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PICTURING 2018

Exuberant kids race down a path at Shoreline Park in July, with the iconic sails of Shoreline Amphitheatre in the background. We've picked our favorite Voice photos for a visual journey through 2018. Our year in pictures feature begins on page 14.

Federal shutdown brings NASA Ames to a standstill

By Mark Noack

The full impact of the federal shutdown is settling in as government employees returning from the holiday found they were locked out of their offices. The shutdown, which started on Dec. 21, has brought the local NASA Ames Research Center to a near halt, with almost all employees put on furlough.

With the budget impasse in Congress unresolved, NASA officials expect to furlough nearly 17,000 employees and contractors across the space agency's facilities. At the Ames Research Park near Mountain View, this would mean just under 1,200 workers are being put on unpaid leave.

An updated NASA shutdown memo notes that a baseline of staff would be kept on hand to monitor critical functions involving space operations and security. About 44 employees would remain on the job at Ames, according to the work plan.

The shutdown will result in the Ames Research Park closing down all tours and public access. NASA educational support would cease at local schools, and the agency's television and website could also go offline, according to the report. During a similar threat of government shutdown earlier this year, the U.S. Geological Survey reported it would need to furlough about 500 employees from the Menlo

Park and Moffett Field campuses.

The root cause of the shutdown is a political impasse over a federal spending bill, which President Donald Trump has refused to sign because it doesn't include \$5 billion in funding for a border wall.

On Wednesday, representatives from federal employee unions put the blame squarely on Trump for treating the livelihoods of 800,000 public servants as a political bargaining chip. Paul Shearon, president of the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, which represents thousands of federal employees, said that Trump has falsely claimed that many federal

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MV Whisman board OKs new charter school

GRUDGING VOTE TO ACCEPT BULLIS MOUNTAIN VIEW COMES WITH REPRIMAND, STRINGS ATTACHED

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman School District board members voted 4-1 Dec. 20, to approve a new charter school — Bullis Charter School's first expansion outside of Los Altos.

But the decision came with a whole lot of strings attached, with board members and district officials demanding significant modifications to the charter petition — the school's founding document — in the moments leading up to approval. It was unclear at the end of the meeting whether charter school leaders were willing or interested in following all of the stipulations.

It was also a begrudging vote, with some trustees and Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph laying into the charter school's leadership for being out of touch and trying to steamroll its way into a community it didn't understand.

Board member Jose Gutierrez was the lone vote against the charter petition.

Bullis Charter School officials announced in September that they were planning to expand the school and sought to create a new campus next door in Mountain View Whisman. A new nonprofit called Bullis Mountain View (BMV) was formed, spearheaded mostly by families and employees from the existing Los Altos charter school, which submitted the petition in October to open a school in fall 2019.

Representatives from BMV say the school is designed to serve a high percentage of low-income and English learner students, who typically fall behind on academic performance. The goal, according to the petition, is for 40 percent of the charter school's students to be those who qualify for free and

reduced-price meals.

More than a dozen parents and students came to the Dec. 20 meeting to make one last show of support for the charter school prior to the vote, wearing yellow shirts with the school's logo and talking at length about the school's valuable academic programs and friendly environment. Children spoke about the power of project-based learning as well as personalized education plans they call focused learning goals.

But the proposal has been met with huge pushback by hundreds of families in the Mountain View Whisman School District, many of whom attended the Dec. 6 public hearing of the charter petition, making an emphatic plea for either the board to deny the charter petition or for BMV to hit the brakes on its plans.

Rudolph made clear that his recommendation to approve the charter school was a reluctant acceptance that state laws make it very difficult for a school district to deny a charter petition. But he said he couldn't make that recommendation without counterbalancing it with his grievances against the way BMV officials went about proposing the charter school, saying it showed disregard for collaboration and community buy-in.

"I know what my recommendation says, and it pains me to write it, but I cannot go forward without at least expressing how I truly feel," Rudolph said. "I have employees that are going to lose their jobs, I have teachers who are talking about the loss of programs because of the additional funds that we're going to have to pay for you."

The clearest problem identified by the district is timing. He said

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"Distracted" at Los Altos Stage Company was "pitch-perfect."

YEAR'S BEST LOCAL THEATER PRODUCTIONS

As 2018 draws to a close, it's time once again to take a look back and give an extra shout-out to 12 (it was too hard to pick just 10!) of the best shows we saw on the Midpeninsula theater scene this year.

"Distracted" — Los Altos Stage Company

In April, Los Altos Stage Company produced a pitch-perfect version of Lisa Loomer's funny and smart exploration of a family dealing with a child's ADHD diagnosis and the many complications surrounding it, anchored by a stellar performance by Dana Cordelia Morgan as Mama.

"Equivocation" — Dragon Productions Theatre Company

Dragon delivered a fantastic fakespearian tale that involved cast members switching between roles at breakneck speed, big ideas about creativity, history and propaganda and local gem Max Tachis in the role of the Bard.

"Fun Home" — TheatreWorks Silicon Valley

The Tony-winning musical based on Alison Bechdel's graphic-novel memoir came with high expectations. Happily, TheatreWorks' beautiful version did not disappoint.

"The Music Man" — Broadway by the Bay

Redwood City transformed into River City for this big-hearted, high-quality production of the beloved musical about rascally con man Harold Hill and how his (false) plans for a children's band actually transform a conservative, humdrum town for the better.

"Homo Ex Machina" — Stanford University

It's always exciting to witness a new work in development.

Stanford University bioethicist Karola Kreitmair wrote a thought-provoking play about an experimental therapeutic device and its effects, both positive and negative, on a woman suffering from a neurodegenerative disease.

"Tarzan" — Palo Alto Players

For its family-friendly production, Palo Alto Players turned the Lucie Stern Theater into a verdant rainforest in Disney's "Tarzan." Great fun, great apes and Jimmy Mason made the vine-swinging title character more than just a one-note strongman.

"Hedda Gabler" — Pear Theatre

Critic Janet Silver Ghent said of the Pear's production of the Ibsen classic: "While this show is a tragedy, the lively pacing, the acting and the intimate setting make this 'Hedda' a theatrical treat, even amid our own dark times."

"Seeing Red" — San Francisco Mime Troupe

After being denied a permit to perform in Mitchell Park in 2017 (due to solicitations of donations), the venerable San Francisco Mime Troupe made a triumphant return to Palo Alto with a free, outdoor performance of their original time-traveling socialism musical at Cubberley.

"Skeleton Crew" — TheatreWorks Silicon Valley/Marin Theatre Company

Kaila Prins said this resonant Bay Area co-production, about four factory workers struggling in an economic downturn, had "grit, wit and a lot of heart."

"Pippin" — Los Altos Stage Company

Los Altos Stage Company had magic to do and did it well in this whimsical, groovy, dark Stephen Schwartz musical about the son of Charlemagne seeking purpose in life.

"Our Great Tchaikovsky" — TheatreWorks Silicon Valley

Critic John Orr especially enjoyed piano maestro, writer and actor Hershey Felder's return to TheatreWorks in the role of Russian composer Tchaikovsky.

"The (curious case of the) Watson Intelligence" — Dragon Productions Theatre Company

Actor Tasi Alabastro lit up the stage playing multiple characters named Watson in this twisty, mind-bending dramedy.

—Karla Kane

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CRIME BRIEFS

SAFeway ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 27-year-old man was arrested Monday after he allegedly hit multiple employees and customers at the Safeway on Shoreline Boulevard while trying to steal medication.

Employees who witnessed the incident told police that the man had collected a bag full of medications from the grocery store around 5:45 p.m. on Dec. 24, and attempted to leave without paying. When an employee tried to grab the bag, the suspect reportedly hit him multiple times before trying to get away, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

In addition to hitting and yelling at employees, the suspect allegedly hit customers who had tried to intervene during the incident. He also reportedly threatened to shoot one of the employees, Nelson said.

Police arriving at the Safeway found the suspect just outside the store, where he was also aggressive towards officers, Nelson said. He was eventually arrested on suspicion of robbery

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1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/18
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800 block Sevely Dr., 12/18
100 block W. Dana St., 12/18
2400 block Charleston Rd., 12/18
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1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 12/19
300 block Bryant Av., 12/19
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/19
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/19
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 12/19
1700 block W. El Camino Real, 12/20
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 12/20
600 block Villa St., 12/20
W. Dana St. & View St., 12/20
800 block E. El Camino Real, 12/20
2500 block California St., 12/22
600 block Showers Dr., 12/23

GRAND THEFT

300 block Showers Dr., 12/19
800 block W. Dana St., 12/19
700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 12/21
2000 block Colony St., 12/21
1500 block California St., 12/23

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

800 block E. El Camino Real, 12/19
1700 block W. El Camino Real, 12/20
400 block W. Evelyn Av., 12/21

ROBBERY

600 block Showers Dr., 12/18
500 block Showers Dr., 12/20
200 block Castro St., 12/21

STOLEN VEHICLE

1900 block Latham St., 12/19
200 block W. Middlefield Rd., 12/20
600 block Showers Dr., 12/21
1000 block Space Park Way, 12/22
300 block Stierlin Rd., 12/24

VANDALISM

1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 12/18
1300 block W. Middlefield Rd., 12/19
200 block Castro St., 12/20
800 block California St., 12/24

BATTERY

1200 block Rose Av., 12/20
800 block E. El Camino Real, 12/22

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

600 block Tyrella Av., 12/24

COMMUNITY BRIEF

ONE LAST HURDLE FOR MEASURE B

More than two years later, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority may finally get to start spending the money collected under the 2016 Measure B sales tax.

