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City rejects tweaks to North Bayshore housing

COUNCIL STICKS TO ORIGINAL PLAN, DESPITE ONEROUS FEES

By Mark Noack

If a 635-unit housing project off Pear Avenue is a trial balloon for new housing in North Bayshore, it could be in for a rough ride.

On Tuesday night, the City Council denied a request to heavily tweak the housing project, overruling concerns by the Sobrato Organization that rising city fees were making the homes too expensive to build. The decision puts more pressure on Mountain View leaders to balance the market forces needed to build 9,850 new homes with the fees needed to fund schools and parks.

First proposed in 2015, Sobrato's Pear Avenue project was well ahead of the curve for housing projects in North Bayshore. The proposal, which was submitted through the city's gatekeeper process, calls for 635 apartments and a new 231,000-square-foot office building intended to be leased by Google. As a carrot, Sobrato officials pledged to donate a 1.4-acre parcel that could fit up to 140 affordable homes.

After three years of planning, the Pear Avenue project was scheduled to be presented to the city earlier this summer, but Sobrato officials pulled it back. Tim Steele, Sobrato vice president, pointed out the city's total fees had ballooned to more than \$38 million, or about \$60,000 per home. The project no longer penciled out, he said.

City housing staff echoed similar warnings. Given the costs,

housing services manager Wayne Chen estimated that housing developers would need to charge an additional \$950 in monthly rent per apartment in order to recoup their expenses.

On Tuesday night, Sobrato officials presented a pair of alternatives to make the project feasible. Both proposals called for Sobrato reducing its housing commitment to about 400 apartments, but the company would donate land for a park and sell the city about 2.5 acres for an affordable housing project. Steele described it as a "win-win" solution that would trade some affordable housing for more parkland.

Councilman John McAlister wanted to go for it, describing it as a great opportunity to get more parks and affordable housing. He applauded the "out of the box" thinking that went into the alternatives.

"With the cost of property and all the requirements, being creative is what we need to get to housing solutions," he said.

Yet the pitch landed with a thud for other council members, who expressed reluctance to rejigger the plans at this late stage. City staff acknowledged that the alternatives would require some tricky legal agreements and construction phasing. Plus, the city would inherit a significant portion of the school fees that Sobrato would otherwise be obligated to pay.

For those reasons, Councilman Chris Clark said he wouldn't support the plan.

"I appreciate the alternatives,

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'My worry with the (alternatives) is I don't know how far down the rabbit hole we have to go to make it work.'

COUNCILMAN CHRIS CLARK



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Alina Kalmeye, a high school senior, works on a mental health outreach video at Safespace in Menlo Park. Efforts are underway to open a similar hub for youth mental health services in Santa Clara County.

Struggling to meet 'overwhelming' need

STATE'S PATCHWORK SYSTEM MAKES YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CARE HARD TO PROVIDE

By Kevin Forestieri

Back in 2006, Chris Tanti sought to reinvent the way Australia delivered youth mental health services.

With an early \$50 million in government funding, Tanti and

his organization, Headspace, would spend the next decade creating a network of 100 mental health centers serving 355,000 people throughout the country, each one with its own personality. Some were located in shopping districts similar

to downtown Mountain View, Tanti said, while one was in a remodeled former train station.

Each Headspace center has a broad range of help at the ready — psychiatrists, psychologists,

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FPPC launches investigation into councilman's possible conflict

By Mark Noack

A string of City Council decisions to facilitate a \$100 million deal for a new public school site could be thrown into limbo over an alleged conflict from one councilman's side business. Mountain View city officials are seriously evaluating an alleged conflict of

interest stemming from Councilman John McAlister's partial ownership of a private preschool located on a Los Altos School District campus.

In late August, the Mountain View city attorney's office sent a letter to the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), requesting clarity on whether the Stepping Stones

Preschool, which leases space from the Los Altos School District (LASD) at Covington Elementary, represents a conflict for McAlister.

City officials took up the issue in a closed-session discussion at the Sept. 4 council meeting. In a unanimous decision, the

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From left, Jeffrey Adair, Michael Weiland and Michael Saenz play female impersonators in "The Legend of Georgia McBride" at the Bus Barn Theatre.

'GEORGIA MCBRIDE' NOT FOR A SUBDUED AUDIENCE

Summer may be ending, but drag queens are hot right now — and you can find them at the Bus Barn Theatre during the Los Altos Stage Company's run of "The Legend of Georgia McBride."

Set in the Florida panhandle, "The Legend of Georgia McBride" tells the improbable, but charming, story of a heterosexual Elvis impersonator who falls down on his luck — and face first into a pair of extra-long fake lashes. Casey (Michael Weiland), a man with an under-explained Elvis obsession, has been lip syncing to Elvis recordings at Cleo's Bar on the beach to help make ends meet — until one day, the ends stop meeting. After splurging on a pizza makes the rent check bounce and his wife, Jo (Ashley Jaye), informs him that they are expecting, Casey puts his misplaced optimism on a brand new, blinged-out jumpsuit that he's sure will bring new patrons to the bar.

Unfortunately for Casey, with the establishment failing, bar owner Eddie (Todd Wright) has had to make some changes: He's nixing the Elvis act in favor of drag queens with his cousin, Tracy Mills (Jeffrey Adair) and her friend "Rexy" (the delightfully sassy Michael Saenz) as the stars. Casey is allowed to stay on as bartender — until Rexy (short for "Anorexia Nervosa") falls down drunk while preparing for her Edith Piaf act, and Eddie tells Casey he has five minutes to get into a dress or else he's fired. In a montage of scenes in which we see Casey blossom, the drag queen Georgia McBride is born.

Weiland is charming, both in drag and out, and gives both Casey and Georgia an earnestness that makes you root for him

Theater Review

from the start. Of particular note, however, is Wright's transformation from playing the gruff bar owner to serving some sickening emcee realness. While his character's metamorphosis is mostly about showing the passage of time and the success of the bar, he plays his role with such sincerity and enthusiasm that you can't help but fall in love with him.

And while Adair and Saenz both nail their comedic moments, it's the serious moments that make them most endearing. When Adair reflects on the "next 20 years" of Tracy's life, or Saenz shares about the price Rexy has paid to be a queen — and how it was not a choice — those are the moments when this show feels the most real and honest.

It's very clear that the cast, crew and production team put a lot of love into this production, and I hope it gets the audience and the response that it deserves. If you're a "RuPaul's Drag Race" fan, you'll get the "tea and shade" — juicy gossip and attitude — you're looking for. If you frequented San Francisco's Castro district before it was cool, you'll get the nostalgia and homage to the queens of yore (complete with Streisand lip-sync) you're expecting. And if you've never been to a drag show before, you'll get an introduction to a world full of lovable characters that will convince you to learn more about this fabulous art form — and get ready to "werk, squirrel friend!"

"The Legend of Georgia McBride" runs through Sept. 30 at the Los Altos Stage Company, 97 Hillview Ave. in Los Altos. Tickets are \$20-\$38. For more information go to losaltosstage.org.

—Kaila Prins

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■ CRIME BRIEFS

PLEA DEAL IN CHILD PORN CASE

A Mountain View man agreed to plead guilty last Wednesday to producing and distributing sexually explicit images of underage girls.

The suspect, 27-year-old Grant Ridder, admitted in his plea agreement that he had engaged in lewd conduct in with minors starting in 2013. He took photographs and video of his sexual encounters with three minors, and later uploaded the explicit content online.

In one instance, Ridder accessed his 16-year-old ex-girlfriend's Facebook page without her permission and uploaded sexual images of her to her own profile. In his plea deal, he admitted he did this inflict emotional harm on her.

Ridder also admitted he coerced at least two underage girls to take photos of themselves engaging in sexual behavior. He later blackmailed them with these images, saying he would upload them to a Russian website unless they continued sending lewd images. At least one victim said she was scared and sent him more images. Ridder later uploaded photos of both girls to the Russian website, according to the plea deal.

Federal prosecutors also charged Ridder with trying to entice a fourth minor to have sex with him through phone messages.

Ridder is facing several counts of child pornography, three

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PARDO DE ZELA TO FILL RHC VACANCY

Tom Means' vacant seat on the city's Rental Housing Committee will be filled by Julian Pardo de Zela, the committee's alternate member. In a testy 4-3 vote, the City Council appointed Pardo de Zela despite complaints that the city should consider more applicants.

Like all things associated with rent control, the committee appointment became a partisan issue. Both tenants and landlords have alleged that the rental committee is tilted unfairly to their opponent's side.

At the Tuesday, Sept. 11 meeting, a large number of tenant advocates urged the city to start a new round of applications and interviews for Means' vacant seat. Some speakers suggested

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NATALIA NAZAROVA

AN ARTFUL SELECTION

Rozalynn Adams checks out the jewelry display at one of the booths at the 47th annual Art & Wine Festival in Mountain View on Sept. 9. The end-of-summer street fair is a fundraiser for the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce and its varied attractions, from live music and children's games to wine-tasting and an array of artisans, always draws big crowds to Castro Street.

