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CHARGES IN TRAFFICKING CASE AGAINST MOUNTAIN VIEW MAN INCLUDE FORCED PROSTITUTION, RAPE

By Kevin Forestieri

The man arrested in Mountain View on suspicion of human trafficking last month allegedly used threats of violence in order to extract money and force sex acts from Guatemalan immigrants he helped bring to the country illegally, according to a months-long investigation by the Mountain View Police Department.

Carlos Garza, 33, was arrested on Dec. 20 on suspicion of human trafficking and has since been charged with four counts of human trafficking, according to the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. One of those charges accuses Garza of forcing a minor to engage in a "commercial sex act" and carries a sentence of 15 years to life in prison.

A *Voice* review of court documents reveal a consistent story of how Garza allegedly operated a human trafficking scheme last year. Either Garza or someone

who knew him would inform residents in Guatemala that Garza would be willing to put down \$6,000 to have a guide, or a "coyote" help them travel into the United States illegally, provided they were willing to pay \$8,500 once they arrived. Two of his alleged victims, a 14-year-old and her father, arrived in McAllen, Texas, in February, where they were apprehended by Border Patrol, sought asylum and were released before heading to Mountain View.

But once they arrived, the victims described oppressive and fearful living conditions under Garza, with strict rules requiring they stay with him in a crowded two-bedroom apartment until the debts were repaid. Police accounts of the apartment on the 1900 block of Latham Street detail multiple beds in the living room, and people in the apartment describing to officers how several people shared a twin-size

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Healthy wetlands on the left stand in contrast to old salt ponds on the right, abutting Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo Park. Multimillion-dollar projects to restore the salt ponds to marsh wetlands are getting underway.

Reclaiming the Bay

MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT WILL TRANSFORM OLD SALT PONDS BACK TO WETLANDS

By Kevin Forestieri

More than a square mile of former salt ponds north of Mountain View is set to begin its transformation back into wetland habitat, returning the city's

bayshore to its natural state after more than a century of industrial salt production.

Starting this year, construction crews plan to truck in enormous amounts of dirt to the North Bayshore area of the city — hundreds of

thousands of cubic yards of the stuff — to shore up old levees, protect landfills and create new habitats for marsh creatures to thrive. All of this is in preparation for breaching a man-made

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Mountain View debuts new council, new mayor

By Mark Noack

It was a changing of the guard on Tuesday night as a trio of new city leaders assumed their seats on the Mountain View City Council. Those newly elected freshmen — Ellen Kamei, Alison Hicks and Lucas Ramirez — were sworn in, each pledging

to diligently serve the city for what looks to be a challenging year ahead.

The ceremonial Jan. 8 meeting was full of kind words, friendly handshakes and the exchanging of commemorative plaques. But the meeting also represented a significant shift in city governance as three one-term

incumbents left office amid some concerns that their initiatives could be orphaned without new champions on the council dais.

It was a bittersweet night for outgoing council members Pat Showalter, Ken Rosenberg and Lenny Siegel, who spearheaded an aggressive housing push starting in 2015. Siegel and Showalter

lost their bids for re-election while Rosenberg declined to seek a second term. Each had plenty of advice to offer their successors.

Rosenberg talked about a political epiphany he experienced in 2016 when he learned that 30 students were homeless at local schools. Ever since, his chief priority has been advancing human

rights in Mountain View, and he urged someone on the council to take up the cause.

"Vote your values, not how your peers want you to vote," he advised. "On those rare occasions when you break from the group to vote your values, you'll

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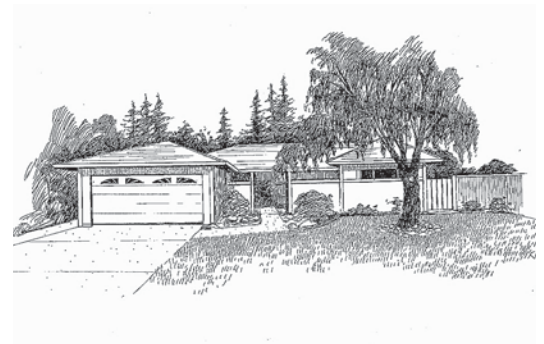
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KEN JOYE

Sculptor Ken Joye will be displaying human skulls he carved out of wood at a pop-up exhibition in Palo Alto this month.

KEN JOYE CONTEMPLATES MORTALITY

Local sculptor Ken Joye will be holding a pop-up exhibition over the weekends of Jan. 12-13 and 19-20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 904 High St. in Palo Alto.

The series, "Homage," a collection of around 30 human skulls carved out of wood, was inspired by a 2012 exhibition at the California Academy of Sciences of 800 sea lion skulls.

"The wood I use for my sculpture is mostly from tree crews that I have encountered while riding my bicycle around town," Joye said. "Many of the trees they were cutting down were diseased, dying or dead, which I have found fits very much with the theme of mortality."

