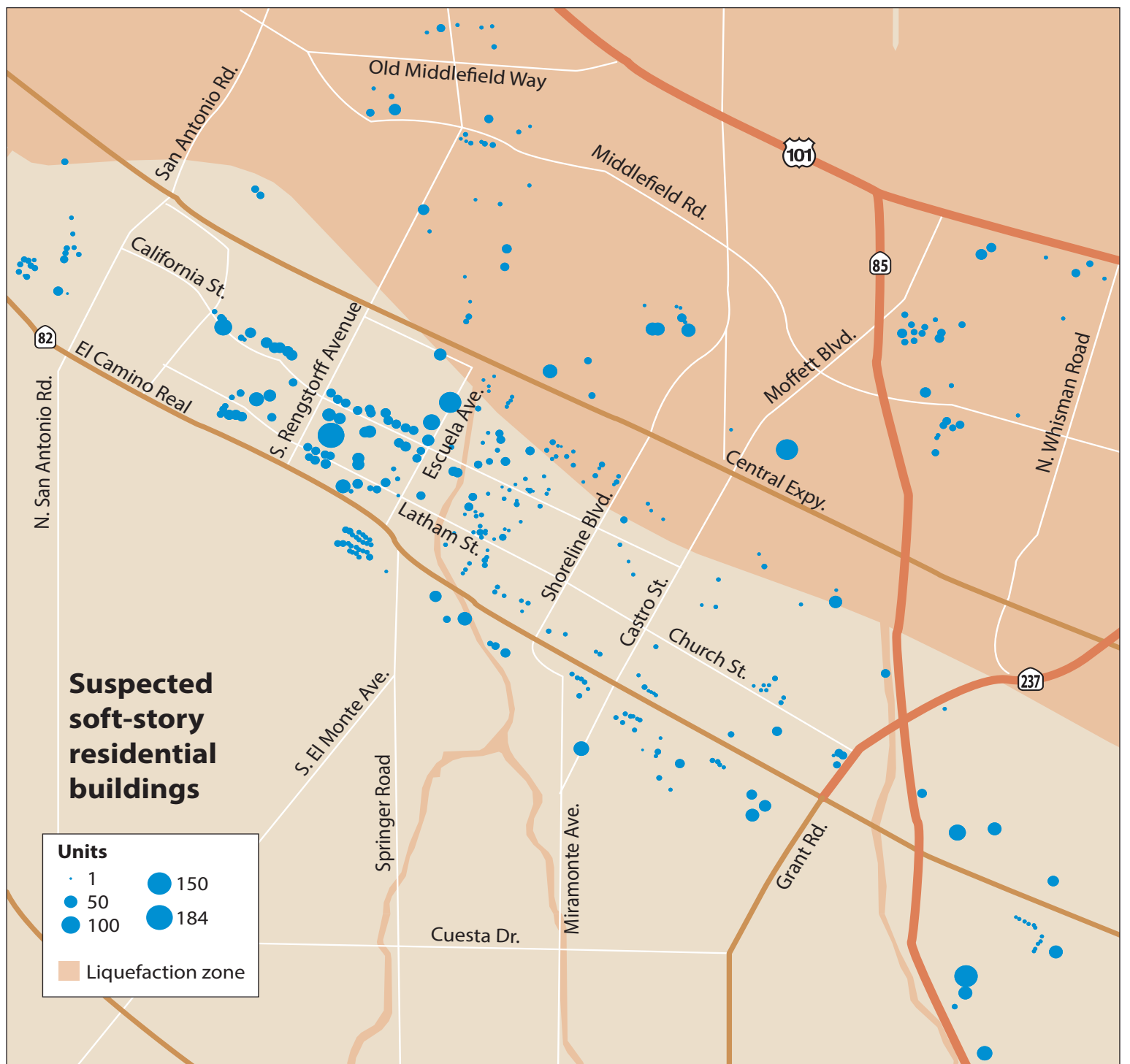
Taking a similar approach, Councilwoman Lisa Matichak said the city should explore ways to “100 percent” fund the retrofit work, possibly through grants. Without that kind of financial help, Matichak said she couldn't back a mandatory retrofit program.

“I can't support having a cost that we're placing upon housing providers that they don't have a way to recover,” she said.