Teacher housing proposal gains traction

SCHOOL DISTRICTS ASKED TO PITCH IN \$600K FOR AFFORDABLE UNITS

By Kevin Forestieri

A proposal to build affordable housing for North County school employees is picking up steam, after one local school district agreed to “identify” and set aside \$600,000 to help finance the project. Four other school districts are being asked to follow suit.

The housing idea, spearheaded by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian earlier this year, proposes constructing at least 60 housing units on county-owned land in Palo Alto exclusively for teachers and school faculty. In order to pay for the steep costs of the project — estimated at \$36 million — Simitian is banking on each of the five regional school districts to pony up \$600,000 for their share of the units.

The Mountain View Whisman School District, Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, Los Altos School District, Palo Alto Unified School District and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District are all being asked to join. The multilateral partnership is still conceptual in

nature, and key details like the total number of units and the cost of rent could change prior to final approval.

The first district to jump on the opportunity was Foothill-De Anza, when the board of trustees voted unanimously on Aug. 27 to find sources of funding that could be used to pay for the district's contribution. Foothill-De Anza isn't exactly in a strong financial position, with declining enrollment and deficit spending on the horizon, but trustees have voiced interest in finding ways to attract and retain staff.

In a letter to school officials, Simitian wrote that many teachers find themselves unable to pay for the high cost of housing in Silicon Valley and are frequently priced out of the area. While this rings true for many residents outside of the profession as well, Simitian stated that teachers often find themselves making too much to qualify for low-income housing but too little to actually afford to rent or buy a home.

“It's better for everyone — folks trying to avoid traffic, kids

getting an education, school districts trying to hire and retain the very best teachers for our schools, and of course our teachers themselves — when our teachers can live in or close to the communities where they teach,” Simitian said in a statement following the Foothill-De Anza vote.

Los Altos School District board members agreed last week that it was premature to throw their weight behind the proposal and commit \$600,000 in funding, and that several questions would need to be answered first. Trustees asked staff to come back with information on employee interest in the proposal, expected rents, how rental income would be used and how long teachers could remain in the housing units. Despite the cautious approach, some board members showed early support for the idea.

“I definitely think we progress down the path with this,” said board member Jessica Speiser. “It's a great movement to help teachers in any way we can.”

Los Altos Superintendent Jeff

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Tensions grow between LASD and Bullis Charter

LOS ALTOS BOARD MEMBERS COMPLAIN THAT ENROLLMENT GROWTH COULD FORCE SCHOOL CLOSURES

By Kevin Forestieri

Los Altos School District board members on Monday night accused Bullis Charter School of not being forthcoming with its enrollment growth plans. Trustees say that years of good-faith cooperation between the two agencies is threatening to unravel.

The latest rumor is that the charter school plans to grow to 1,800 students, according to trustee Sangeeth Peruri, which could siphon students from Los Altos district schools and force school closures. He questioned whether Bullis parents would want that kind of “mega school” in the middle of Los Altos.

Bullis board chair Joe Hurd told the Voice after the meeting that the charter school and the district are still discussing enrollment projections confidentially with a mediator, and that it wouldn't be appropriate to reveal the charter school's growth plans at this time.

The centerpiece of the Sept. 10 conversation was what to do with a future school site in the San Antonio region of Mountain View. Los Altos School District officials are planning to acquire about 9.6 acres of land for a new school on the corner of Showers Drive and California Street, but have yet to take a stance on whether it should be a new elementary school for students in the area or a new campus for Bullis Charter School.

A recent task force convened by the school district sought to answer that very question but remained split until the end, with a solid majority of the members — six of the nine — recommending that Bullis be relocated to the new Mountain View campus. At each of the meetings, task force members faced uncertainty about whether the new school, likely capped at 900 students, would accommodate the charter school's enrollment.

That same uncertainty hung over the board Monday night, with trustees venting that they can't get a straight answer from Bullis about how big it will grow in the coming years. The district has an agreement that constrains

Bullis from growing past 900 students through the 2018-19 school year, but after that it's an open question. Bullis officials told the district's hired demographer earlier this year that they plan to increase enrollment to 1,200 students, and Peruri said one Bullis board member indicated the school could grow to 1,800 students.

Board president Vladimir Ivanovic said Bullis representatives declined to talk about their future plans at a public meeting, stating they were willing to discuss enrollment growth “in private with a mediator,” which board member Jessica Speiser said seemed like a step back from recent collaborative efforts to find a permanent solution to the charter school's facility needs.

“It's disappointing that they are not willing to come speak to us about their enrollment growth,” she said. “We need to work together to solve this.”

Hurd said Bullis' leadership was blindsided by the comments at the meeting, and assumed that future enrollment growth was still confidential and the subject of an ongoing debate with the district. Bullis officials had been invited through a letter from Ivanovic dated Sept. 4, just days before the Monday meeting, he said.

“We responded to LASD on Friday and we told them in that letter that the info that they're looking for is part of mediation — and they know this — and that they are happy to meet with a mediator again,” Hurd said.

The relationship between Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District has been cordial and more transparent in recent years, at least relatively speaking, after the two signed a five-year agreement ending litigation and long-standing feuds over use of facility space at Blach and Egan junior high schools, where Bullis is housed in portable classrooms. Adding weight to the ceasefire was the promise that the \$150 million Measure N bond passed by voters in 2014 would provide a “permanent” facilities solution for the charter school.

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That collaborative spirit has waned in recent months, Peruri said.

“Unfortunately, I think things are starting to change,” he said. “Recent events have made it clear to me that BCS is no longer willing to work collaboratively with the district.”

The most concerning development is that Bullis officials reportedly want to double the size of the student body in the coming years, he said, which could have a serious effect on district-run schools. He worried that it could lead to a dramatic decline in enrollment that could force the closure of one, two or even three Los Altos district schools. He said the charter school ought to be transparent about its plans, given the “dramatic impact” it could have on the community.

“If we are going to close multiple schools, I want to make sure we give our families as much time to plan as possible,” he said.

Board members reject Egan relocation idea

Sidelined during the board’s discussion was what to make of

the task force’s recommendations, which favored relocating Bullis to the Mountain View site. While board members only briefly weighed in, some trustees indicated that moving Bullis would be their preferred option as well.

Board member Steve Taglio said acquiring land for a new school gives the district a chance to resolve its longstanding problem of housing 10 schools on nine campuses. Putting Bullis on the Mountain View campus fixes that problem, while creating a new neighborhood school in Mountain View does not. Barring the closure of an existing school, he said moving the charter school is the only option.

“The idea of getting 10 schools on 10 sites is our priority,” he said.

Board member Bryan Johnson said it would be helpful to know why the Bullis community is so against being relocated to a school north of El Camino Real.

“I don’t know why a brand new facility that’s only about half a mile away is unthinkable,” Johnson said.

Hurd said the district has done little to include Bullis Charter School in the discussion on what to do with the 10th school site, and that the charter school’s

board of directors has yet to formally weigh in on which option it prefers. Involvement has mostly been limited to one parent from Bullis, Jill Jene, who was selected to represent the charter school community on the task force.

‘I don’t know why a brand new facility that’s only about half a mile away is unthinkable.’

BRYAN JOHNSON,
LASD BOARD MEMBER

“LASD trustees have never once formally asked the BCS board to consider the 10th site placement,” Hurd said.

Generally speaking, Hurd said he questions the logic behind placing Bullis, the largest school in the district, on what would be one of the smallest campuses.

Many of the parents who showed up at the meeting sharply opposed an alternative, floated by task force member and Mountain View City Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga, to relocate

Egan Junior High from its current location on W. Portola Avenue to the new Mountain View site. This would free up the Egan facilities for Bullis Charter school to grow and would give students in the area a safe route to walk and bike to school.

Santa Rita parent Herb Marshall said that moving Egan to Mountain View runs contrary to the district’s “neighborhood school model,” while parent John Keeling called it a “no-brainer” that traveling north of El Camino to Mountain View for school would be far more dangerous for Egan students than Bullis students.

“Junior high kids are walking by themselves, biking by themselves. Charter school kids — maybe not so much,” he said.

Parent Jim Flynn, whose office is at the corner of San Antonio and El Camino, said he was “very concerned” about not only traffic safety but general crime in the shopping center area, including bank robberies, hazmat emergencies and public urination.

Board members for the most part rejected the Egan proposal, dismissing the idea as not a serious option and not something the task force should have considered in the first place.

Ivanovic said he “objected” to the way the option was raised by Abe-Koga, and that it constituted a “violation of the norms of the task force.” Taglio said he was glad to see it wasn’t popular among task force members, was never a viable option to the board, and that any complaints to the board about relocating Egan should be directed to the Mountain View City Council.