Opponents of the 2016 measure are making one last-ditch effort to challenge the tax measure by appealing it to the California Supreme Court. But lawyers for the tax opponents acknowledge this is a long shot — the state highest court accepts only one in about 100 civil cases submitted for review.

So far, the Measure B sales tax has collected more than \$275 million through a half-cent surcharge on most purchases. That

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TO BE A KID IN A CANDY SHOP

Holiday window-shopping is a cherished tradition, but one that's not without the occasional frustration. Strolling along Castro Street on a dark December evening, gazing at the tempting displays, you try using all of your powers of persuasion to get your parent to take you inside. For this girl, tugging on a fatherly arm outside the Rocket Fizz Soda Pop and Candy Store on Dec. 21, it looks like the answer is no.

Nonprofit aids survivors of sexual violence

YWCA SEES RISING NEED FOR ITS SERVICES

By Kevin Forestieri

In the era of the #MeToo movement, Santa Clara County has seen a rising number of domestic violence and sexual assault victims coming forward seeking help.

And for survivors here in the North County, it largely falls on one nonprofit — YWCA Silicon Valley — to provide a helping hand. From assistance during the forensic exam immediately following a rape to housing to get away from an abusive



relationship, YWCA's staff members are ready to aid hundreds of people seeking emergency assistance each year.

YWCA fills an irreplaceable role in the majority of Santa Clara County, serving as the only rape crisis center from San Jose to Palo Alto. Every sexual assault survivor has a legal right to

receive services from an "advocate" employed by a rape crisis center. These advocates are on call and are dispatched to assist in medical exams that take place at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

YWCA CEO Tanis Crosby said the 17 advocates hired by YWCA play multiple roles, assisting survivors with crisis counseling and information on their legal rights and guiding them through what is a "very scary" process in the

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Murder suspect's case delayed over mental competency

HOMELESS MAN WAS BRUTALLY BEATEN TO DEATH IN CIVIC CENTER PLAZA

By Kevin Forestieri

The case against a man suspected of brutally killing a homeless man in downtown Mountain View last year is on hold as a court-ordered assessment of whether he is mentally competent to stand trial takes place.

The 44-year-old suspect, Jan Neal, was arrested in November 2017 after he allegedly attacked

a homeless man in the city's Civic Center Plaza on a Saturday night, striking the victim with a metal table, a metal chair and a bicycle. The victim later died of his injuries from "blunt force trauma to the face" after being struck in the



Jan Neal

head repeatedly.

The case against Neal was suspended earlier this year after his attorney declared doubt about Neal's mental competency and ability to assist in the defense of his own case, according to Deputy District Attorney Alaleh Kianerci, the prosecutor in the case. Criminal proceedings are essentially on hold until a judge

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City scrambles to salvage sustainability goals

DESPITE EFFORTS, MOUNTAIN VIEW'S CARBON OUTPUT INCREASES BY 9 PERCENT

By Mark Noack

When it comes to climate change, it seems like there's no stop to the cascade of distressing news about a slow-approaching apocalypse.

An October report by the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change outlined the problem: The planet as we know it is headed toward an irreversible tipping point. Average global temperatures are expected to increase by 1.5 degrees Celsius by the end of the century, creating a multifaceted catastrophe of ecosystem changes, rising sea levels and resource scarcity.

And this is now believed to be the optimistic scenario. This less-than-rosy picture still requires the international community to commit to rapidly cutting all carbon emissions by almost half by 2030. Barring that swift action, the Earth's temperature will get even hotter, and the consequences will become more extreme.

This mounting problem has created a sense of desperation among environmentalists, including here in Mountain View. This was on display earlier this month as city leaders approved a long-term sustainability plan designed to drastically cut the city's own carbon footprint. But the city's sustainability road map through 2030 — which is expected to cost more than \$82.4 million — was still criticized as insufficient by many members of the city's own advisory group.

At the Dec. 4 City Council meeting, multiple members of the city's Environmental Sustainability Task Force said that the city couldn't wait any longer to reduce its carbon emissions, and they urged city leaders to give the issue top priority. The current steps being taken by the city were blasted for being rudderless and inconsistent.

"Without a vision and a sense of direction and leadership, we'll never get closer to meeting our

climate goals than we are today," said Bruce Karney, a task force member and co-founder of Carbon Free Mountain View. "At this point, any kind of further delay feels like a full rejection."

Despite Mountain View's prosperity, the city is still falling short of its stated goals to reduce its own carbon output. The city's previous long-term sustainability action plan established a target of reducing greenhouse gases 15 to 20 percent by 2020. But the city appears to be going in the wrong direction: As of 2015, the city's carbon emissions had actually increased by 9.1 percent compared to a decade earlier. The majority of these emissions come

from vehicle transportation (60 percent) and the energy used for buildings (33 percent).

Realizing they were falling severely short, city leaders last year organized the Environmental Sustainability Task Force to come up with a revised list of steps to take. The 27-person group convened 17 meet-

ings over the last year to produce a list of 36 recommendations.

Among these ideas are steps to reduce auto-related emissions by restricting parking and encouraging more use of bicycles, transit and car pools. The city is currently investigating a paid-parking system for the downtown Castro Street area, but it is unclear if the idea has enough support on the council.

The sustainability plan also calls for stronger green building codes that would switch indoor heating from natural gas to electricity and install electronic-vehicle chargers at new apartment complexes. A ban on disposable food utensils, a sustainable landscaping program and a citywide composting program were also proposed.

If implemented, city staff members say they would eventually be tracking Mountain View's carbon footprint as scrupulously as the city's budget. The city

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would create a new “sustainability office” that would include up to six additional employees to carry out the various carbon-reduction goals.

“The goal here is to address climate change, and that’s a big lift,” said Steve Attinger, Mountain View’s environmental sustainability program coordinator. “We understand the urgency of the recommendations laid out here, and we’re interested in addressing them as efficiently

and effectively as possible.”

But the city should be doing more, according to Karney and other members of the Environmental Sustainability Task Force. The volunteer group has been meeting for nearly a year on recommendations for the city work plan, and some members were dismayed to see some of their ideas nixed in the final plan.

Four recommendations out of a list of 36 were not supported by city officials. City staffers eliminated a suggestion to subsidize ride-sharing services because they believed it could undermine

their efforts to reduce reliance on cars. Another idea to impose a utility tax on natural gas usage was rejected because its effectiveness was called into question.

Karney said he was disappointed that the city’s final sustainability report didn’t include detailed metrics for the estimated greenhouse-gas reductions for each recommendation. The city seemed to prioritize ideas that were eligible for grant funding, not necessarily the ones that would be the most effective, he said. As laid out, the city’s implementation plan would likely never reach its target goal, he said.

“You have about 12 years to solve this problem, not to start solving this problem,” he said. “We know that the residents of Mountain View want action and they want it now.”

During a Dec. 4 discussion of the work plan, City Council members were stuck in an awkward position with differing advice coming from city staff and its citizen advisory panel. The council urged city staff to find ways to implement the package of recommendations more quickly without having to wait.

Mayor Lenny Siegel endorsed all the suggestions except for a study on paid parking downtown. The cost would fall the hardest on low-income residents,

he said. But he suggested other ideas to investigate, such as coordinating a group purchase of electric vehicles at a reduced cost. A similar idea was successful about a decade ago when dozens of Mountain View residents banded together to purchase solar panels.

Siegel also highlighted the city’s housing growth as an initiative that would someday dramatically reduce traffic and carbon emissions.

“The most important thing we can do to reduce greenhouse gases is make it so people are closer to where they work,” he said.

In the short term, the City Council immediately allocated \$500,000 to begin early steps to cut carbon emissions without having to wait for next year’s goal-setting session. That funding would help identify locations for up to 15 new electric-vehicle chargers throughout the city and begin a new “building decarbonization” road map to reduce emissions from city infrastructure. Mountain View would also work on compiling a complete citywide greenhouse gas inventory.

Additionally, city staffers said they would provide \$100,000 to help expand the city’s community shuttle system, possibly to provide service for public school

students and Caltrain commuters. Google currently funds the shuttle system, and city officials say that the company has offered to expand the service.

The sense of urgency on climate change was palpable among Mountain View residents and officials, but it stands in stark contrast to the position of national leaders. Last year, President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Agreement, a nonbinding compact among nations to cut carbon emissions to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius by 2100. Last month, Trump disavowed a national assessment authored by his own government scientists, who warned that climate change would inflict hundreds of billions of dollars in damage each year unless ameliorated.

In the face of that resistance, Mountain View has a limited role to play but it could still inspire other cities to do more, said Councilman Chris Clark.

“This is a much bigger problem than the city of Mountain View,” he said. “We can do some steps, but we can have a much greater impact if we get the ball rolling on a county or region-wide level.”

The City Council approved the sustainability report and the short-term actions in a 7-0 vote. ■

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting its Fourth Five-Year Review of the cleanup actions completed at the Middlefield-Ellis-Whisman Study Superfund Area in Mountain View and Moffett Field, CA.