Councilman Ken Rosenberg said he worried many property owners are going to crunch the numbers and find that bearing the full cost of the retrofit work simply isn't worth it, and that it would be a better return on investment to simply tear down these older buildings and replace them with units not constrained by rent control.

“There was a reason I didn't support rent control all these years,” Rosenberg said. “This is just unintended consequences coming back to bite people in the butt.”

A majority of the council — Mayor Lenny Siegel and council members Pat Showalter, Clark, and Rosenberg — said they supported the idea of a mandatory retrofit program. Council



Blue dots on the map represent suspected soft-story buildings and the number of housing units they include.

members John McAlister and Abe-Koga expressed concerns about the burden on property owners but did not explicitly oppose the idea, while Matichak said she couldn't support a retrofit program without strong financial support from the city.

Taking stock

Ahead of the Sept. 4 council meeting, Mountain View city staff released a list of hundreds of addresses with suspected soft-story residential buildings, encompassing more than 5,000 rental units across the city.

The list, which the *Voice* acquired through a state Public Records Act request, was put together by a consultant tasked with figuring out which properties in Mountain View could be subject to a seismic retrofit program. An interactive map of the properties is available on the *Voice's* website or at tinyurl.com/MVVmap2018.

For several months this

summer, city officials declined to post the list publicly, calling it a preliminary way to take stock of buildings that might be at risk rather than a definitive roster of vulnerable housing units. Some of the buildings, following a detailed inspection, may be deemed safe. Following the *Voice's* repeated inquiries, building officials, citing an unexpected level of public interest, released the list of addresses on Aug. 30 — albeit with most of the survey details removed.

The survey, conducted by structural engineer David Bonowitz, identified 488 suspected soft-story buildings that have at least three residential units, a total of 5,123 housing units representing about 16 percent of the city's total housing stock.

The data shattered older estimates compiled in a San Jose State University study, which identified 111 buildings and 1,129 housing units at risk of collapse in a sizable earthquake.

The survey shows that the vast

majority of the potentially hazardous homes are two- and three-story rental housing structures built between 1950 and 1980 with parking on the ground floor and housing units above. While building designs vary significantly, more than half of the 5,123 housing units have a “long side open,” meaning that the structural vulnerability is along the long side of a rectangular building.

Residential buildings identified in the study range from having one single vulnerable housing unit to as many as 184 units on a property. In the Shoreline West neighborhood, for example, the study found 53 small multi-unit rental properties totaling just under 200 housing units are potentially at risk. Larger buildings with more than 40 units, primarily along Latham Street and Escuela and Montecito avenues, account for 1,700 of the soft-story units listed.

The area bounded by Shoreline Boulevard, Showers Drive, Central Expressway and El Camino

Real represents the most densely packed region of potentially dangerous buildings, accounting for roughly half of the units.

A large portion of the city, encompassing about a quarter of the housing identified in the report, is on ground prone to liquefaction, which increases the risk of buildings being damaged in an earthquake, according to data from the U.S. Geological Survey. The liquefaction zone includes nearly all of the city north of Central Expressway, along with portions of the Old Mountain View and Shoreline West neighborhoods.

Building officials cautioned that the study is preliminary and subject to change, and that not all of the units on each identified property may be at risk. Mountain View is also on fairly stable ground compared to places like Foster City, meaning the liquefaction zone is not a significant factor in terms of public safety, according to Shellie Woodworth, the city's chief building official. ■

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Keep it civil: Don't vandalize campaign signs

By Pat Showalter

I have always loved the political signs that come out before elections. Colorful signs with upbeat messages illustrate how many people are willing to step up to run for public office. That's a positive thing in our democracy. When I was a kid in Virginia, most had to do with federal elections.

Here most signs are about local elections.

So seeing the vandalism of John Inks' signs really bothers me. In elections, we are supposed to be able to talk civilly about what we care about in our community. Perspectives always differ, but it's good to have the issues identified and hear how people feel about them. Having a civil dialogue during the election is healthy. There are many things that intelligent people do not agree on.

This vandalism is just mean. It turns John Inks into someone who is being picked on, someone who isn't being treated properly. For most of us, that causes us to feel sorry for him.

And of course, that is likely to translate into more people voting for John Inks. Somehow, I doubt that was the desired outcome of the tagger.

I want this election to be about the major issues that are facing our community, like housing in the North Bayshore, traffic reduction, the best way to solve the RV issue and how we are going to meet our greenhouse gas emission goals. I don't want it to be about petty things like who defaced whose signs.