At a council meeting last week, Abe-Koga said she was “disappointed” in the task force process, particularly the failure to reach consensus on a recommendation, and that it was clear from the outset that the task force was stacked in favor of moving Bullis to the new site. She repeatedly described relocating Egan as a compromise that would circumvent having to redraw attendance boundaries, and that complaints about Egan kids traveling north of El Camino to get to school rang hollow.

“Later on the conversation turned into LASD kids having to cross El Camino to get to the school, to which I pointed out that the Mountain View kids are already doing that, but there just seemed to be very little concern about our kids,” she said. ▀

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School board approves pay raises for teachers, administrators

HEALTHY FINANCES HELP OFFSET \$1.7M IN ANNUAL COST INCREASES

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District unanimously approved a 5 percent salary increase for its teaching staff and its top administrators, following signs that the district's budget picture is expected to remain rosy for the next three years.

The multiple salary-related votes at the Sept. 6 meeting included a 5 percent raise for all of the district's roughly 290 teachers for the 2018-19 school year, along with a commensurate

pay increase for Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph and associate superintendents Cathy Baur, Robert Clark and Carmen Ghysels.

Teacher salaries in the district now range from \$63,980 to \$114,705, based on years in the district and college education, with one new addition — teachers are now eligible for up to two \$2,000 stipends for having a doctorate or master's degree, or National Board Certification. Similar stipends have been available in nearly every other district in Santa Clara County,

and Mountain View Whisman teachers had criticized the district for failing to provide the same incentive.

The district's negotiators reached a tentative agreement with the Mountain View Educators Association on the salaries in early June, but delayed final approval by the board until it had been ratified by the teachers' association. The raises are expected to add about \$1.7 million in annual costs to the budget.

In February, two studies commissioned by the district found that Mountain View Whisman's

pay increases have far outpaced other Santa Clara County districts over the last five years, and that teachers are paid well, relative to comparable elementary school districts. Rudolph at the time said that the pace of salary increases — averaging 5.13 percent annually — might be unsustainable.

The tentative agreement with the teachers' union was reached right around the time district officials revealed they had made several "miscalculations" in the budget that undercounted revenue and overestimated costs,

radically changing grim projections of future deficit spending.

The board also approved near-identical contracts for Ghysels, Clark and Baur, which state that all three will receive \$205,810 for the 2018-19 school year. All three are also eligible for the \$2,000 teacher stipends.

Trustees extended Rudolph's contract by one year to cover July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, along with a 5 percent salary increase for a total of \$246,477 in annual compensation. ■

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that Pardo de Zela was too sympathetic to landlords, although as an alternate, he has barely participated in any major committee decisions.

Mayor Lenny Siegel and council members Pat Showalter and Ken Rosenberg voted against Pardo de Zela's appointment. Hinting that another committee member could soon be stepping down, Rosenberg said it made sense to gather a new pool of applicants.

"My concern is that if we have another absence, we're going to have a very imbalanced Rental Housing Committee," he said. "It's a problem we can solve by starting early."

In any case, the council will soon need to launch a new application process for appointments to the rental committee. The terms for RHC member Evan Ortiz and Means (now held by Pardo de Zela), as well as the now-vacant alternate position, will all end in April.

—Mark Noack

STATE AIMS FOR CLEAN ELECTRICITY BY 2045

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday signed into law a bill that sets a goal of 100 percent clean electricity for California by 2045.

The goal would require replacing carbon-producing fuels such as coal and gasoline with renewable energy such as wind, solar, geothermal and hydroelectric power. The law, known as SB 100, also sets goals of 50 percent clean energy by 2025 and 60 percent by 2030.

Brown said in a statement as he signed the law in Sacramento, "California is committed to doing whatever is necessary to meet the existential threat of climate change."

The goal "sends a clear signal to markets to expand clean energy generation," Brown said.

The Sierra Club, noting that California has the world's fifth largest economy, stated, "California is now the largest global economy to commit to 100 percent renewable energy."

"California is showing the world that a transition to 100 percent clean energy is within reach and it will continue to drive the transition away from fossil fuels — and it is doing this while the federal government abandons clean energy," said Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune.

But another environmental group, Greenpeace, said the new law is a good first step, but called on Brown to stop issuing permits for new oil and natural gas wells.

"Continuing to drill and frack for oil and gas is not only counterproductive to efforts to meaningfully address climate change — it also poisons frontline communities, including the many people who work for the fossil fuel industry," Greenpeace said in a statement.

NEW DATA SHOWS SLOW BAY AREA HOUSING PRODUCTION

New data shows that Bay Area housing increased by only 14,900 new units in 2017, less than 30 percent of the number of new jobs in the region during the same period, according to data released by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

The number of new housing units, mostly apartments and condominiums, was much less than the 52,700 new jobs estimated by the California Employment Development Department to have been added in the nine-county Bay Area last year.

The imbalance highlights the

region's "housing crunch" and reinforces its position as one of the nation's most expensive places to live, MTC officials said.

Other findings show that permits for single family homes have stagnated since 2008, while multifamily units like apartment buildings have nearly doubled to 15,000 in 2016 from 8,000 units in 2009. Multifamily housing accounted for 70 percent of the 21,000 units permitted by Bay Area municipalities in 2016.

The data is part of the Vital Signs initiative by the MTC and ABAG that monitors the region's progress toward reaching key environmental, transportation, land use, and economic policy goals. More information on housing production data and other findings can be found at vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov.

CALTRAIN RIDERSHIP UP THIS YEAR FROM 2017

Caltrain ridership has jumped slightly this year compared to 2017, when ridership decreased, Caltrain officials said.

Ridership is up 1.5 percent this year, according to the annual onboard ridership count, which showed that average mid-weekday ridership for 2018 is currently at 65,095 passengers.

Caltrain officials said the

weekday count methodology has been changed this year. Whereas the 2017 count came from trains on all five weekdays, this year's count came from counting weekday trains on Tuesday, Thursday or Wednesday.

The annual ridership count is used to identify trends, allocate resources to deal with capacity issues and validate ridership-based revenue.

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City Council gave direction to the city attorney's office to give unspecified assistance to McAlister on the matter. The nature of that assistance would depend on how the FPPC responds, City Attorney Jannie Quinn told the *Voice*.

"I am very pleased the council voted to provide me with representation for the alleged conflict of interest regarding LASD," McAlister said in an emailed statement. "I look forward to receiving formal written advice from the FPPC and resolving this matter."

The allegations swirling around McAlister started in July when Mountain View resident Ellyn Berner filed a complaint letter to the FPPC. In her complaint, Berner contends that McAlister's investment in the preschool could have influenced his votes by presenting an ulterior motive to protect or grow his business.

Any business investment surpassing \$2,000 is treated as a potential conflict of interest under state government code. In McAlister's case, his 40 percent ownership of Stepping Stones Preschool is well past that threshold.

But city attorneys say the

investment still doesn't represent a conflict. In a letter sent to the FPPC, city senior attorney Krishan Chopra said McAlister's preschool doesn't meet any of the various definitions for a conflict under the FPPC rules. The recent council decisions involving the school district would not have any significant impact on Stepping Stones Preschool or McAlister's investment, he wrote.

In a prior interview with the *Voice*, McAlister gave assurances that he was cleared by city legal staff to participate in the school discussions. But he declined to elaborate on when that advice was given. Similarly, Quinn said she could not confirm or disclose details on any advice her office had given to McAlister. That advice, if given, would be protected by attorney-client privilege, she told the *Voice*.

On Tuesday, the FPPC confirmed that the conflict of interest complaint is being treated as a formal investigation. Under those circumstances, the commission would likely not respond to Mountain View's request for advice until the case is resolved, said FPPC spokesman Jay Wierenga.

The stakes are high for a councilman being called to task over his standing to participate

in decisions regarding the new school campus.

A portion of Mountain View falls within LASD boundaries, but all but one of the district's campuses are within Los Altos. The school district and city have been cooperating for nearly three years on securing land for a new 10th school campus. That effort moved briskly in recent months as Mountain View officials finalized a subsidy package worth \$103 million to help LASD secure land for the school. In June, school district officials announced they would use eminent domain to purchase 9.6 acres of the San Antonio Shopping Center in Mountain View.

That deal is nearly at the finish line — the Mountain View council is scheduled to discuss the project on Oct. 16, and possibly give final approval for the subsidy package, which includes park funds and permission for LASD to sell the site's excess development rights to raise money for the land purchase. By seeking advice from the FPPC, city officials wanted clarity on whether McAlister could participate in the decision, City Manager Dan Rich said.

The potential ramifications of McAlister's conflict have clouded deliberations on the new school

campus. At a recent meeting, members of a school district task force repeatedly brought up the potential conflict, and they wondered aloud whether a tie-breaking council vote would be neutralized on future decisions.

McAlister has countered that those making allegations against him have their own ulterior motive. He believes the FPPC complaint is being spearheaded by advocates for Bullis Charter School, which operates independent schools at two Los Altos School District campuses.