This review covers the groundwater, soil, and vapor intrusion remedies at the MEW Superfund Area. The MEW Superfund Area is comprised of three Superfund sites: the Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. – Mountain View site; the Raytheon Company site; and the Intel Corp. – Mountain View site; several other facilities; and portions of the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Moffett Field Superfund site. The “MEW Superfund Study Area” itself is not listed on the National Priorities List (NPL).

For sites like the MEW Superfund Area that will take more than five years to clean up, the Superfund law requires that the cleanup progress will be reviewed every five years. The protectiveness statement in the last Five-Year Review in 2014 for the MEW Superfund Area determined that the remedial activities completed to date have adequately addressed all exposure pathways that could result in unacceptable risk. Cleanup remedies in place are currently protective of human health and the environment. Several recommendations and follow-up actions were made to ensure long-term protectiveness that will be assessed as part of this Five-Year Review.

Information about the MEW Superfund Area is available at EPA’s webpage at www.epa.gov/superfund/mew-study-area. The EPA Superfund Records Center, 75 Hawthorne Street, 3rd Floor in San Francisco, CA, contains the MEW Site’s Administrative Records and other reference material. The repository’s office hours are: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday and can be reached at (415) 947-8717 or R9records@epa.gov.

If you would like to provide input as part of the Five-Year Review process, contact Jackie Lane, Community Involvement Coordinator **by March 30, 2019**. EPA plans to complete the Fourth Five-Year Review in September 2019, and the final report will be available on EPA’s web site and at the information repository noted above.

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can determine if Neal is competent to stand trial.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Michelle McCoy had received one psychiatric evaluation regarding Neal’s mental competency as of Thursday, Dec. 20, and was still awaiting a second doctor’s report before making a ruling. The next court date is set for Jan. 3. Neal did not appear in court for the Dec. 20 proceeding, after he reportedly refused

to be transported from Santa Clara County Main Jail.

The criminal proceedings are expected to resume if Neal is found mentally competent. If psychiatrists determine he is not competent to stand trial, he will likely undergo months of medical treatment and will return before a judge in order to decide whether the case can continue.

Neal was arrested on Nov. 4 last year after he allegedly attacked the victim and repeatedly ignored commands by officers to stop. Mountain View

police say Neal continued his assault even after officers struck him with a wooden baton and used a Taser in an attempt to control him. It was the city’s first homicide in three years.

The victim was identified as 55-year-old Jose Ospina Jaramillo more than three months after the incident. The release of his name was significantly delayed as county officials attempted to locate his next of kin, and ultimately failed to find any survivors. ■

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CRIME BRIEFS

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and making criminal threats.

One employee had suffered minor cuts to his face during the altercation. No gun was located during the investigation, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

MAN PLEADS NO CONTEST TO CHILD MOLESTATION

A 30-year-old Mountain View man has pleaded no contest to child molestation charges for having sex with

two underage girls he met at the youth group home in Redwood City where he worked as a counselor, prosecutors said Friday, Dec. 21.

Francis Caceres entered the no contest pleas last Thursday to three felony charges — child molestation, witness dissuasion, and unlawful sexual intercourse with a child — in a plea deal with the court in exchange for a sentence of eight years in prison, according to the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office.

Prosecutors had sought a nine-year sentence for Caceres, who will be formally sentenced

on Feb. 22.

Caceres was a counselor at Your House South, a group home run by the nonprofit StarVista, and had sex with a then-14-year-old girl there starting in December 2016, prosecutors said.

After he was arrested in January 2017, another girl who was 13 at the time and lived at the same group home came forward and said she also was a victim of Caceres, leading to additional charges being filed against him, according to the district attorney’s office.

—Bay City News Service

Ballerina's dreams come true

STEPHANIE HERMAN DANCED HER DREAM INTO BEING

By Dave Boyce

If you're reading this, you have something in common with everybody else: a physical body. Those of us fortunate enough or conscientious enough to also be healthy and fit can also move our bodies and, ideally, not fall down. And so in a way, we dance through life, whether awkwardly or otherwise.

Numbered among the otherwise — the elite of the otherwise, let it be said — is North Fair Oaks resident and former principal ballerina Stephanie Herman. Now in her second career — as a fitness and Pilates instructor — Herman spent 15 years dancing in the professional ballet world, mostly in Switzerland.

She danced for Ballet Zurich Opernhaus and the Ballet du Grand Theatre de Geneve, and with some notable partners, including Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Her mentor was principal dancer Suzanne Ferrell of the New York City Ballet, and she danced for George Balanchine, the late choreographer and artistic director of the New York company who also choreographed for the Swiss dance companies.

Herman, 68, is the creator of "Ballerina: A One-Woman Play," a 45-minute autobiographical documentary available on YouTube. She relates a tale through spoken word, music and dance, of a ballerina who found a prominent place in the world of ballet despite her height and despite potentially career-ending injuries that she overcame by thinking outside the physical-therapy box.

Today Herman owns and manages Pilates Ballet. At locations in Menlo Park, Palo Alto and Los Altos, she assesses the fitness of her clients and teaches them, individually and in groups, the principles of movement and muscle strength so as to improve flexibility, balance and coordination.

"As a ballerina, I've learned to operate and control every single

muscle in my body," she says, adding that she can help a client hone in on a muscle and learn to turn it on at will. She teaches ballet one night a week.

Dedication to dance

Ballet was integral to Herman's early life. She regularly attended New York City Ballet performances and became a devotee. "I fell in love with Balanchine choreography and I fell in love with the ballerinas who brought it to life," she recalls.

She put herself on the career path to becoming a ballerina after winning an audition and being accepted to New York City's School of American Ballet, co-founded by Balanchine. She then attended and graduated from the High School of the Performing Arts, also in New York City.

Ballet students on this trajectory often joined Balanchine's company, the New York City Ballet, but Herman had to look farther afield. Balanchine had his quota of tall dancers, she says. Herman is 5 feet 9 inches tall when flat on her feet and 6 feet 1 inch on her toes. "I am very feminine, but I am a tall feminine," she says.

So she auditioned at companies in Pennsylvania and New York, including the American Ballet Theatre and the Joffrey Ballet. The responses were slight variations on a theme: You're too tall for our company's male dancers.

After two years of this, she had a choice among dance companies. She chose Switzerland to accompany a friend.

Herman was to spend 10 years in Europe, under the artistic direction of several choreographers, including Balanchine, and the direction of Patricia Neary, a former principal dancer for New York City Ballet. While in Switzerland, Herman danced with Nureyev and with Baryshnikov "on some of the world's most prominent stages," she says. "Ballet was my life," she declares. "It was fabulous."

In Geneva, Herman and

Baryshnikov were principal dancers in a couple of ballets together, she says, including Balanchine's "Jewels."

She danced roles performed by one of Balanchine's muses, Suzanne Ferrell. "She was what I dreamed of becoming," Herman says. "I just loved the way she danced. When I grew up, I got most of her roles so it was like a dream come true. She inspired me."

When Nureyev visited Geneva, he brought with him the ballet "Manfred," which he had choreographed. Nureyev picked Herman to play the role of the mother, but it was a role without much dancing, so Nureyev choreographed it again for her, Herman says. "He gave me all of these amazing turns and difficult technical steps," she adds.

Nureyev also gave her some tailoring assistance. Her costume included a 6-foot train and a skirt with six layers of cloth. She complained to him about the costume's weight. Nureyev, scissors in hand, lifted up her top skirt and cut out all the layers underneath. The designer "was going crazy," Herman says, but Nureyev had only this to say: "She needs to dance."

"He was very sweet," Herman recalls.

Her time in Europe was interrupted by an injury to ligaments in her knee, and she returned to New York, where she wore an ankle-to-thigh cast for eight weeks. With Pilates therapy, she emerged stronger, and returned to Switzerland for two years, again with Balanchine as artistic director, she says.

Back in New York and dancing as a guest performer — she was no longer in a company — she injured her back while filling in for a dancer in a role for which she was not physically prepared. She again recovered and focused on teaching. She says she founded "Muscle Ballet," a workout program that was written about in Harper's Bazaar magazine.

But it was a struggle being on her own, she recalls. Unlike actors, who are taught to advocate for themselves in finding work, ballerinas are taught how to perform and how to act, but not how to handle the business of being a performer.

"As a ballerina, you are always a little insecure in some ways," she says. "You're always a pleaser. ... You don't really talk back."

'Love' while dancing

Though she dances in her documentary, Herman says she no longer does much of it. "At my

age, I like to be a role model," she explains.

Ballet done well looks effortless. It's not, of course. In her documentary, Herman quotes Balanchine. "Ballet should never feel comfortable," he said. "Comfortable is lazy. If you're comfortable when you dance, you're not pushing yourself hard enough. One hundred percent is not enough. You have to give 200 percent."

As if that weren't enough, ballet also calls on dancers to show emotions. Such scenes at times require dancers to act and at other times to rely on personal chemistry,

Herman says. "Chemistry can be seen even though nothing is sexual. If there's chemistry, you feel it."

She and Nureyev "had a lot of soul in our dancing," she notes, "and we both were not afraid to give 250 percent of ourselves on stage. I felt like with Nureyev, it was totally real and in the moment. ... Our souls were connected in the moment."

Information about Stephanie Herman's classes are at pilatesballet.com. ■

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Public Hearing Notice

Consideration of Directors' Meeting Compensation Amount for Calendar Year 2019

Santa Clara Valley Water District



Topic: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors' meeting to determine necessity for Directors to be for up to 15 days per calendar month and consideration of Directors' meeting compensation amount for calendar year 2019

Who: The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors

What: Public hearing for the Board of Directors to determine Necessity for Directors to be compensated for up to 15 days per calendar month, and consider Directors' meeting compensation amount for calendar year 2019.