So tagger, whoever you are, knock it off. Put your paint can away. Please channel that energy into positive stuff that you can do in the daylight. Write a letter to the editor, precinct walk for a candidate you do support or volunteer for a local charity.

One of the things that has characterized Mountain View politics over the years is a high level of civility. As someone who attended council meetings and other community meetings at a variety of cities in the course of doing my job, I can tell you this is not the case

everywhere. At our council meetings, people are treated cordially. Whether you are speaking during public comment, testifying about a specific item or one of the council members, you get to have your say without anyone calling you names or making fun of you. On the rare occasions when people break our custom of civility, they are asked to speak with respect. It usually works. The payoff of this custom of civility is all around us. Think of all the things that Mountain View has been able to accomplish.

I have asked all the candidates who are running for City Council to sign this editorial and they all agreed. We condemn the vandalism of campaign signs. They are part of our First Amendment right of free speech. Let's do what's right for Mountain View! Let's make this election about the issues.

Pat Showalter is a City Council member running for re-election this November along with incumbent Lenny Siegel and candidates Alison Hicks, Ellen Kamai, Lucas Ramirez and former council member John Inks.

Guest Opinion

■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

PROPOSED NEW SCHOOL

The new school being planned by the Los Altos School District board in Mountain View must be a school that serves Mountain View residents first. The task force report ("Task force backs plans to move Bullis to Mountain View," Aug. 31) says that they will be recommending that the Los Altos board send Bullis Charter School to the new site in Mountain View. I believe that this is a big mistake. This plan may allow the board to move the Bullis school out of town and open up a site, but it is against the interests of Mountain View residents.

I even question the need for the additional school, except for improving convenience for Mountain View residents. Mountain View is paying a heavy price for providing a school space to give the Los Altos school district room "to prepare for future enrollment growth." It is not clear to me how enrollment can grow in Los Altos with current zoning. It is clear the school board has a long-standing conflict with the Bullis school and that may color their decisions.

The takeover of a section of a currently active shopping center is against the interests of Mountain View residents. I shop at Kohl's and thousands of residents also shop there. Closing

Kohl's would be a significant reduction in shopping options for this growing city.

I have always believed that the decisions of the entire City Council are in the best interests of Mountain View residents. I hope that they will examine this plan carefully and be sure our best interests are considered first. The Los Altos school board can "prepare for future enrollment growth" by condemning other commercial properties on the south side of El Camino Real.

*Jim Cochran
Thaddeus Drive*

NOT IN MY FRONT YARD

I'm proud to live and work in Mountain View and often brag that I raise my kids in the most innovative place on Earth. A block from my house on Crisanto Avenue is one of the largest city-sanctioned homeless encampments in the South Bay. On any given day, there are 40 to 50 RVs bordering the well-utilized Rengstorff Park, with more spilling over into our neighboring streets. Many park well over the 72-hour code limit, run generators and discard trash, creating unsanitary conditions in our yards. Small kids run into the road from between trailers, and there is a documented increase in drugs and violent crime from the

encampment.

As this is a large transient population, we cannot let our kids play in front of our house, we are picking up trash daily in our front yard and our property values are not keeping up with our neighboring cities, who create and enforce sensible laws. This blind eye approach from the city of Mountain View is negatively impacting those of us who pay rent, mortgage, and property taxes.

Besides providing once a month street sweeping, portable toilets and showers, what is our City Council and police department doing to curb this growing epidemic and keep our neighborhood safe?

*Frank Wood
Villa Street*

HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM LIGHTS

The last time parents of public high school football players starting clamoring for lighted football stadiums at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools ("Community divided over high school stadium lights," Aug. 17), I suggested in a guest column that the high school board consider discontinuing tackle football altogether because of serious injuries, including concussions. I suggested students receive training in dance and self-defense, just for starters.

And as to team sports, there are many others.

Years later, the clamoring parents are back, this time citing other sports and activities that might utilize a lighted stadium. Once again, the proponents of lights are not addressing injuries and are unpersuasively downplaying the continuing availability of Foothill College for night "home" games. In fact, the local public high school footballers will play against each other on Oct. 6 at Foothill College (if healthy players can be found).