Berner, the plaintiff listed on the FPPC filing, has repeatedly declined to say whether she is affiliated with the Bullis school, despite repeated request by the *Voice*. Bullis advocates have been similarly circumspect.

"I'm not going to dignify that with a response," said Bullis board chair Joe Hurd, when asked if his group was behind the FPPC complaint. Bullis would issue a formal response to McAlister's accusation once the full board was notified, he said. He later said in an email that no comment would be forthcoming.

The charter school advocates have a long history of legal and political feuding with their public-school counterparts over equal treatment and facility use. For months, Bullis board members have publicly warned that the San Antonio school plan was a ploy by LASD to relocate Bullis to an inadequate site the school community didn't want.

Bullis is currently capped at 900 students, but charter school officials have expressed interest in expanding the student body. Relocating to the San Antonio site would artificially constrain those growth plans, given its tight space, Hurd said.

"It makes zero sense for the largest school to be put on the smallest site — that doesn't make sense for LASD, taxpayers or Mountain View residents," he said. "This has nothing to do with where the site is located, but it has everything to do with

if this is fair."

Los Altos school district officials have avoided saying definitively what school will go on the Mountain View site. At public meetings, LASD Superintendent Jeff Baier asked Mountain View city leaders not to tie his hands by laying down conditions for what kind of school could be built.

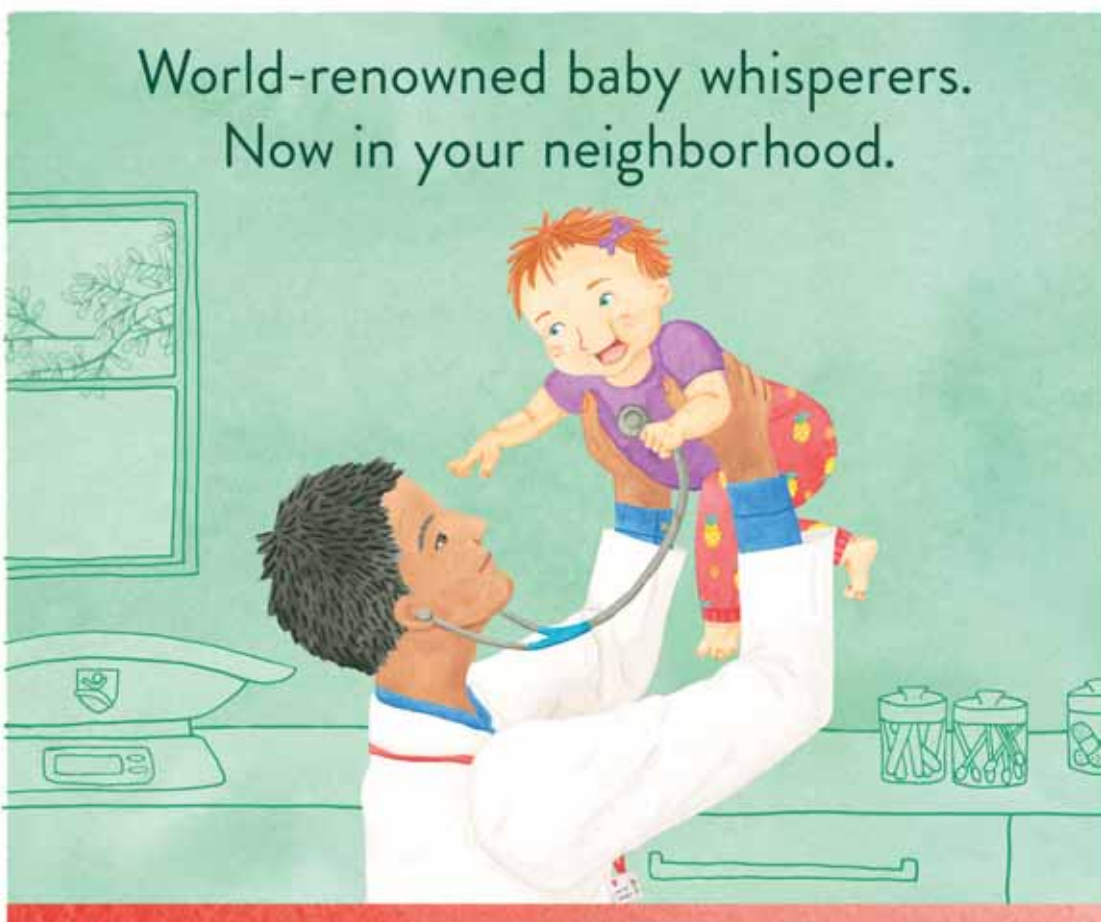
But the vagueness of the LASD plans has unnerved some members of the Mountain View City Council. At a crucial June meeting, three of the seven council members wanted to set conditions on what kind of school could be built, in light of the city's significant financial assistance. Among their stipulations, they wanted a commitment from LASD that the site would be used for a new neighborhood school serving Mountain View students, not for relocating Bullis.

At that meeting, McAlister's support for the plan proved decisive, swinging a 4-3 vote to approve moving forward with the city's \$103 million subsidy package, with no strings attached. In the weeks following that decision, a nine-member task force largely selected by LASD administrators announced what many were already anticipating: Bullis would be the best use for the new school site, they said. Bullis representatives say that charter school board members were not allowed to participate in the task force.

If FPPC officials ascertain that McAlister does have a conflict of interest, it could have a wide range of impacts. He would be restricted from future discussions involving the new school plans. State officials can also impose a variety of penalties, from a simple warning letter to a \$5,000 fee per violation.

As for past votes taken by a compromised official, FPPC officials say that it would be up to the City Council to decide whether those actions would need to be revisited. ▀

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Baier said that Simitian's plan, which has taken shape over the last few months, would likely cost the district \$200,000 each year for three years, and in exchange the district would gain access to 12 two-bedroom housing units within the development. The financing structure for the proposal also makes a big ask of the county — which has set aside \$6 million for the project — and the city of Palo Alto, which is being asked to commit \$3 million. The rest of the \$24 million in estimated costs would come from low- or no-interest loans from investors.

The proposal circumvents the high cost of land, often seen as a major barrier for affordable housing developments, by building the project on county-owned land next to the Palo Alto courthouse located at 231 Grant Ave. Simitian argued in February 2017 that the plot of land was "dramatically underutilized" and could be a potential site for affordable housing during a discussion on how to spend \$950 million in Measure A funding.

The remaining school districts have yet to hold a public meeting on Simitian's idea. Mountain View-Los Altos High



ELENA KADVANY

Affordable housing for local teachers is proposed by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian to be developed at this county-owned site at 231 Grant Ave. in Palo Alto.

School District Superintendent Jeff Harding said he is open to discussing the proposal, but the letter he received from Simitian's office was simply outlining a general concept rather than a solid proposal. The district does not have plans to discuss its involvement in the partnership, he said.

Mountain View Whisman board members also have yet to weigh in, and district officials say it's not on any future agendas.

Board member Tamara Wilson said in an email that she wasn't prepared to throw her support behind the housing project — citing a need for more information — but she said she's open to the idea.

"Any teacher housing investment that is financially sound and supports quality teacher retention in MVWSD will get my support," she said. ▀

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CRIME BRIEFS

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counts of cyberstalking and one count of criminal coercion of a minor. The minimum prison sentence for producing child pornography is 15 years. He is scheduled to be sentenced on Dec. 5.

—Mark Noack

LAUNDRY ROOM FIRE

Firefighters extinguished a laundry room fire that broke out in a home located in the Sahara Mobile Home Park Tuesday afternoon. The fire temporarily displaced a family with children.

The Mountain View Fire Department received reports of the fire shortly before 2 p.m. on Sept. 11. Firefighters arrived to find that the fire had extended into the walls of the home as well as under the home, according to a department statement.

Firefighters extinguished the fire around 3:26 p.m.

The building was evacuated and no one was injured, fire officials said. Two adults and two children were displaced and found temporary lodging.

Damage caused by the fire is estimated at \$50,000. The initial cause of the fire remains under investigation.

—Kevin Forestieri

NORTH BAYSHORE

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but the original gives us the maximum number of affordable units and maximum flexibility," said Clark. "My worry with the (alternatives) is I don't know how far down the rabbit hole we have to go to make it work."

In a 4-3 vote, Clark and council members Ken Rosenberg, Margaret Abe-Koga and Lisa Matchak voted to reject the alternatives. Clark acknowledged the city would probably need to scale back its fees.

At a Sept. 4 meeting, the council heard from several developers that due to skyrocketing land

values, city fees for parks and schools have been rising precipitously, making it infeasible to build housing in North Bayshore. City staff say those fees are adding about \$120,000 in costs for each apartment built. Local school districts have said that transforming North Bayshore from an office park into a residential neighborhood will create the need for new schools to be built, something the districts can't afford to do without significant help.

Modifying the city's fees will be discussed at a future City Council meeting. ▀

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primary care doctors, occupational therapists, social workers, nurses and more — but the vibe is nothing like a sterile medical clinic.