When: January 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Chambers
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118

The Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District will hold a public hearing to determine necessity for Directors to be compensated for up to 15 days per calendar month, to consider the Directors' meeting compensation amount for calendar year 2019, and to adopt associated ordinance.

At the time and place fixed for the public hearing, the Board of Directors will receive comments relevant to and make a determination of the necessity for Directors to be compensation for up to 15 days per calendar month for performance of official duties, and set the Board compensation for calendar year 2019. After considering all information presented, the Board will consider the following options:

MONTHLY MEETING LIMIT

1. Determine that there is an operational need to compensate Directors for up to 15 days per calendar month, and set the meeting day limit accordingly, effective March 9, 2019; or
2. Determine that there is **NO** operational need to compensate Directors for more than the current 10 days per calendar month, and therefore, make no change in the current limit.

MEETING COMPENSATION

1. Keep the Directors' compensation at the current amount of \$286.68 per day, up to 10 or 15 days per calendar month, as previously determined, effective March 9, 2019.
2. Reduce the Directors' compensation to a specified amount below the current \$286.68 rate per day, up to 10 or 15 days per calendar month, as previously determined, effective April 14, 2019; or
3. Approve an increase up to 5% in Directors' compensation in accordance with the California Water Code Sections 20200-20207, for up to 10 or 15 days per calendar month, as previously determined, effective April 14, 2019.

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend this public hearing. To request accommodations for disabilities, arrange for an interpreter, or obtain more information on attending this hearing, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (408) 265-2600, ext. 2277, at least three days prior to the hearing.

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Stephanie Herman, who for years was a principal ballerina dancing for George Balanchine, demonstrates a ballet step at a performance space in Los Altos.

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The MayView Community Health Center in Mountain View offers primary care services to low-income and uninsured patients in northern Santa Clara County. No patient is turned away for inability to pay for services, which include prenatal and pediatric care, cancer screenings and chronic disease management.

YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence

This group operates a 24-hour bilingual hotline and a safe shelter for women and their children. It also offers counseling and other services for families dealing with domestic violence.

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YWCA

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immediate aftermath of a sexual assault.

“Their role is to be there for what the survivor needs,” Crosby said. “The survivor has experienced a dehumanizing, horrific act — they’ve experienced significant trauma.”

All told, YWCA provided a range of medical, legal and counseling services to 951 people in 2017 and took 826 calls at its 24-hour crisis call center. Along with these emergency services, YWCA also provided sexual assault prevention education initiatives that reached nearly 10,000 people, according to the nonprofit’s website.

YWCA is also one of seven nonprofit organizations serving Mountain View residents that benefit from the *Voice’s* annual Holiday Fund. Donations to the fund are divided equally among the nonprofits and are administered by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation at no cost, so 100 percent of contributions go to the recipients.

It hasn’t been easy for YWCA to keep up with the demand. The latest estimates are that the “medical accompaniment requests” are expected to rise by 30 percent from 2015 to 2018, representing a “significant” jump without a commensurate increase in funding. State funding provided to YWCA is not adjusted for the area’s cost of living, and the organization isn’t getting a helping hand from Santa Clara County.

“Currently, no resources from the County of Santa Clara are provided to the YWCA to deliver these services, to what sexual assault survivors have the legal right to access,” according to an October letter from YWCA to county officials.

It’s difficult to determine whether the increasing demand comes from more victims coming forward or an uptick in sexual crimes, but it’s likely a combination of both, Crosby said. Anecdotally, she said the medical exams are revealing a heightened level of violence and injuries in recent cases, and that there are a greater number of cases that involve both domestic

violence and sexual assault.

One big problem county officials are hoping to tackle in 2019 is the lack of availability of forensic exams, known as rape kits, throughout Santa Clara County. The only location to perform them is at Valley Medical Center, although the goal is to open up additional locations at Stanford University and in Gilroy sometime next year. At a Health and Hospital Committee meeting in October, Supervisor Joe Simitian said it’s important to have a convenient and comfortable location for survivors to go for an exam.

“If you’re in Mountain View, Valley Medical Center may seem very remote, very unfamiliar. If you’re in Gilroy, same story,” Simitian said. “Folks who have already been traumatized in an extraordinary way are essentially being retraumatized, or that trauma is being compounded, by pulling them away from familiar surroundings, friends, families — just geography, frankly.”

If the county succeeds, it will fall upon YWCA to provide the advocates and array of support services needed by survivors of sexual assault at the future North County clinic, which had members of the nonprofit’s leadership — as well as advocates with hands-on experience with victims — making a clear case that the nonprofit needs resources to meet the demand that will likely come with the expansion.

Linh Tran-Phuong, YWCA’s crisis intervention coordinator, told members of the committee that survivors in Santa Clara County are feeling empowered to come forward and exercise their rights, and that she has watched the number of advocates dispatched increase rapidly from two or three per week to over 10. It isn’t a sudden surge, she said, it’s a consistent increase following the #MeToo movement and better information.

“We have eight advocates in total responding to sexual assault forensic exams,” she said. “We need more funding, we need more assistance and we need the county to let survivors know that, when they come forward, we stand with them.”

As of last week, it still wasn’t clear what YWCA was going to get in the way of resources following the clinic expansion. Crosby said she supported the county’s goal of tripling its forensic exam locations, and that a strengthened partnership with the county is still in the works.

“One of our hopes and goals in the coming months is to continue to work closely with the county to create a kind of seamless, high-quality support for survivors,” she said. “This is a very big deal — rather than driving to San Jose and waiting for hours on end, the hope is that there will be an opportunity to have a medical exam for sexual assault right there in the community.”

Beyond the essential advocacy services, Crosby said the biggest unmet need is shelter and housing for victims. The nonprofit provides emergency shelter beds for victims at an undisclosed location in the North County area, which is consistently filled to the brim and supports hundreds of women and their families. Staff and volunteers at the nonprofit are also always on the lookout to help survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault find permanent supportive housing. Crosby said YWCA is seeking to launch homeless prevention services, adding to the already broad list of programs provided in-house by the nonprofit.

YWCA is seeing increased demand for legal services at the Family Justice Center in Sunnyvale, which provides everything from immigration services and visa applications to restraining orders, law enforcement support and limited legal representation. Based on early numbers for 2018, demand has doubled since the justice center opened its doors four years ago.

“Survivors are reaching out to the YWCA in record numbers,” Crosby said in an October interview with the *Voice*. “That’s good. We are here for survivors, we believe survivors, we are here for you 24/7. And it means that we need to raise more funds to deliver services.”

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COMMUNITY BRIEF

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money has been embargoed from being spent since last year, when Mountain View attorney Gary Wesley filed a legal challenge on behalf of Saratoga resident Cheriell Jensen.

In his legal complaint, Wesley argued that Measure B

violates state law by including an allocation plan while also giving its board of directors the discretion to redirect that funding. For that reason, he alleges the sales tax should be invalidated.

In October, the lawsuit was rejected by a state appellate court. Earlier this week, Wesley announced he would try to take

the case to the state Supreme Court.

If the Supreme Court declines to hear the case, the appellate court decision will become final, and VTA can begin spending its collected revenues. A decision on whether to hear the case is expected within 30 days.

—Mark Noack

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Local man arrested in child porn bust

SUSPECT SHARED HUNDREDS OF PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES AND VIDEOS, POLICE SAY

By Kevin Forestieri

A Mountain View man was arrested Dec. 20 after police found he was allegedly connected to social media accounts used to share hundreds of images and videos of children as young as six months old being sexually abused by adults.

The arrest, which took place at the 31-year-old suspect's place of work in San Jose around 7 a.m. on Dec. 20, caps off an investigation that began in August into accounts on Tumblr as well as Dropbox containing the illicit images and videos, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department.

"This case is heartbreaking," Mountain View police Lt. Mike Canfield said in the statement.

"It's unconscionable that any child anywhere is victimized and we will do all we can to ensure that justice is served."

The department's cyber crimes unit was first alerted to the pornographic images by the National Center for Exploited and Missing Children, which had found the Tumblr account used to share the images. From there, detectives were able to find a Dropbox account associated with those images that contained 300 videos of children being abused, some of whom were babies, police said.

Detectives used a series of



Marco Cordoba Alfaro

search warrants to link the accounts and associated email addresses to the suspect, identified by police as Marco Cordoba Alfaro. Mountain View police said they arrested Alfaro without incident, with help from the San Jose Police Department and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

During a search of Alfaro's home, police also allegedly found he was in possession of additional child pornography images, police said.

Alfaro was arrested on suspicion of possession as well as distribution of child pornography. He was booked into Santa Clara County jail with bail set at \$25,000, according to the Santa Clara County website. ■

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SHUTDOWN

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employees supported his actions.

"We have not heard from a single member who supports the president's inaction. Most view this as an act of ineptitude," Shearon said in a statement. "He is literally tweeting the words, 'poor me' while holding dedicated professionals hostage, creating unnecessary stress and financial hardships for their families."

The shutdown is expected to close federally run parks; however, the Golden Gate National Recreation Area announced on Dec. 22 that sites such as Alcatraz Island and Crissy Field would remain open.