If the school board does decide to impose nighttime stadium activities on the neighborhoods, there should be expressed limits — for example, no rap music concerts and no lights after a certain hour. If the conditions on use are not part of the project approved, neighbors would want to consider suing under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

And one last point. Donald Trump is president of the United States in no small part because students have not been adequately introduced to the importance of participating in politics — voting and far more. In America, elections have consequences; football games, not so much.

*Gary Wesley
Continental Circle*

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Sichuan classics

FEY'S EXTENSIVE MENU
OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Story by Ruth Schechter | Photos by Natalia Nazarova

Most people heading out to dinner at a Sichuan restaurant fall somewhere between two camps: those who want authentic cuisine and those who are looking for the typical Chinese comfort food they know and crave. At Fey, the two factions can dine happily side by side. Quality, meet quantity.

The 5-year-old restaurant, located just north of the traffic bottlenecks along El Camino Real in Menlo Park, made waves shortly after it opened by receiving the Michelin Guide's Bib Gourmand distinction, given to restaurants that offer excellent food at a reasonable price. Things have not changed in that respect.

Fey has an immense menu with 12 pages of dishes organized by main ingredients, followed by a subsection labeled "Family Traditional Private Kitchen." One section lists 53

seafood dishes, from Sichuan classics such as walnut shrimp, salt-and-pepper squid and fish in black bean sauce to more unusual offerings, such as green onion and ginger sea cucumber, hot stone plate red wine shrimp and something called dry cook belt fish. The pork section features 30 items and the vegetable section runs from eggplant and potatoes (#193) through spicy choy, a Taiwanese lettuce (#210). And there are long listings for noodles, soups, dumplings, appetizers, chicken and beef. You get the idea.

The restaurant is nicely decorated, with silvery fish cascading along one wall and more of the same dangling from a ceiling mobile. Festive ball-shaped light fixtures are incongruously paired with a crystal chandelier by the front door. Roomy booths and large, well-spaced tables can

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Left: Hong Kong-style crispy egg noodles and mushrooms with grilled vegetables are among Fey's extensive menu of Chinese dishes. **Below, left:** Han Ying Wang Gao, owner of Fey Sichuan restaurant in Menlo Park. **Below:** Sparkling silver fish decorate the wall in Fey's dining room.





Crunchy fried egg noodles are topped with scallops, shrimp, fish and vegetables.

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handle large parties and, more importantly, the gigantic platters of dishes coming out of the kitchen. Each item we ordered arrived on plates the size of a medium pizza, with enough food for at least two additional meals at home.

After sipping tea and nibbling on complimentary crispy wontons, we got down to business. Our waiter warned us that we were being too ambitious about our appetites, so we limited ourselves to a few selections. The Hong Kong style pan-fried crispy egg noodles (\$14.95) was a lovely

mix of scallops, shrimp and fish with sautéed broccoli, bok choy and peapods, served on a cluster of crunchy noodles that quickly sopped up the light, tasty sauce. The fish fillet in black bean sauce (\$13.95) was both savory and sweet, and the fish tender and flavorful.

Less successful was the dry cooked string bean with pork (\$12.95), which was marked on the menu with a pepper connoting that it is a spicy option. My craving for spicy knows no limits, so I found this notation misleading. The dish lacked verve and the meat was so salty it was unpalatable.

We noticed heating units built into the tabletops for another house specialty, make-your-own hot pot, which you pay for by ingredient (\$6.95 for a small base,

then \$1.50 to \$12.95 for anything from sauce to meat and vegetables). It's a definite must for a group.

True to form, Fey also offers an extensive lunch menu (I counted 38 options, \$8.95 to \$9.95) of mostly standard fare ranging from curry shrimp to broccoli beef.

Service throughout was exemplary. Servers were friendly, prompt and stopped by often to see how we were doing, including making suggestions on how best to reheat our massive collection of leftovers. Dishes were staggered so that everything didn't arrive at the table at once, and water glasses were filled constantly and unobtrusively.

Fey's menu is so extensive that finding the standouts can seem like pure guesswork. It's amazing that the kitchen can put out so many dishes as well as it does. I plan on working my way through a few more pages until I find my favorites. ■

■ DINING NOTES

Fey Restaurant

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Shepherd's purse soup is served with fish at Fey in Menlo Park.

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Oscar Isaac stars in "Operation Finale."