The centers and the way they were marketed had such little resemblance to mental health clinics, while essentially playing the same role, that roughly half of the children and young adults who walked through the door were self-referrals. They showed up looking for help, even if they weren't quite sure what was wrong with them, Tanti said.

Could something like Headspace take root in California, where the health care model and financing is so different from that of Australia's? A number of organizations in the Bay Area, notably the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health, are seeking to emulate Headspace, widely considered to be the gold standard for youth mental health care. Stanford Hospital recently received \$15 million in Santa Clara County funds to open clinics in San Jose and the North County area.

Just north of the county border in Menlo Park, a program called SafeSpace launched last year aiming to fill the same niche as Headspace, with Tanti serving as the organization's CEO for its first year. Its downtown center is open as a hub for middle and high school students, with a direct link to clinical services just a block away.

Getting a Headspace model that could serve anyone who walks through its doors will likely be a significant uphill battle — California doesn't have the type of government-sponsored health care system that Australia has, Tanti said. Instead, Stanford would need to broker agreements with commercial insurance companies and public agencies. These contracts are often seen as a significant barrier to providing care, made more difficult by the fractious nature of Medi-Cal and



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Sarah Gentile of Los Altos has spent years as an advocate for better access to mental health services and fighting to get youth inpatient psychiatric care in Santa Clara County.

how individual counties provide mental health services.

"The need is so overwhelming," said Steve Adelsheim, director of Stanford's Center for Youth Mental Health and Wellbeing. "Part of the concern is that when we open there will be many, many people coming. Will it be an overwhelming task? We won't know."

A fragmented system

The structure of mental health care services in California is unusual compared to most of the country. Among the biggest challenges is trying to circumvent bureaucratic roadblocks and tap into roughly \$8 billion in mental health care funding provided by the state each year.

For the last six decades, California has taken steps to reduce the role of the state in providing mental health care, opting instead for a decentralized system that pushes most of the administrative and financial responsibility to the state's 58 counties. This patchwork approach of counties trying to fill mental health care gaps ends up isolating mental health from the rest of the Medi-Cal model.

Few other states do this "carving out" that delegates Specialty Mental Health Services down to the county level, something that requires a waiver from the federal government every two years. Other states, including Iowa, Nebraska and New York have sought to shift behavioral health services back to statewide Medicaid managed care plans.

One of the downsides of

California's fragmented system is that every county has approached mental health care in a different way, without any continuity, according to Sheree Lowe, vice president of Behavioral Services at the California Hospital Association. She said it's hard enough that behavioral health is so underfunded in California, but it only adds to the difficulty of getting care when every county is approaching the problem in a different way.

If private practices want to provide psychiatric care or therapy for Medi-Cal patients and have the government pay the bill, it's an uphill battle. Lowe said they not only have to contend with relatively low reimbursement rates, but also have to work their way through the bureaucratic slog of contracting with individual counties. It's unreasonable to think a small practice has the administrative bandwidth to ink contracts with so many different government agencies.

"Imagine a psychiatrist in private practice in Sacramento having to have contracts with 30 different counties. For a one-man psychiatrist office — that's just too much to ask," she said. "Most psychiatrists refuse to contract with commercial and Medi-Cal payers and put the burden on patients to pay and get reimbursed from the insurance companies."

One study found that psychiatrists are among the least likely physicians to accept new patients on public insurance, with only 37 percent accepting Medi-Cal, according to a report by the California Healthcare Foundation. Payment amounts were the

number one problem cited, followed by "administrative hassles" and delays in payments.

For families, those numbers translate into long delays in getting care and a lot more legwork for patients searching for a timely appointment, said Saul Wasserman, government affairs committee co-chair for the California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

"You can find a child psychiatrist now if you're willing to pay out of pocket," he said. "You may or may not be able to find someone if you are on a PPO-type insurance plan, and if you're using public insurance like Medi-Cal, it's impossible."

More than half of Santa Clara County's half-billion dollar annual budget for mental health and substance abuse services doesn't actually finance county-operated programs, instead flowing out to roughly 40 different community-based organizations (CBOs). This includes a network of nonprofits and health care agencies peppered throughout the county and serving tens of thousands of patients each year.

Although Santa Clara County consistently passes state performance reviews and requirements with flying colors — and has received praise for its Crisis Stabilization Unit for youth as a means to avoid hospitalization — there are signs that the county has struggled to maintain good relationships with its partners.

Last year, a group called the Community Health Partnership brought together 35 people from health care clinics, mental health nonprofits and hospitals serving North County and West Valley cities and asked them, candidly, what kind of problems they have working with the county. The long list of grievances show that CBOs rarely have the administrative bandwidth to make it through the laborious application process with the county, particularly smaller nonprofits with shoestring budgets. The contracts, they said, usually comes with a fairly low reimbursement rate and burdensome reporting requirements.

Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, who requested the report, told the *Voice* that the results didn't come as a surprise to him, reaffirming that nonprofits and the larger community see the county as a bureaucracy that is slow to respond to crises and difficult to work with.

"County staff has to work harder to overcome some of that bureaucratic inertia that likely affects counties of our size," Simitian said. "It's a great big battleship, and it's difficult to turn it in even a degree or two."

Simitian said it's worth remembering that the county has its

own hands tied in many ways, with burdensome restrictions by state and federal agencies on how money is spent. The latest example was the county's contract with an intensive outpatient program called ASPIRE, operated by El Camino Hospital, which took two years of planning and creativity in order to comply with the billing structure allowed by Medicaid.

Contracting for services isn't so difficult when the county is looking to buy widgets, Simitian said, but the same can't be said for mental health services. Spending is heavily constrained and monitored, and services often simply don't fit within the framework of state law.

"The provisions that are in state law to try and make sure that the process doesn't involve misuse of public funds, doesn't have favoritism and gives people the best product at the lowest price — which is fine, if you want to buy widgets," he said. "But if you want to solve complex social problems like the mental health needs of teens in our area, the process doesn't function particularly well."

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Even without the bureaucratic slowdown, Lowe said the state's strategy of isolating Specialty Mental Health Services from the state's health care system is fundamentally part of the problem, and an antiquated approach to mental illness that's based on stigma. Physicians have more difficulty coordinating care, and patients are expected to figure out where to go for services.

"What we need is some leadership from the governor's office on down to take on the crisis that is present today and re-engineer it," Lowe said. "Maybe if we had one health care delivery system and treated the whole person, and stopped cutting them off at the neck, that might improve the stigma discrimination. I think it's actually fed into the problem."

Not a bed in sight

One glaring hole in Santa Clara County's mental health services is the dearth of hospital services

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for children and teens in crisis. In emergency cases, where children are a danger to themselves and others, many local families often face the gut-wrenching decision to send their children as far away as Sacramento, often for an entire week of inpatient treatment, because Santa Clara County fails to offer a nearby alternative.

And while county officials have acknowledged the problem and considered how to fill this crucial gap in health care services since 2011, the region's most vulnerable children are still being directed out of the area for inpatient psychiatric services.

Sarah Gentile, a Los Altos parent who has made a name for herself as a mental health advocate in Santa Clara County, said she has been assisting families as an advisory resource for years, helping navigate through a confusing and spotty network of mental health services. She said one of the "heartbreaking truths" that comes up time and again is that the younger and sicker a child is, the fewer the resources available in Santa Clara County.

Inpatient psychiatric facilities play an important role, providing treatment in a secure and heavily supervised environment for patients suffering acute psychiatric symptoms including psychosis or "active suicidality" — behaviors that put themselves and others at high risk of harm. Many of the patients who are admitted are compelled via a "5150" involuntary psychiatric hold.

Despite having a life-saving role, psychiatric beds are hard to come by — particularly for children and teens. Up until last year, Santa Clara County had zero psychiatric beds for children and adolescents, despite a population of more than 1.9 million residents. It was by far the largest county without any beds for kids, with Kern County in second place with 882,000 residents, according to data compiled by the California Hospital Association.

Since then, Santa Clara County has approved a contract with a new psychiatric hospital, San Jose Behavioral Health, to offer six of its beds for child and adolescent patients, though the deal was seen as a stopgap measure until a dedicated facility for children and teens is established. The facility still doesn't take children 12 or younger, who make up a small portion of the total patients.

Parents with teenagers in Santa Clara County often find themselves having to send their children to the Mills-Peninsula Inpatient Adolescent Department in San Mateo, while younger children are often sent to Sacramento, Gentile said. Throw in



MAGALI GAUTHIER

SafeSpace in Menlo Park is a local nonprofit's effort to emulate a successful teen mental health services program in Australia known as Headspace.

any kind of co-occurring physical condition or a mental health disorder like schizophrenia, she said, and families very likely have to go out of state for care.

Gentile said her family grappled with the problem in 2015, when her son had a major depressive episode and landed in the hospital. She said it was bizarre to hear that a world-renowned organization like Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, just a short drive from her home, couldn't serve her child.