More than 800,000 federal employees in charge of nonessential services nationwide are expected to be affected by the furloughs. Postal service, airport security, military and emergency personnel will continue to

work. Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid functions are all expected to stay open, according to reports.

The experience of bringing federal services to a grinding halt has become all too familiar in recent years. As recently as January, a similar budget impasse centered on immigration policy led to a three-day government shutdown.

In 2013, a budget feud over austerity measures caused a shutdown that lasted about two and a half weeks. The full cost to the national economy was estimated to be \$24 billion, according to Standard & Poor.

A resolution to the federal shutdown is not expected to come until early January. House Democrats are reportedly planning to introduce a new spending bill on Jan. 3 when they have a majority after their newly elected members are seated. ■

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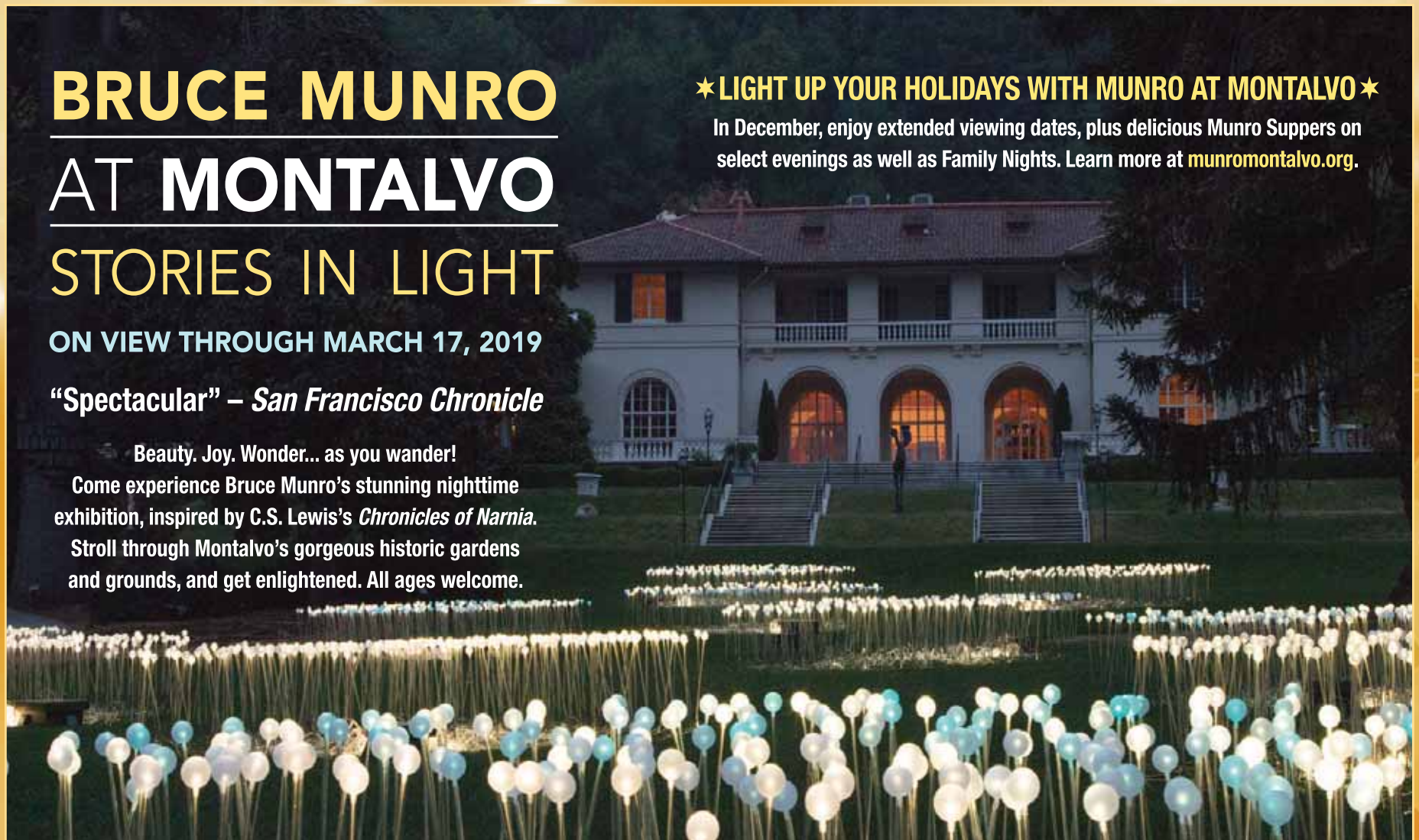
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THE YEAR IN PICTURES

It was a year of demonstrations, celebrations and the sometimes overlooked beauty of everyday life. Throughout 2018, Mountain View residents took to the streets to voice concerns about issues both national and local. From gun violence to immigration, the housing crisis to the #MeToo movement, residents held a variety of peaceful protests, marches and vigils. Homelessness, with hundreds of people sleeping in cars and RVs on city streets, was the subject of much talk but too little action to ameliorate the situation. Google continued its buying and building

spree, and unveiled an ambitious template for new North Bayshore neighborhoods near its headquarters. Wildfire smoke reminded us not to take clean air for granted, even as we took guilty pleasure in the striking sunsets it caused. At year's end, a nail-biter of a City Council election offered a lesson in democracy, with high voter turnout and close results leaving candidates waiting until December for a winner to be declared. All in all, it was another unforgettable year in Mountain View.

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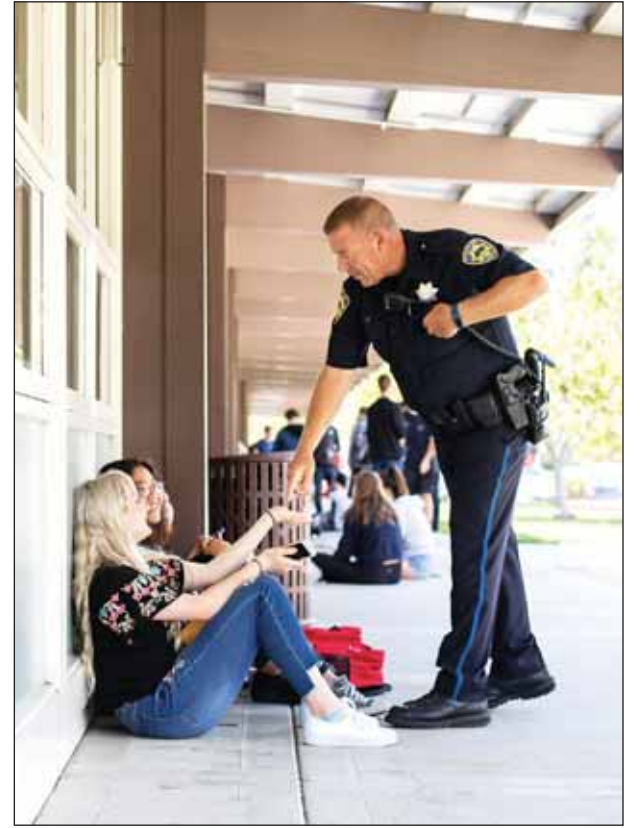
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Clockwise from top left: Civic Center Plaza fills with people protesting the separation of immigrant children in June; School Resource Officer Bobby Taylor returns to work in August after battling cancer; Volunteer Tom Feledy adjusts a seat at the Bike Exchange's last sale event in Mountain View in September; Google's Charleston East campus rises above construction fencing in December; Celie O'Neil-Hart chokes up during the Google Walkout protest against harassment on Nov. 1.

Opposite page, clockwise from top left: Celestine Fonseka discovers the new entrance to Mountain View Library's children's section in June; Dan Newburg and Lisa Speller in the RV they now call home; Jane Williams used the safe parking program at St. Timothy's church parking lot in August; proponents of a rent control repeal are surrounded by tenants' advocates at a City Council meeting in April; Mountain View High School students protest gun violence in March.



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Clockwise from top left: Alison Hicks won a close race, ousting City Councilwoman Pat Showalter; Mukund Acharya helps kids at the Bullis Boosters summer camp look at honeybees; tenants and community supporters talk about redevelopment plans threatening Rock Street apartments; Camp Fire smoke haze made for dramatic sunsets in November; Caltrain commuters battled the dangerously smoky air with respirator masks; Radha Shyamsundar (left) welcomes visitors to her golu for the Hindu festival of Dasara in October.

CHARTER SCHOOL

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the district was given virtually no lead time to prepare for the charter petition, which he said he first heard about from the *Voice* in September, and that the charter school's proposed opening date in fall 2019 gives the district little time to find classroom space required under Proposition 39. It also meant the Mountain View Whisman community, which he said expects community engagement from its schools, didn't get a real chance to weigh in on the proposal or even digest that it was coming.

"Yes, we will welcome you and we will do our best to collaborate with you, but at the end of the day this will be a transactional relationship," he said. "Because you believe that you can do something, and that the only way you can do it is by shoving it down our throats."

Rudolph, who pointed out he has led charter schools as an administrator elsewhere in the country, insisted that his complaints have nothing to do with charter schools on the whole or whether the school proposed by BMV will succeed, but everything to do with process.

"This has nothing to do with change, our ability to adjust with change. This has nothing to do with what they purport they will be able to do," he said. "It has to do with the fact that they showed up to Castro on the dedication day, and that they looked at the facility as if they were looking at a buffet table."