Cornering evil

'OPERATION FINALE' SENDS OSCAR ISAAC'S SPY AFTER BEN KINGSLEY'S NAZI

★★★ (Palo Alto Square, Century 20)

Not everything works in "Operation Finale" — the historical drama about the capture of fugitive Nazi Adolf Eichmann — but there's enough to form a functional spy thriller and, more importantly, an intriguing character study of two men shaped by hatred. Eichmann is one, portrayed to great effect by Oscar-winner Ben Kingsley; legendary Mossad agent Peter Malkin, as played by Oscar Isaac,

is the other. The circumstances of Eichmann's capture and transport to Jerusalem to stand trial for war crimes allow for multiple tête-à-tête between two very fine thespians, reason enough to revisit the Eichmann affair.

In 1960, when most of the film unfolds, each man has sublimated his hatred, projecting an amiable demeanor that allows him to go about his business. Malkin's espionage career has taken a hit from an earlier misfire in the hunt for Eichmann, depicted

in the film's opening sequence, but he's still in the game. Eichmann lives calmly in Buenos Aires, with wife and children, a workaday job, and a secret social life in the embrace of worshipful Argentinian Nazis.

In understandably shorthand fashion, Matthew Orton's screenplay notes how a Jewish family stumbled upon Eichmann's son

Klaus (Joe Alwyn), leading operatives from Mossad and Shin Bet to "the architect of the Final Solution." The mission parameters are clear: under the top-secret direction of Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion (British master thespian Simon Russell Beale, in a single-scene walk-on), Malkin and company are to "catch and extract" Eichmann, rather than put a very satisfying bullet in his head. The end game is very public justice for the highest-ranking perpetrator of the Holocaust and, with it, perhaps some healing for the murders of 6 million European Jews.

But if Ben-Gurion has his eye on the big picture ("For the first time in history, we will judge our executioner"), one Mossad agent sums up the emotional response to this opportunity: "We should be putting him down like a mad dog." Keeping that instinct in check is no easy feat, a tension "Operation Finale" consistently dramatizes. Woven throughout the mission are variant visions of the death of Malkin's sister Fruma, some of them incorporating Eichmann — for Malkin has only the sketchiest details of her demise.

As the film's protagonist, Isaac skillfully conveys Malkin's hurt intelligence and charm (he has a romantic history with the doctor

— a composite character played by Mélanie Laurent— charged with drugging Eichmann to get him out of the country undetected). But the film hits its stride once Malkin and Eichmann must deal with each other in a subdued but intriguing mind game as the team awaits safe passage and attempts to get Eichmann to sign all-important extraction papers.

Wisely, Kingsley doesn't play Eichmann as a cardboard villain, instead keeping a tight rein even on the little tics designed to make our skin crawl and prioritizing the swirl of strategies and feelings racing through a captive who has a pretty good idea how this will end. So do we, so it's no small feat on the parts of Orton and director Chris Weitz ("About a Boy") that "Operation Finale" carries anything like suspense. Some of the scripting and staging proves clunky, and the climax gets a slight "improvement"-to-history punch-up, but by insisting upon the complexity of the human animal and only sparingly reaching for action beats and lyrical notes, the filmmakers largely escape cliché.

Rated PG-13 for disturbing thematic content and related violent images, and for some language. Two hours, 2 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

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FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Train Days Rolls into Los Altos History Museum Train Days will return for two days of celebration of model railroading. Layouts will greet visitors of all ages with scaled renditions of prototypes, engines and theme cars replete with steam, lights and sound. Sept. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free-\$5. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events

OPERA

Bay Area Opera Collaborative Presents 'The Pirates of Penzance' Bay Area Opera Collaborative will present a gender-swapped production of "The Pirates of Penzance," a romance between two pirates. Sept. 8-9, 15, 16, 22-23, times vary. \$13-\$26. Hillview Middle School Performing Arts Center, 1100 Elder Ave., Menlo Park. bayop.org

THEATER

'The Legend of Georgia McBride' The Los Altos Stage Company will present "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a comedy about an Elvis impersonator who is replaced by a B-level drag show. Through Sept. 30. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltostage/georgia-mcbride