"I was in disbelief that a children's hospital with Stanford's resources and reputation would turn away critically ill children who need mental health treatment," she said.

Frustration over the poor access to mental health care bubbled over at an El Camino Hospital board meeting in 2016, with several parents making an emotional appeal for youth inpatient psychiatric care. One mother said she was "filled with despair and fear" that she had nowhere to go if her child with special needs ever has a depressive episode, and called it "incomprehensible" that prestigious award-winning hospitals in the region would fall short of providing services to children in the same situation.

Deborah Scharfetter, a parent of two, recounted how her teenage daughter had gone through five months of severe depression — too sick to attend school and too ashamed and embarrassed to admit her situation — before deciding she needed to go to the hospital.

"When she was at tremendous risk of self-harm, of death, her community sent her away, the hospital — this hospital, where she was born — did not help her

recover, they sent her away," she said. "You sent her away."

The problem is pervasive in California, with state laws and changing attitudes toward involuntary psychiatric care driving down the number of psychiatric beds going back decades, said Lowe of the California Hospital Association. The total number of beds sank from 9,353 in 1995 to

'The need is so overwhelming'

STEVE ADELSHEIM

6,702 in 2016, a nearly 30 percent drop despite the state's rising population. Although experts recommend one psychiatric bed for every 2,000 people, in California it's closer to one for every 5,900 people.

Lowe said the anemic number of child and adolescent psychiatric beds — around 650 in a state with 39 million people — is likely linked to the high cost of staffing. Others suggest it has more to do with patient numbers that fluctuate throughout the year, with a big drop during summer.

It also stems from having 58 counties all administering separate Medi-Cal contracts with different terms, requirements and constraints, Lowe said. Sacramento isn't just a destination for Santa Clara County kids in crisis; it pulls from more than half the counties in the state.

"In Sacramento County we have three free-standing acute hospitals, and they provide care and services to over 30 of our counties," she said. "They have 30 different billing systems that they have to follow.

The administrative burden is extreme."

Gentile said she finds the whole situation unconscionable, given the economic prosperity in the region and huge sums of public and private money earmarked for mental health services.

"The fact that neither Santa Clara County nor Stanford provide care for these children while acquiring millions of dollars specifically to treat mental illness is especially shameful," she said.

A swing and a miss

So what exactly is the holdup in Santa Clara County? Concrete efforts to establish an inpatient psychiatric facility for children in the county go at least as far back as 2011 — not long after a youth suicide cluster in Palo Alto — when the county sought bids for a facility to serve the more than 600 kids who show up in emergency rooms each year in need of psychiatric hospital care. The request for proposals (RFP) fell flat due to "budget constraints" at the time, according to county reports.

The idea was resurrected in June 2015, when Simitian announced he would spearhead an effort to meet the "significant needs for inpatient psychiatric care for kids." Simitian's proposal essentially called out the practice of sending hundreds of youth to Alameda, Contra Costa and Sacramento counties for treatment as problematic, and vowed to find ways to get the inpatient unit built.

"I'm worried that having this treatment option so far away deters kids and families from seeking the help they need," Simitian said at the time. "We know that these beds are an integral and essential part of the

continuum of care. The next step is to figure out how to get the best possible help for these kids closer to home."

Several hospitals and non-profits laid out their visions, with the most ambitious coming from a proposed joint venture between El Camino Hospital, Kaiser Permanente and Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. The idea, floated in April 2016, described an 18-bed facility built on the El Camino campus serving youth ages 12 to 17, with an opening date slated for 2020. The vision included step-down services like partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient services so patients could ease back into a normal life after being discharged.

Despite the fanfare, the idea fell flat, and county officials at the time did little to explain why it fizzled. A press release from Simitian's office late last year stated that the process had simply ended "without a successful bid" in January 2017.

Behavioral Health Services Director Toni Tullys told the *Voice* that one organization did submit a proposal, but subsequent discussions with county staff revealed that it needed almost twice as much money as the \$1.8 million allotted — about \$3.5 million — to get the psychiatric unit off the ground. The county denied the request for extra money and the RFP was closed with no contract.

The tepid response could have been due to the RFP itself, which made a pretty big ask without much compensation. The county stated it was seeking a 20-bed facility that could serve ages 4 to 17, a huge range of ages that don't commingle very well.

The RFP also stated that the provider would need to have a child psychiatrist available 24 hours a day, along with a pediatrician, psychiatric nurse, social workers or marriage and family therapists, a nutritionist, a pharmacist, a behaviorist and therapists qualified to assess and treat substance abuse. The contract needed to be ready to go live starting Oct. 1 that year — five months after the RFP was submitted — and the county was willing to pay \$1.8 million for the first year of operation.

One interested party referred to it as "a recipe for bankruptcy."

A new proposal, due to appear in front of the Board of Supervisors this month, will instead propose having Santa Clara County take the lead, though it's unclear when the facility would finally be built.

In the aftermath of the failed RFP, Simitian said he gathered representatives from all

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the major hospitals in the area, including Kaiser, El Camino and Stanford, and asked them frankly what it was going to take to get the inpatient unit built.

“Ultimately what became apparent was that everybody wanted to do their part, but nobody felt they could take the entire challenge on themselves or take the lead with a new facility,” he said.

Gentile said she was frustrated with the county’s slow response to the problem, but was likewise baffled that no one else had stepped up to the plate. Stanford just opened its new children’s hospital last year, doubling the square footage and number of beds, but the expansion plans didn’t include a single bed for inpatient psychiatric care, she said.

Tiffany Maciel, whose search for psychiatric help for her young son turned into a full-time job that took four years, said she questioned the idea that the start-up costs for an inpatient psychiatric unit exceeded what hospitals could pay, particularly when Stanford had just wrapped up a \$1.2 billion expansion. It rings hollow, she said, when Stanford envisions itself as a partner with a county-led psychiatric unit rather than taking the lead.

“Most parents who are involved are pretty angry at Stanford and the new pediatric facility that doesn’t have a single pediatric mental health bed for kids in crises,” Maciel said. “When the county put out the RFP they said couldn’t raise the money to build it, but how much did Stanford spend on their new facility?”

A funding logjam

The consensus among public officials and the medical community is that mental health services are underfunded, and that taxpayer dollars could go a long way toward supporting early intervention and new, innovative approaches to fill — or at least reduce — big gaps in access to effective services.

It’s all the more surprising, in light of a major state audit report this year revealing that counties across California have failed for years to spend money earmarked for mental health services. The audit concluded that the counties had amassed \$2.5 billion in unspent funding, some of which had been sitting in bank accounts for a decade. Santa Clara County is no exception, with a total of \$133 million in unspent funds.

Individual counties receive funds through California’s Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), an income tax measure passed by voters in 2004, to spend on

mental health programs as each county sees fit. The money is broken up into three categories to ensure counties invest in a range of services: community services and support, innovative programs and prevention and early intervention. The act now generates one-fourth of all state dollars devoted to mental health.

The MHSA follows the same mold that the state has been following for decades, which puts individual counties in the driver’s seat for spending public dollars on mental health services. But with so much money going unspent, some state lawmakers are questioning the wisdom of a hands-off approach, seeking instead to claw back funds and hold counties accountable for a backlog that shouldn’t exist.

State officials say the problem could be blamed, at least in part, on lax oversight and an unwillingness to compel counties to spend close to \$2.2 billion in funds each year. The MHSA includes language that allows California to “revert” unspent money back to the state after three years, but state health officials have declined to do so since at least 2008, according to a recent testimony to state lawmakers by Toby Ewing, executive director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.

The audit found that \$230 million in MHSA funds should have reverted to the state but haven’t.

The majority of California counties have also failed to meet deadlines for submitting annual reports on how the money is spent, and are two or three years behind, according to the oversight committee. As of February 2017, for example, fewer than half of public agencies had filed 2014-15 spending reports, which were due by the end of December 2015. The state audit used numbers from Santa Clara County’s 2014-15 annual report because the county was one of 12 agencies in the state that had yet to submit a 2015-16 annual report.

Amid the ongoing debate over forcing counties to give back



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Creating a community center that offers a broad range of youth mental health services has turned into a top priority for Santa Clara County officials, though it faces a long list of challenges.

unspent money, counties were not being entirely candid about the extent of money available — oversight commission members reviewed fiscal reports and discovered large, unspent funding balances that were “not publicly revealed and discussed as part of the mandatory community planning process required of the counties,” Ewing said.

Gentile said the unspent funding, to her, represented a big disparity between the rhetoric of county leaders and politicians — that mental health care for children and youth is a top priority — and complacency.

“I lost all hope when the state released its 2017 audit, which showed that Santa Clara County has been holding over \$133 million in unspent mental health funds,” she said. “I have little faith that these politicians will ever make good on their commitment to help our children.”