In the same vein, board president Tamara Wilson said she would be remiss not to acknowledge that PTA presidents, teachers, district staff and community members are against the charter school coming to Mountain View, and that BMV's insistence on starting in fall 2019 is terrible timing. Attendance boundaries were recently redrawn and are set to take effect for the 2019-20 school year, enrollment priorities were completely revamped and a new school — Jose Antonio Vargas Elementary — is set to open that same year.

"Our community underwent a long battle for boundaries and changing it and it was just starting to heal from this," Wilson said. "If you had been paying attention and involved and talking with our community you would know that, and you don't."

Newly elected board member Devon Conley asked whether the charter school would be amenable to delaying opening its school to the 2020-21 school year. Rudolph said that idea came up in conversations with BMV officials, but he was never able to get it in writing despite efforts over the last week.

Gutierrez, the sole dissenting vote, said the district has made

a big shift toward accountability and transparency over the last four years, with plenty of community engagement along the way, and that BMV's foray into Mountain View Whisman feels like a one-sided conversation with no real two-way communication. He also said he wasn't buying the argument for more school choice.

"I think people forget, or maybe our community members here in the yellow T-shirts don't know, that we already have two choice programs," Gutierrez said. "We already have Mistral and we also have Stevenson. With the inclusion of Bullis Mountain View then we would have a third, so the argument about having a choice doesn't resonate with me for obvious reasons."

A list of demands

The motion itself wasn't a clean approval of BMV's charter school proposal, and explicitly states that approval was contingent on a series of "recommended" changes that the school's leadership is now expected to make.

District officials used the meeting as a chance to lay out a series of concerns they had about BMV and its ability to serve the low-income and English learner students it seeks to enroll. Beyond recruitment of these underserved students — acknowledged as an uphill battle — big questions remain over how the district would actually hold the charter school accountable for its promises, and whether it would even have comparable test scores to figure out if the charter school measures up to expectations.

A lengthy staff report from district administrators criticized BMV for what they argue is inadequate representation from the community, from top to bottom. A majority of the proposed board members are not from Mountain View, and the charter school lacks support from "any organization representing Mountain View students and families," according to the report.

"Many, if not most, of the individuals speaking in support of BMV were not residents of Mountain View but were instead from Los Altos or associated with Bullis Los Altos," according to the staff report.

Staff recommended what amounts to a conditional approval of the charter school, complete with a list of required changes to the petition. This includes revamping the enrollment preferences so students living near Castro, Theuerkauf and Monta Loma elementary schools are given top priority during the enrollment lottery, and a requirement that the charter school use the same trimester tests given to district students. Students at the charter school would only be "exceeding" district test scores — a promise made in the petition — if the

performance exceeds "district-wide assessment results for all pupil subgroups by not less than 5 percent."

Even with those requirements, staff recommended that board members only give the charter school a three-year term, ending in June 2022, rather than the five years sought by the petition.

Regional members of the California Charter School Association bristled at the idea, sending a letter to the board calling the idea of approving the charter with conditions "legally questionable." The letter, signed by regional director Janine Ramirez, goes on to say that anything less than a full five-year term would "undermine" a new charter school and would leave it with far too little testing data from which the district could judge performance.

"Because the school proposes a slow-growth model ... an abbreviated three-year term will require the school to submit its petition for renewal with only a single year of state testing data," Ramirez wrote. "This means that your board will be forced to decide the fate of students, educators, and families with little more than the current petition."

The board's vote included all of the recommendations, including the three-year term ending in June 2022. Board member Ellen Wheeler said she felt the three-year period was an appropriate amount of time for the charter school to get its bearings and build up plenty of data for the district to judge BMV's performance. The abbreviated charter petition shows "sensitivity" to vulnerable students who will be diverted from district schools to an untested charter, she said.

"I know Bullis is a good school and we hear all the testimony — it's a good school," Wheeler said. "We don't know if it's a good school for a large number of low-income (English language learner) students."

In a statement Dec. 21, BMV officials called the vote a milestone in the organization's plans to serve district students, and said that they looked forward to working with the district's leadership and sharing the charter school's "unique educational model" with the community.

"We would like to thank all of the gracious and hardworking BMV supporters," Bullis board member Clara Roa said in the statement. "We certainly could not have achieved this outcome without their help."

With the charter approved, the district is now responsible for finding a place to put the school when it opens next year.

The charter school plans to enroll 168 students in transitional kindergarten through second grade for its first year, ramping up to 320 K-5 students by its third year in operation. ▀



2018 Annual Water System Flushing

The City of Mountain View Public Services Division will begin its annual water system flushing program in October. Flushing will occur throughout the City and should be complete by approximately March 1, 2019.

Water main flushing is a process used to clear water lines of sand and sediment that may have accumulated during the last year and helps us provide high quality water. Signs and barricades will be posted in neighborhoods the day before flushing to alert residents. The flushing process accounts for approximately 0.1% of all water use in the City.

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FOOD FEATURE



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Clockwise from above: Georgy Khatoev makes Georgian dumplings in the Kolkhida food truck in Mountain View; the poached egg with black truffle at Protégé; red ramen from Ramen Nagi; Shake Shack's signature burgers.

RESTAURANT SCENE

RETROSPECTIVE

2018's noteworthy newcomers, lamentable closures and a Michelin star surprise

By Elena Kadvaný

You could say that 2018 was a banner year for the local restaurant scene, particularly in Palo Alto, which saw the awarding of a new Michelin star, the arrival of a major name in the burger world and the first U.S. outpost of a popular Japanese ramen chain, among other noteworthy additions.

Typically quiet Menlo Park got a slew of new eateries this year, while the already vibrant downtown Redwood City dining scene continues to grow at a rapid pace as development increases in the area.

The Mountain View restaurant scene was relatively quiet this year but there was a wave of smaller ethnic restaurants that opened throughout the city, spanning

Mediterranean, Vietnamese and Japanese cuisines.

Read on for our take on some of the notable comings and goings in the Midpeninsula dining world in 2018.

MOST ANTICIPATED ... As evidenced by the three-hour wait for Shake Shack's burgers and crinkle-cut fries on opening day (including one mother who lined up for her son and his friend at 6 a.m.), the East Coast burger chain was easily the Peninsula's most anticipated opening of 2018. Shake Shack made its Northern California debut at Stanford Shopping Center earlier this month, serving up the classics that the eatery is known for — straightforward Angus beef cheeseburgers served on squishy-soft Martin's potato rolls, a fried chicken sandwich, crinkle-cut fries and the dessert concretes — plus new menu items exclusive to Palo Alto. Palo Alto marks Shake Shack's 130th location in the United States and 202nd location worldwide. Shake Shack, born in New York City in 2001, took its time planning this

location, said its culinary director, Mark Rosati. "We know the bar is high" in the Bay Area, he said. "We want to make sure we exceed that bar." (Want to skip the line? Place an order on Shake Shack's mobile app.)

MICHELIN-STARRED IN ITS FIRST YEAR ... Just nine months after opening in Palo Alto, Protégé won a much sought-after Michelin star. Protégé opened on California Avenue in March with high hopes and expectations to match, with co-owners and a pastry chef who hailed from three-Michelin-star The French Laundry in Yountville. In a November announcement, the Michelin guide said that Protégé "displays a level of finesse to prepare consistently excellent meals, while the dining experience remains casual and approachable." The guide defines one star as high quality cooking that's worth a stop. "We are floored," chef and co-owner Anthony Secviar said the day the stars were announced.



COURTESY OF RAMEN NAGI

The busy kitchen at the new Ramen Nagi in Palo Alto.



VERONICA WEBER

Bevri in Palo Alto is one of two new eateries serving Georgian food on the Midpeninsula.

WHERE THERE'S ALWAYS A LINE

... No matter the time of day, there seems to be a line at Ramen Nagi in downtown Palo Alto. The Japanese ramen chain opened its first-ever U.S. outpost at 541 Bryant St. this summer — a smart move, given the near-absence of quality ramen in the Palo Alto area. At Ramen Nagi, customers can choose from four kinds of broth — original (tonkotsu), black (squid ink), red (red miso and red chili paste) and green (with basil, parmesan and olive oil) — and then customize flavor, noodle firmness and toppings. Never seen before at a Ramen Nagi is a vegetarian ramen — the broth made from cauliflower, onions, milk and garlic — that is now a rotating menu item in Palo Alto.

GEORGIA RISES ... The Midpeninsula gained not one, but two Georgian eateries in 2018. Pavel Sirotin, who is from Russia, opened Bevri in downtown Palo Alto in February after moving to the Bay Area and noticing the absence of Georgian restaurants. And in Mountain View, couple Teresa Kasoyan and Georgy Khatoev launched a Georgian food truck called Kolkhida — named for an ancient Georgian kingdom known for its wine, food and farming — in late September. Both restaurant and truck serve traditional Georgian dishes such as pkhali (a mixture made from spinach, beets, walnuts and other ingredients), khinkali (dumplings filled with meat and/or vegetables) and khachapuri (a large boat-shaped piece of bread filled with cheese and an egg).