'Northanger Abbey' Pear Theatre presents "Northanger Abbey," adapted by Pear founder Diane Tasca from the novel by Jane Austen. In this play, Northanger Abbey follows several young ladies and gentlemen as they negotiate romances, friendships, betrothals and betrayals. Through Sept. 23, 8 p.m. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Palo Alto Players Presents: Disney's 'Tarzan' Theatre company Palo Alto Players will present the musical "Tarzan," based on the Disney movie. There will also be an opening night party on Sept. 8 with a post-show champagne reception and a post-show director/cast talkback on Sept. 13 with director Patrick Klein and members of the cast. Sept. 7-23, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paloaltoplayers.org

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Native Gardens' Award-winning playwright Karen Zacarias wrote TheatreWorks' new play "Native Gardens," a suburban comedy about a Latino couple that moves in next to a prominent Washington, D.C., family. Conflicts over fences and flora escalate into a strong dialogue about race, taste, class and privilege. Through Sept. 16, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

'Eleanor Roosevelt and The Power of Words' "Eleanor Roosevelt: The Power of Words," a live performance about former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt, will have its Bay Area debut performance. Scholar and historical interpreter Susan Marie Frontczak, who created the play, portrays Eleanor Roosevelt as a mass communications genius. Sept. 9, 2-4 p.m. \$12. Palo Alto High School Media Center, 50 Embarcadero Road, Palo Alto. lvppaloalto.org/Calendar.html

CONCERTS

Concert on the Plaza Residents can bring their blanket or lawn chair down to 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. Sept. 7, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. mountainview.gov/plazaevents

Dave Matthews Band Rock group Dave Matthews Band will perform new songs as part of its 2018 summer tour. Sept. 8, 8 p.m. \$49-\$115. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Phoebe Hunt & The Gatherers The Oshman Family JCC will present fiddler Phoebe Hunt, who will perform with her band The

Gatherers. Sept. 13, 8-10 p.m. \$25-\$35. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org

100th Anniversary Community Festival The University AME Zion Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary with local vendors, games, face painting, bounce houses, food and music. Sept. 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. University AME Zion Church, 3549 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

Tolkien Musical Performance Celtic and medieval music duo Margaret & Kristoph will perform a program of original musical settings of songs from J.R.R. Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit." Sept. 13, 7-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

World Harmony Chorus The Community School of Music and Arts invites singers and non-singers of all ages to the World Harmony Chorus rehearsal. Attendees will participate in making music. Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search meetup.com for more info.

LESSONS & CLASSES

Workshop on How to Harvest Rainwater for Your Garden and Our Creeks Grassroots Ecology at Gamble Garden will teach the hows and whys of rainwater capture, give a presentation on sustainable rainwater management and lead tours of the new rainwater installations at Gamble. Sept. 8, 10-11 a.m. Free. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event

FAMILY

Mighty Middle Grade: Heidi Lang, Kati Bartkowski, Beth McMullen and Jill Diamond Heidi Lang and Kati Bartkowski, sisters and co-authors of "A Dash of Dragons," will discuss their books "A Hint of Hydra" and "Beth McMullen for Power Play." Jill Diamond, author of the "Lou Lou and Pea" series, will moderate the discussion. Sept. 13, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

Lisa Prince Newman at Books Inc. Palo Alto Local blogger Lisa Prince Newman will discuss her cookbook "For the Love of Apricots: Recipes and Memories of the Santa Clara Valley." Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event

Book Event with Lucinda Bakken White Local author Lucinda Bakken White will discuss her new memoir, "Confessions of a Bone Woman: Realizing Authentic Wildness in a Civilized World." Sept. 8, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. East West Bookshop 324 Castro St., Mountain View. eastwestbooks.org/events

Chris Hedges: This is Now with Angie Coiro Pulitzer Prize winner Chris Hedges will discuss his most recent book "America: The Farewell Tour," which urges his audience to not compromise as it assesses today's political and societal realities. Sept. 8, 4-5:30 p.m. \$10-\$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Literary Appreciation 102 Author and professor Kimberly Ford will lead a 90-minute seminar delving into literary concepts like voice, characterization, success with taboo subjects and humor. Sept. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. \$40. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Mary Robinson on Climate Change The former president of Ireland will share the stories of people and communities across the world whose lives have been altered by the effects of global climate change. Sept. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$15-\$45. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Technology and Society Committee Luncheon Forum Tim Clark, treasurer of the Midpeninsula chapter of the ACLU, will give

an overview of Amazon's facial recognition technology, summarize results of the ACLU's report showing false matching, and detail the concerns of the ACLU and other tech leaders about the premature deployment of the technology. Sept. 11, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Free-\$22. Café Baklava Mediterranean Grill, 341 Castro St., Mountain View. tian.greens.org/TASC.shtml