Behavioral Health Services Director Tullys said there are “many, many reasons” for the \$133 million figure in the annual report. Difficulty starting up programs, lack of guidance from

the state and fluctuations in funding from one year to the next all play into the problem. Some county officials claim that restrictions and oversight requirements are too burdensome, while others complain that counties didn’t get enough direction on how to spend the money.

The county also gets to hang on to some of that \$133 million as “prudent” reserves of about \$20 million, which arguably inflates the total amount of unspent cash.

Tullys, still relatively new to the position since joining in December 2014, said she has made it a top priority to find the “gaps” in the Mental Health Services Act. The county hired an outside firm, which Tullys described as a “crackerjack” team of experts, to spend a year sifting through all of the billing, utilization and expense papers.

The result is a recently published three-year plan — making Santa Clara one of only two counties in the state to do a full system assessment, Tullys said — that acts as a road map for using much of the unspent funding. Stanford’s version of the Headspace program alone helps draw down \$15 million from the innovation fund.

“The (firm) confirmed that there were gaps and put them into the plan. We’re spending down \$90 million in the first three years,” she said. “Yes, there was unspent money, but we had done the assessment and now we’re putting out money to new services.”

California lawmakers have pushed in recent months for policy changes that would either streamline the use of MHSA funds or put the threat of reversion back on the table. Senate bill 1004, authored by state Sens.

Scott Wiener and John Moorlach, proposes clear guidelines for money spent on prevention and early intervention, with a preference toward children and teens. Top priorities would include childhood trauma prevention, early detection of psychosis and mood disorders and “engagement strategies” for young adults, particularly those in college.

Senate bill 192, authored by state Sen. Jim Beall, was signed into law Sept. 10. It says all county funds subject to reversion will be sent back to the state as of July 1, 2020, and put into an account and eventually redistributed — essentially following through on a promise made in the original language of the MHSA.

Both bills have received a mixed response, with SB 1004 catching heat from counties seeking to retain autonomy as well as from mental health advocacy groups worried that adults and the elderly would be excluded from services provided under the bill. In an op-ed penned by Wiener and MHSA author and Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, the two did not concede ground.

“We make no apologies,” the opinion piece reads. “Fifty percent of serious mental illness takes root by age 14, and 75 percent by age 25. So, intervening at the earliest age possible to avoid the consequences of years of untreated illness? It’s not only common sense, it is just.”

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Community ownership of youth mental health services is essential in reaching as many children and young adults as possible, according to former Headspace CEO Chris Tanti.

This article is the second in a two-part series that was supported by a USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism 2018 California Fellowship.

FOOD FEATURE

The Sweet Life

BAY AREA TRANSPLANT AIMS TO MAKE SWEET TREATS MORE HEALTHY

Story by Alicia Mies | Photos by Veronica Weber

With advice coming from all directions, it can be difficult to navigate the oversaturated and complicated health food industry. Should you eliminate all sugars from your diet? Should you go keto, paleo or vegan? Should you try some form of fasting?

For Sasha Lipton, founder of Redwood City desserts company Clean Sweets by Sasha, it's always been about enjoying food while consuming nutritionally dense ingredients. Since March, Lipton has been making and selling cakes, muffins, cookies and other desserts with no grains, gluten, soy, dairy or refined sugar — basically, the ingredients that people associate with baked goods.

“There are a ton of gluten-free and vegan bakeries, but vegan and gluten-free doesn't mean healthy in any sense. There are tons of sugar and gums and thickeners and weird oils added to make those baked goods be the texture and taste that you would expect,” Lipton said. “I think the more simple, the better. I'm staying true to that.”

‘I don't want to make baked goods that taste good for being healthy, I wanted to make baked goods that taste good and happen to be healthy.’

After plenty of trial and error, Lipton created a base recipe. She uses almond flour, which she said makes her desserts more dense, and replaces butter and cream with coconut oil. She sweetens her desserts, made in her home kitchen, with maple syrup. She makes everything

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Above: Sasha Lipton left her job in the tech industry to pursue her passion: making baked goods with healthier ingredients that still satisfy her sweet tooth. She sells them under the name Clean Sweets by Sasha. **Left:** Lipton adds homemade raspberry jam to thumbprint cookies in her Redwood City kitchen. **Far left:** Her brownie bites are free of gluten, dairy, soy and refined sugar.



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from lemon poppyseed muffins and banana bread to peanut butter blondies, vegan raspberry thumbprint cookies and coconut chocolate chip cookies.

When she was living in New York in 2014, a doctor told Lipton to cut out grains, gluten, dairy, refined sugar and soy from her diet to remedy her cystic acne. She quickly realized there were few truly healthy sweets available. Motivated by a major sweet tooth, Lipton, who has baked and cooked throughout her life, started to experiment in the kitchen, making healthier variations of her favorite sweets.

As her skin started to clear up and she started to feel more energetic, she said she started sharing her baked goods with family and coworkers.

"I didn't tell people that they were healthy and people loved (them)," Lipton said. "They were asking for recipes and raving about them as if they were just a traditional baked good. I kind of felt like I had something there."

She moved to the Bay Area in September and while she was in the tech industry, she said she didn't feel passionate about her work. She instead decided to pursue her passion project, quitting her day job to start Clean Sweets in March.

Lipton said she hopes to help other people who are trying to be more conscious of the ingredients that they put into their bodies while also making a delicious product.

"I don't want to make baked goods that taste good for being healthy," she said. "I wanted to make baked goods that taste good and happen to be healthy."

Her baked goods are available

online (cleansweetsbysasha.com) for delivery or pick-up in Redwood City and for sale at Bare Bowls in Palo Alto and the Sigona's Farmers Market at Stanford Shopping Center. Lipton also takes special orders for events.

She continues to experiment — right now, think a healthier version of a rainbow cookie that uses spinach and turmeric for color — and hopes to focus more on seasonal ingredients in the future, such as pumpkins in the fall or ginger during the holidays. Her goal is to open a brick-and-mortar bakery, ideally in Palo Alto, where people can have a cup of coffee and a slice of guilt-free cake.

"As people start to understand what certain foods do to their body and what's happening on the inside because of those foods, I think healthy baked goods will become more and more mainstream," Lipton said. ■



Lipton coats a chocolate cake with frosting made of coconut milk, maple sugar and vanilla.

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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Dogged pursuits

PUPPIES VIE TO BECOME GUIDE DOGS IN 'PICK OF THE LITTER'

★★★1/2

(Aquarius Theatre)

There are two kinds of people in the world: people who hate dogs, and people who will love "Pick of the Litter," the dog-themed documentary sensation of the year. Wait, did I say "dogs?" I meant to say "puppies." Five puppies. Five Labrador retriever puppy siblings named Potomac, Patriot, Primrose, Poppet and Phil. That's right, folks. This movie is taking no chances when

it comes to warming your heart.

Bay-Area-based co-directors Dana Nachman (of Los Altos) and Don Hardy (of Alameda) locate a compelling narrative by tracking the journey of this litter of puppies — born and raised under the auspices of Guide Dogs for the Blind — from birth through their upbringing and training to their evaluation of ongoing usefulness to the nonprofit organization, whether as guide dogs placed with blind clients or as breeders of the

next generation. The numbers involved and complexity of the guide-dog program necessitate an approach of more breadth than depth, the brisk 81-minute documentary playing like a compressed season of the world's most adorable reality competition.

Filming across a roughly two-year span, Nachman and Hardy show an interest in the personalities of the dogs and certainly in what each dog is capable of achieving. If this is largely a puppy-interest story, the human element still drives it, with as many as 250 people, most of them volunteers, touching each dog's young life in the program.

One puppy trainer, an endearing eccentric with a heart as big as all outdoors, turns out to suffer from PTSD, giving his bond with his dog deeper significance. That the puppies are destined to wind up elsewhere lends these passages a poignancy: We have to watch the trainers return their dogs, a



COURTESY OF SUNDANCE SELECT

Potential guide dogs are the stars of "Pick of the Litter."

moment as difficult as it is inevitable. Some dogs wash out at this stage — Guide Dogs for the Blind politely terms this "career change," whether that be to a breeder role, a less demanding service placement, or a role as a household pet.

Those dogs identified as finalist candidates get paired with Guide Dogs for the Blind trainers who prepare the animals for Doggy-DMV-style evaluations of their

road safety in guiding the blind.

Nachman and Hardy collaborated on the similarly sunny local-interest story "Batkid Begins," but they've found a subject here that's even cuter. "Pick of the Litter" not only proves thoroughly family friendly, but it's that rare movie-going option likely to please everyone in any group.