LONGEST WAIT ... It only took three and a half years. After much delay, Ike's Place opened on Lytton Avenue in Palo Alto in November. Owner Ike Shehadeh took over the lease in 2015; he declined to comment on what took so long to open. The Lytton Avenue location is serving the classic, massive Ike's menu, plus three new sandwiches only available in Palo Alto. There's the Jim Harbaugh (the shop was set to open when he was still the 49ers' coach) with chicken, pepper jack cheese and a sweet chili glaze; the Mayfield with salmon, avocado and sweet chili glaze; and Kermit the Frog, a vegetarian sandwich with cucumber, avocado, cream cheese and sweet chili glaze.

KOREAN GOES UPSCALE ... After a year of operating quietly as a private dining space in downtown Palo Alto, Korean restaurant Maum opened to the public this summer, bringing a new concept to the Midpeninsula. The high-end restaurant at 322 University Ave. serves a tasting-only menu carefully curated by husband-and-wife

co-chefs Michael and Meichih Kim, who both have fine-dining experience. Their food is at once modern and nostalgic, marrying the flavors of Korean and Northern California culinary traditions. The Maum kitchen is fueled by a small, private farm in Los Altos Hills that exclusively supplies the restaurant, including with hard-to-find Korean produce.

A FRENCH-CREATED PATISSERIE

... Three French pastry chefs with illustrious resumes left careers in Paris to make croissants, canelé and quiche at Maison Alyzee in downtown Mountain View this year. Owner Laurent Pellet, a native of Lyon, France, convinced the three chefs to move here to start the bakery, which opened on Castro Street in July. The team is baking levain bread, baguettes, croissants, brioche and other traditional viennoiserie. Sweets include mille feuille, choux, fraiser (strawberry cake), tartes and macarons. There are also breakfast plates, a French omelette, club sandwiches (on their own pain de mie), quiches and soups. Before opening, Pellet envisioned customers sitting outside to share food over glasses of wine “like you would be in the south of France in the terrace of a cafe.”

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COURTESY OF MAISON ALYZEE

Three French pastry chefs opened Maison Alyzee in Mountain View in July.



VERONICA WEBER

East Coast favorite Shake Shack made its Northern California debut at Stanford Shopping Center earlier this month.

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997 All Other Legals

AMENDED
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
ROBERTA MAE DELGADO aka ROBERTA M. DELGADO, ROBERTA DELGADO
Case No.: 18PR184346
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERTA MAE DELGADO, also known as ROBERTA M. DELGADO or ROBERTA DELGADO.
An Amended Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA JANE DELGADO, Petitioner in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA. The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA JANE DELGADO, Petitioner be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the

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A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 17, 2019 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.

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Weekend



VERONICA WEBER

Greg Kuzi-Carmel and Logan Levant opened Camper in Menlo Park.

RETROSPECTIVE

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A 'NEW CULINARY ORDER' FOR MENLO PARK ...

In 2019, will we have to stop calling the Menlo Park restaurant scene "sleepy"? This year saw the opening of several new projects, including Camper restaurant on Santa Cruz Avenue, with a pedigreed chef from San Francisco; Coffeebar, a cafe just blocks away on Chestnut Street; and two hotel restaurants, Oak + Violet inside the Park James on El Camino Real and Porta Blu inside the Hotel Nia near Highway 101. All have generated their own buzz in a town where there has been little movement in the dining scene for years. When asked why he opened Camper in Menlo Park, chef Greg Kuzia-Carmel said, "Why not?" "The beauty of this is," he said, "I think there's a readiness for a new world order of what can become an institution down here."

WE SAID GOODBYE TO ...

several longtime restaurants this year. In Palo Alto, farm-to-table Calafia Cafe closed suddenly after nine years at Town & Country Village. (Owner Charlie Ayers, Google's first-ever chef, said that "The costs were greater than the take. I couldn't operate that way anymore.") The first location of health-conscious restaurant chain LYFE Kitchen, which opened in downtown Palo Alto in 2011, closed in August, and Max's Opera Cafe shuttered after

three decades at Stanford Shopping Center. (Max's owner Dennis Berkowitz also cited financial challenges and declining revenue.) In Mountain View, the owner of Hangen Szechuan on Castro Street decided to retire in September after 25 years in the restaurant business.

EAT THERE ASAP ...

Two local institutions have announced plans to close in 2019, so use what time is left to have your last suppers. Cho's Mandarin Dim Sum, which relocated from Palo Alto to Los Altos in 2014, will close for good on Jan. 25. "After 39 long years of serving the community his beloved food, Cho is finally moving on with his retirement," the restaurant announced on Facebook in December. Until then, Cho's will be serving its locally famous potstickers and pork buns at 209 1st St. daily from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The owner of Su Hong Palo Alto also plans to retire next year, bringing an end to a restaurant legacy that served generations of local families and Chinese immigrants who have moved to Palo Alto. The first Su Hong opened in Menlo Park in 1977. Then came the first Palo Alto location at 4101 El Camino Way in 1987 and a takeout restaurant in Menlo Park in 1991. About 10 years ago, David King purchased the 4256 El Camino Real site, which was then a Denny's, remodeled it and opened the new Su Hong in 2010. A proposal to replace the restaurant with a five-story hotel is currently making its way through the city's approval process. ▣



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Protégé earned a Michelin star after being in business less than a year.

Arts & Events

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

Top picks from 2018

LOCAL CRIME, HISTORY, CHANGEMAKERS TARGETED IN READING SELECTIONS

By Linda Taaffe

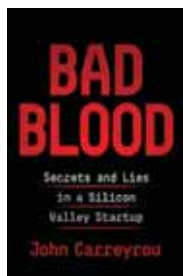
As the year comes to an end, we're taking a look back at some of our top picks from 2018 that either showcase the people, history and culture that define the area or were written by local award-winning/best-selling authors.

These are books released over the past 18 months that are available online at Amazon.com or at Books Inc., Kepler's Books or Stanford Bookstore.

CRIME

"Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup," John Carreyrou, Alfred A. Knopf, 352 pages:

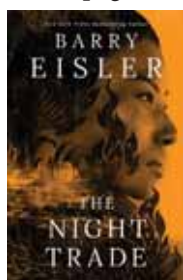
Investigative journalist John Carreyrou tells step-by-step the chilling story of how the multibillion-dollar biotech scandal at Palo Alto startup Theranos unfolded and ultimately led to the federal indictment of its founder and C.E.O. Elizabeth Holmes and chief operating officer Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani. Both were charged for an alleged scheme to defraud investors, doctors and patients. Though a true story, the book has the elements of a fictional thriller: stalking by private investigators; ambushes; suicide by an employee; and lawsuits that left people financially ruined. The book made the New York Times' best-sellers list for nonfiction, and a movie adaptation starring Jennifer Lawrence is in the works.



FICTION

"The Night Trade," Barry Eisler, Thomas & Mercer, 320 pages:

Mountain View resident Barry Eisler spent three years in a covert position with the CIA's Directorate of Operations, then worked as a technology lawyer and startup executive in Silicon Valley and Japan before launching his John Rain espionage thriller series that made him a New York Times best-selling author. At the start of 2018, the crime writer released "The Night Trade," the second volume from his Livia Lone detective series. Lone, who works for a government anti-trafficking task force is given the chance to return to Thailand to ferret out Rithisak Sorm, the



kingpin behind her own childhood ordeal. Eisler is set to release the third volume in the series, "The Killer Collective," in January 2019.

"Sophia of Silicon Valley," Anna Yen, HarperCollins, 368 pages:

Local entrepreneur Anna Yen provides a sharp and humorous insider's perspective of Silicon Valley's tech world in her debut novel, which chronicles a woman's journey storming the corridors of geek power and living in the shadow of its outrageous cast of high-maintenance maestros. The satirical novel, based on the author's own experiences during the most innovative times of Silicon Valley, provides an uncensored and entertaining insight into the world of tech and what it takes to survive. Yen has worked at a wide range of tech companies, including Tesla Motors and Pixar Animations Studios, and has co-founded several tech startups.



"The Storyteller's Secret," Sejal Badani, Lake Union Publishing, 412 pages:

Sejal Badani, a Palo Alto resident and the best-selling author of "Trail of Broken Wings," follows two generations of women from 1930s British-occupied India to present-day in her new historical novel "The Storyteller's Secret," which is based on the tragic life of her own grandmother. The story begins with Jaya. As she suffers from her third miscarriage and the collapse of her marriage, she gets word that her mother's father is dying. Having never met him or ever gone to India, Jaya desperately hopes to escape her pain and also desires a chance to understand her emotionally distant mother and learn about the past she has always been kept from. The book reached No. 1 on the Amazon Bestseller lists for Kindle, Literary Fiction, Women's Fiction, Literary, Family Life and Cultural Heritage.

HISTORY

"Images of America: Hoover Tower at Stanford University,"

Elena S. Danielson, Acadia Publishing, 128 pages:

Elena S. Danielson, who worked as an archivist in the Hoover Institution Library and Archives for 27 years, compiled a collection of historic photos to document the history of the 285-foot-tall Art Deco-style tower that former U.S. President Herbert Hoover built on the Stanford University campus in 1941 to house his vast collection of documents on international relations, global economics, war, revolution and peace. Hoover was a member of Stanford's first class of students in 1891. He hired Arthur Brown Jr. to design the library building, which was dedicated to promote peace in the world.

"We Shot the War: Overseas Weekly in Vietnam," Lisa Nguyen (editor), Hoover Institution Press, 224 pages:

This book examines the legacy of one of the most popular and eccentric newspapers to cover the Vietnam War. Founded by Stanford University graduates Cecil and Marion von Rospach during the 1950s, the Overseas Weekly was beloved by the troops and reviled by the Pentagon for its controversial content. The Weekly was temporarily banned from the military post exchange (PX) newsstands by irate commanders. Through photos and short passages, the book depicts a broad array of combat experiences, including the sanguine moments of war and the humanity that emerged from chaos.