FILM

From STEM to STEAM: How an Engineer Wrote a Play Narrative science film "Humanity Needs Dreamers: A Visit with Marie Curie" will have its Bay Area debut screening. The film will be followed by a keynote presentation and panel discussion exploring the intersection of STEM and the performing arts and why STEAM is vital in shaping global opportunities in the 21st century. Sept. 7, 5 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org/events/upcoming

UNAFF in Libraries: 'Newtown' Filmed over the course of nearly three years, "Newtown" uses deeply personal, never-before-heard testimonies to tell the story of the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history. Sept. 13, 7-9 p.m. Free. Rinconada Library, 1213 Newell Road, Palo Alto. paloalto.bibliocommons.com/events

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age' The Cantor Arts Center's newest exhibition will consider how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through landscapes, portraits and still lifes, the exhibition will delve into the importance of nature for artists and the public. Through Aug. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Susan Richardson: 'Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams' Art Ventures Gallery will feature a solo exhibit of the work of artist Susan Richardson. The exhibit, called "Enchanted Conversations and Broken Dreams," will be showing her current body of work inspired by "The Great Gatsby" and "Tender is the Night" by F. Scott Fitzgerald. There will be a closing reception on Sept. 15, 3-5 p.m. Exhibit runs through Sept. 15, times vary. Free. Art Ventures Gallery, 888 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park. artventuresgallery.com

Friday Night at the Art Center Friday Night at the Palo Alto Art Center will celebrate the opening of its new fall exhibition, "Care and Feeding: The Art of Parenthood." There will be artists, food, music and more. Sept. 14, 7-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Heritage Walks through Historic Orchard Hosted by the Los Altos History Museum, Robin Chapman, author of "California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley," will lead heritage walks through the Los Altos Civic Center Orchard. Sept. 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events

'The Struggle of Beauty: African Wildlife Photography Exhibition' "The Struggle of Beauty," a fine art photography exhibition, features photographic works by cinema-photographer Andrew Wegst, as well as photographers Sebastião Salgado, Oliver Klink and Terri Vershel. The exhibition will also be complemented with a narrative exhibit by environmental organization WildAid. The exhibit aims to raise awareness of the conflict between man and environment and the commercialization of animal products. An opening reception will be held Sept. 7, 5:30-8 p.m. Free. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto.

Gallery 9 September Exhibition and Reception: 'Fruition' by 21 WCA Artists Twenty-one artists from Peninsula Women's Caucus for Art will present their work in "Fruition: Harvesting Imagination." The

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Native Plant Gardens and Pollinators Instructor Juanita Salisbury will explain how to create a landscape plan, what plants to use and why, and how to maintain a habitat over many years. Afterwards, there will be a walk-through of Gamble Garden's native plants. Sept. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$25-\$35. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event/native-plant-gardens-pollinators

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VOLUNTEERING

Coastal Cleanup Day 2018 - Site 11: Stevens Creek There will be a Coastal Cleanup Day at Stevens Creek. Volunteers are encouraged to bring your own pickup sticks, reusable water bottles and gloves. All youth under 18 need supervision and transportation to cleanup site. Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. 189 Central Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

HOME & GARDEN

Silicon Valley Tour De Coop The Silicon Valley Tour de Coop is a free, self-guided bicycle tour of chicken coops, gardens, bee hives, hoop houses and Silicon Valley urban homesteads. Sept. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Silicon Valley Coops, 4265 Alma St., Palo Alto. tourdecoop.org

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File No.: FBN645491
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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JUNE ETSUKO HOSHI
Case No.: 18 PR 184196
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of JUNE ETSUKO HOSHI.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: STEVE ISHII in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: STEVE ISHII be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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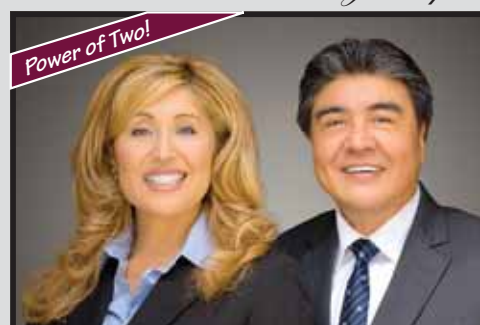
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