Not MPAA rated. One hour, 21 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

■ NOW SHOWING

A Simple Favor (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Dragon Ball Z: Broly - The Legendary Super Saiyan (PG)
Century 20: Saturday

God Bless the Broken Road (PG) Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Incredibles 2 (PG) ★★1/2 Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

It's Love I'm After (1937) (Not Rated) Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Juliet, Naked (R) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

Jurassic Park (PG-13) Century 20: Sunday

The Meg (PG-13) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Mission: Impossible Fallout (PG-13) ★★★1/2
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The Nun (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Operation Finale (PG-13) ★★★ Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
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Peppermint (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

Pick of the Litter (Not Rated) Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

The Predator (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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Searching (PG-13) ★★1/2 Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
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White Boy Rick (R) Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

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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. 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. losaltosstage/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, times vary. \$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. Through Sept. 23, times vary. \$25-\$55. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.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/201819-season

Mahabharat: The Greatest Story Ever Told Naatak is staging its own version of the epic "Mahabharat" with costumes, sets and props, presenting it with live music and dance, and setting it in an undefined era that could be

either modern or ancient. As many as 50 people will perform on stage in Hindi, with supertitles in English. Through Sept. 23, times vary. \$12-\$45. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

'Northanger Abbey' Youth Cast Based on the novel by Jane Austen, "Northanger Abbey" exposes the difference between reality and fantasy, and questions who can be trusted as a companion. Adapted by Diane Tasca, the play will be performed with a youth cast at Mountain View's Pear Theatre. Through Sept. 22, times vary. \$10-\$20. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View.

CONCERTS

Garrison Starr Garrison Starr, singer, songwriter and record producer from Los Angeles, will be performing live. Sept. 22, 8-10 p.m. \$12. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Search brownpapertickets.com/ event for more info.

Jaya Vidyasagar & Ensemble Live in Concert: Songs of my Heart Featuring the vocalist Jaya Vidyasagar live in concert with instrumental ensemble featuring maestro Ustad Arshad Syed, instrumentalist Janapriyan Levine, violinist Jim Hurley, flutist Akshay Naresh and Vikas Salvi on the keys. They will be performing songs of different genres ranging from fusion to film classics. Sept. 22, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. \$15. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Saint Michael Trio: Child Prodigies To open the 2018-2019 season, The Saint Michael Trio will present music by composers who were child prodigies, and compare their earliest compositions to their mature works. Works by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Debussy and the current 12-year-old musician Alma Deutscher. Joined by Daniel Cher (viola). Sept. 22, 7:30-9 p.m. \$10. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. saintmichaeltrio.com

TALKS & LECTURES

Emergency Medical Services Agency Daniel Franklin, of the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services Agency, will

give an overview of the Santa Clara County Emergency Medical Services System, explaining what happens when someone calls 911, and what can be done to assist first responders during an emergency. Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m. Free. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View.

D. Leah Steinberg at Books Inc. Mountain View Local writer D. Leah Steinberg discusses her new work, "Raised in the Shadow of the Bomb: Children of the Manhattan Project." Steinberg is the daughter and niece of scientists that worked at the University of Chicago Metallurgical (Met) Lab, a branch of the Manhattan Project during World War II, the secret project that researched and developed the first atomic weapons. Sept. 19, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain Views, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event

Lucie Greene at Books Inc. Mountain View Lucie Greene, worldwide director of the Innovation Group, J. Walter Thompson's in-house futures and innovation think tank, discusses her work, "Silicon States: The Power and Politics of Big Tech and What It Means for Our Future." Sept. 18, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event

Daniel Mason Professor of psychiatry at Stanford University, Daniel Mason, will be sharing his new novel, "The Winter Soldier," which is set in World War I and deals with themes of love, family and the limits of medicine. Sept. 17, 7:30-9 p.m. Free, RSVPs requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Girl Code: Rising Together The leadership forum will present five speakers: two-time Olympian Kim Conley, steeplechase champ Stephanie Garcia, filmmaker and activist Ana Angel Avendaño, author and singer Molly Bell and Stanford engineer and Miss CEO founder Nita Singh. Sept. 16, 6-7:30 p.m. Free, but registration required. Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center at Menlo-Atherton High School, 555 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto: Moving the Needle on Voter Engagement The event will help participants

take action on voting, voter education, voter rights and become a more informed voter. Opening remarks will be given by president of League of Women Voters of California, Helen Hutchison, and will be followed by action-oriented activities and a Q&A. Dessert and refreshments will be served. RSVP via EventBrite. Sept. 20, 7-9 p.m. Free. First Congregational Church - Harmony Hall, 1985 Louis Road, Palo Alto. bit.ly/2MmZQPh

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Mountain View's Inaugural Harvest History Festival The Harvest History Festival will celebrate the valley's past as "The Valley of Heart's Delight." Tour the gardens, sample harvest bounty, participate in hands-on activities and witness the reveal of historic Immigrant House's newly acquired furnishings. Sept. 22, 9 a.m.-noon. Free. Heritage Park, 771 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View.

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CSA 2018 Hometown Heroes Celebration Hometown Heroes is an annual event honoring individuals, businesses and organizations for their contributions to CSA and to our local community in support of our neighbors in need. The event is sponsored by Community Services Agency. Ticket includes a breakfast buffet. Sept. 20, 7:15-9 a.m. \$50-\$60. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. csacares.org/events

NorCal Walk from Obesity Foothill College, with presenting sponsors El Camino Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital, will host a "Walk from Obesity" to raise awareness of obesity and learn more about the treatment and prevention options available in the community. This is a "set your own pace" event. Participants can walk (or run) as much or as little as they'd like. There will be a raffle and a silent auction. Sept. 22, 8-10:30 a.m. \$25-\$35. Foothill College, 12345 S. El Monte Road, Los Altos. fundraise.asmbfoundation.org/event/norcal2018

Palo Alto Weekly Moonlight Run & Walk The 2018 Moonlight Run will take place at the Palo Alto Baylands. Proceeds go to the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, benefiting local nonprofits that serve families and children. Join us under the light of the full Harvest Moon on a 5K walk, 5K run, 10K run, or new this year, half marathon. Sept. 21, 6:30-9 p.m. \$40-\$50. Palo Alto Baylands Athletic Center, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. paloaltoonline.com/moonlight_run

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Magic with Father and Son Duo Dan Chan Master Magician and James Chan The father and son magician duo will perform magic, memory stunts and more. At age 10, James has performed for audiences at Google, Microsoft and the Tech Museum of San Jose. His father, Dan Chan, has been called by Buzzfeed "Silicon Valley's Favorite Magician ... able to fool the most skeptical of audiences." Sept. 17, 7:30-9 p.m. \$5-\$20. Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. dragonproductions.net

Story Time with Drew Daywalt and Scott Campbell Drew Daywalt, picture book author, and artist Scott Campbell will present "Sleepy: The Good Night Buddy," a comical twist on the classic bedtime story. Sept. 22, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

'Blackboard' "Blackboard" brings together works that imitate, resemble or feature a blackboard to consider the relationship between art and education. The "blackboards" on view examine schooling, authority, literacy, form and color. Sept. 19-Jan. 27; times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/blackboard



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COUNCIL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE

Community Meeting For Mobile Home Park Residents

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File No.: FBN645491

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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

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Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 08/20/2018.

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(MVV Aug. 24, 31; Sept. 7, 14, 2018)

SUMMERLIN PROPERTY
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN645917

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This business is owned by: Married Couple.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

GARY R GIBBONS

101 Evandale Ave

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101 Evandale Ave.

Mountain View, CA 94043

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(MVV Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018)

DAZZLEGRAMS LLC
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN646083

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This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

JOSEPH JOHN PURNELL

1075 Space Park Way, Spc. 109

Mountain View, CA 94043

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This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on September 5, 2018.

(MVV Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, 2018)

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.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the

personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on November 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 12 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

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

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

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Attorney for Petitioner:

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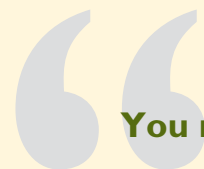
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Former model home in the Classics at Miramonte - This dramatic 4bd, 2.5ba home was built in 2009 and features a desirable open floor plan with designer finishes throughout - ideal for everyday living and easy entertaining. Walk to downtown Mountain View.

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Mountain View | \$1,998,500
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North Shoreline | 4/2.5 | \$1,495,000 | **Sat/Sun 1 - 4** 1401 Wildrose Way
Tucked in a quiet corner of complex large attached two car garage.

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Greater Cameron Park | \$1,488,000
Gorgeous lush land 120 acres great for Vineyards, Horses or Dream home/s.

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Sunnyvale | 3/2 | \$1,325,000 | **Sat/Sun 2 - 5** 991 Asilomar Terrace, #6
Rarely available loft model floorplan TH, end unit in a desirable & well located complex.

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Cambrian | 3/2 | \$1,298,000
Elegantly remodeled, home sits in a cul-de-sac along side a quiet tree-lined street.

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San Jose | 3/2.5 | \$1,198,000
This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath townhome is in the sought after Moreland school district.

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Santa Teresa | 3/2.5 | \$747,000
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Moraga/Canyon | 2/2 | \$589,000
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Spacious ground flr end unit. New laminate wd flrs, new carpet in bdrm, new Quartz cntertops

Yasemin Richardson 650.941.7040
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Palo Alto | 3/3.5 | Price Upon Request | **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** 1161 Donner Lane
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