"Hollywood Spies, The Undercover Surveillance of Nazis in Los Angeles," Laura B. Rosenzweig, New York University Press, 320 pages:

Palo Alto author Laura B. Rosenzweig examines how the Los Angeles Jewish community, financed by Jewish moguls in Hollywood, sent undercover agents to infiltrate and investigate Nazi groups operating in Los Angeles in the 1930s. The nonfiction book was a finalist in the National Jewish Book Awards, American Jewish Studies category. Rosenzweig earned a master's degree in education from Stanford University and a PhD in history from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She taught U.S. history and

American Jewish history at UC Santa Cruz and San Francisco State University.

MEMOIRS

"Short Hair Detention: Memoir of a thirteen-year-old Girl Surviving the Cambodian Genocide," Channy Chhi Laux, Archway Publishing, 574 pages:

Silicon Valley engineer Channy Chhi Laux recounts her life as a teen in Cambodia during the Khmer Rouge Communist regime. Her fight for survival started at age 13 when she woke up to the sound of gunfire from the Khmer Rouge that invaded her family's hometown in 1975 and went on to kill an estimated 2 million Cambodians during its reign. She and her family had braced themselves for that moment but nothing prepared her for the next four years of sickness, constant separation from her family and the fear of — and sometimes longing for — death in the harsh living conditions of the labor camps, where she was forced to work.



"Small Fry," Lisa Brennan-Jobs, Grove Atlantic, 400 pages:

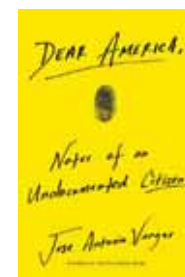
Lisa Brennan-Jobs sheds light on her years of attempting to understand her father, iconic Apple cofounder Steve Jobs, in his role as a reluctant and capricious parent, occasionally loving and often cruel. Brennan-Jobs gives multidimensionality to everyone she writes about. She's mostly kind to her step-mother, Laurene Powell, and adores her half-brother, Reed. (Jobs' and Powell's two daughters, Eve and Erin, are barely mentioned.) Total inclusion in the family, however, seems impossible for Brennan-Jobs. The memoir reveals Brennan-Jobs as a survivor of a particularly difficult childhood with a unique story to tell as she shares her narrative from its very beginning on a farm in Oregon where



she is born to Jobs' girlfriend, Chrisann Brennan, all the way to the end when she stands by her father's deathbed in Palo Alto.

"Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen," Jose Antonio Vargas, Dey Street Books, 256 pages:

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jose Antonio Vargas has dealt with labels his entire life — whether that be as a gay man, a journalist, a Filipino or an immigrant. But the label that prompted him to become a vocal advocate for immigrant rights is "undocumented citizen." The former Mountain View resident details his experience growing up on the Midpeninsula believing that he was a permanent U.S. resident, only to discover in his mid-teens that he was an undocumented immigrant who was smuggled into the country illegally by his grandparents. In the book, Vargas gives readers unprecedented access into his life. He describes his early years living in Mountain View with his grandparents and extended family as a typical kid, attending Crittenden Middle School and Mountain View High School and interning at the Mountain View Voice.



SOCIAL SCIENCE

"The Amorous Heart: An Unconventional History of Love," Marilyn Yalom, Basic Books, 240 pages:

Marilyn Yalom, award-winning author and senior scholar at the Clayman Institute for Gender Research at Stanford University, explores the cultural history behind the heart. Yalom said she was inspired to investigate the heart as a visual icon during a visit to an exhibition of medieval artifacts at the British Museum, where a brooch in the classic scalloped heart shape caught her eye. In her book, she explores how language has held on to the heart as the home of love long after society has learned that it's really the brain that is the center of emotions. Her book offers examples of ubiquitous phrases such as "broken-hearted" and "wearing one's heart on one's sleeve." ■



GOINGS ON

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

HIGHLIGHT

'RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA'

The New Year's Day concert features the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra conducted by Maestro Simon and its triumvirate of classical masters, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Jan. 1, 3-5 p.m. Free. First United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton St., Palo Alto. theSFCO.org

THEATER

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Tuck Everlasting'

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents "Tuck Everlasting." The play tells the story of a young girl who meets a family who has found immortality and must decide between returning to her life or choosing immortality as well. Through Dec. 30, times vary. \$40-\$100. Lucie Stern Center, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatretworks.org

CONCERTS

Bach and All, New Year's Eve Organ Concert James Welch plays his annual New Year's Eve organ concert on the large Casavant pipe organ of St. Mark's Church. This year the recital, "Bach and All," features master works of J. S. Bach and works by his teachers, colleagues, and musical descendants, including Dietrich Buxtehude and C. P. E. Bach. Dec. 31, 8-9 p.m. \$10, free for 18 and under. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. welchorganist.com

MUSIC

Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee gives people the chance to sing in front of a supportive audience, meet fellow musicians and performers or simply listen to live music. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m., but arrive early to secure a spot. The show starts at 7 p.m. Mondays. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic

Threshold Choir's SurroundSong

Threshold Choir singers, when invited, offer songs of rest and comfort at the bedsides of those who are in hospice care and others who may benefit from the gift of presence and harmony. The SurroundSong Circle is a way of offering this experience to a wider community. Dec. 30, 3:45-5 p.m. Free. Samyama Yoga Center, 2995 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Alphabete: The World Through the Eyes of Frederic Bruly Bouabre

The Cantor Arts Center displays Frederic Bruly Bouabre's artwork. The exhibit shows Bouabre's original pictographic alphabet and brightly colored postcard-size illustrations. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

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

'The Dancing Soweï: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone' This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a soweï mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Ongoing until December; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Do Ho Suh: The Spaces in Between

In this exhibition, artist Do Ho Suh uses a chandelier, wallpaper and a decorative screen to focus attention on issues of migration and transnational identity. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS'

Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

'Painting Nature in the American Gilded Age'

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

'Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play!' The museum presents a variety of antique toys that belonged to children in the past. This exhibition covers the origins of playtime, toy factories, toy trains, builder toys and more, and aims to evoke childhood memories over the decades. Through Feb. 17, times vary. Free. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org

BayLUG's 15th Annual Holiday Show

BayLUG's 15th Annual Holiday Show will be showcasing holiday scenes in a miniature LEGO city. This event is family friendly. Through Jan. 13, Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$3. Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto.

Christmas Gifts from Yesteryear on Display in Historic Home

The Los Altos History Museum opens a holiday-themed exhibit, "Presents from the Past: A Look Back at Christmas Gift-Giving," featuring a collection of vintage toys, shaving mugs, children's books and other items. On display in the historic J. Gilbert Smith House, trimmed in 1930s holiday decor. Through Jan. 6, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/presents-from-the-past



Gallery 9 Los Altos January Exhibition: 'Out and About'

by watercolor artist Suej McCall Suej McCall deviates from the guidelines of traditional watercolor artists, creating original and colorful pieces. Her images are of Europe, the United States and Cuba. Through Jan. 27; Tuesdays-Saturdays, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

Juana Briones Juana Briones was a 19th century woman who overcame personal, economic and political struggles to become a successful entrepreneur, healer, advocate and landowner. The Los Altos History Museum brings her story to awareness in its bilingual exhibit "Inspired by Juana: La Doña de la Frontera." Through March 31, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos.

Anderson Collection Public Tour

The collection hosts docent-led public tours five times a week. Ongoing until Dec. 30; Wednesdays 12:30 p.m., Saturdays 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Free. Anderson Collection, 314 Lomita Drive, Stanford. Search events. stanford.edu for more info.

NETWORKING

Mountain View Fourth Friday at Red Rock Coffee

Entrepreneurs in startups and founders who are actively bootstrapping startups will meet for a serious conversation about growing a business based on internal cashflow and organic profit. Attendees will compare notes on operational, development and business issues with peers. Fourth Friday of every month, 9-10:30 a.m. \$5. Red Rock, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. Search meetup.com for more info.

SPORTS

Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis: Free and Fun Exercise

The Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis Club invites seniors 55 and older to bring a racket and pair of tennis shoes to play table tennis. Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberley Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY

Public Tour: Memorial Church

A public tour guides visitors through one of the earliest interdenominational churches in the West. Fridays at 1 p.m. and last Sunday of the month at 11:30 a.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

Mountain View Woman's Club

Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization working on community projects. For more information call 650-282-5336. First Wednesday of each month, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. mtviewwomensclub.org/index.html

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Pebble Beach | \$1,395,000

This beautiful and spacious 4br/3ba Pebble Beach home offers a flexible floorplan and offers two fireplaces. Features include an updated kitchen and baths, recent carpeting, a ground floor master and a private upstairs guest suite. The home is bordered by a greenbelt and is adjacent to the SFB Morse Preserve which offers miles of trails.

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This lovely first floor 1br/1ba condo is in a park-like setting. It offers a spacious living room, a cozy gas fireplace and a beautiful waterfront view. The master bedroom has a large closet and a side space for a possible home office. It is close to downtown Mountain View, and the community includes two heated pools, a hot tub, exercise room, tennis courts, bike racks, laundry room and a club house.

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