THE VOICE OF THE NATURAL WORLD

"The hills are alive," the old song goes, "with the sound of music." For soundscape ecologist, musician and author Bernie Krause, discovering, preserving and sharing the music of the earth is the work of a lifetime.

On Jan. 17, Krause will give a presentation at Stanford University on sound, from its earliest earthly evolutions to its impact on human culture, and how nature's unique soundscapes are under threat in the modern world.

He began studying violin at age 3 1/2, switched to guitar in his early teens, served as Pete Seeger's replacement in the seminal folk group the Weavers in the early 1960s and then, with his late musical partner Paul Beaver, helped introduce the synthesizer to pop music and film.

But it's the call of the wild, and the soundscapes of nature, that truly resonate.

"I felt more fulfilled working in the natural world with animals and sound than any other space," he said.

He's traveled the globe to record, research and archive sounds, written several books and released numerous albums. He's worked with the U.S. National Parks Service and created symphonies, ballet scores and a sound-led fine art exhibition currently on tour in Europe.

Through his fieldwork, Krause developed the Acoustic Niche Hypothesis (ANH), which posits that "in a healthy habitat, organisms vocalize in unique temporal or acoustic relationships to one another, competitively and cooperatively, just like instruments in an orchestra." This natural organization of sounds, he said, was the inspiration for the way humans organize music around the world.

An ecosystem's soundscapes, he said, are a sign of its health. Distressingly, humankind's continued negative impact on the natural world, means many of the soundscapes he's recorded in the past are now lost. Many others are endangered.

Krause has witnessed this firsthand. In 2015, he said, after years of drought, he experienced his first "silent spring" in his Sonoma County neighborhood, in which the animals ceased their normal songs. In 2017, he and his wife lost their home, beloved cats and all their possessions in the devastating fires that plagued the region.

"We are giving new meaning to the term PTSD," he said, when asked how they are carrying on after the disaster.

The Trump administration's apparent lack of interest in protecting the environment — and often downright hostility to arts and sciences — has been especially disheartening to Krause and those with whom he works.

What message does he hope others, including his audience at Stanford, will get from his efforts?

"To learn to listen — to each other and the voice of the natural world, which is crying out for us to pay some attention as the wild habitats become more quiet with each passing day. The further we draw away from the natural world, the more pathological we become as a culture."

"Tomorrow Belongs to Those Who Can Hear It Coming: An Evening with Bernie Krause" will be held in the CEMEX Auditorium at the Stanford Graduate School of Business on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit arts.stanford.edu/event/81441/.

—Karla Kane

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CRIME BRIEF

TESLA DRIVER DUI

A Los Altos planning commissioner pleaded not guilty to a driving under the influence charge Wednesday, Jan. 2, after being found asleep in a moving Tesla in November on Highway 101 in Redwood City.

Alexander Samek, 45, was cited for two misdemeanors, DUI and DUI with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or higher, and was told to appear in court on Friday, Jan. 4.

Samek's attorney Josh Bentley instead filed a "paper arraignment" pleading not guilty on Jan. 2, according to San Mateo County District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe. Bentley could not be reached for comment.

California Highway Patrol officers tried to stop Samek's Tesla Model S traveling at 70 mph on southbound Highway 101 at Whipple Avenue to conduct a DUI check shortly before 4 a.m. on Nov. 30.

They noticed Samek was asleep at the wheel and drove in front of the car at a close distance to activate the vehicle's automatic stopping system.

The Tesla came to a complete stop at 4:04 a.m. on southbound Highway 101 north of Embarcadero Road after tailing the CHP

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200 block Fairchild Dr., 1/2
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Bryant St. & W. Dana St., 1/2
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700 block E. El Camino Real, 1/2
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2500 block Diericx Dr., 1/3
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200 block Horizon Av., 1/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/7
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/7
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700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 1/7
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2000 block San Ramon Av., 1/2
2000 block California St., 1/4

BATTERY

2000 block Stierlin Ct., 1/1

VANDALISM

800 block Park Dr., 1/3

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AID FOR FURLOUGHED FEDERAL WORKERS

As the federal shutdown soon heads into its fourth week, representatives of the Community Services Agency of Los Altos and Mountain View are urging furloughed civil servants to make use of its aid programs and services.

CSA provides a variety of social services, including a food pantry, rental assistance and a variety of other aid programs for low-income households. Eligibility for these programs varies, but it is typically based on an individual's income.

Furloughed government employees who are experiencing a pay freeze should be eligible for various forms of assistance, said CSA executive director Tom Myers. He encouraged anyone seeking help to call at 650-968-0836.

—Mark Noack

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Mary Peterson, a longtime Mountain View resident, turns 103 this week.

103 years old and still going strong

MOUNTAIN VIEW RESIDENT DOESN'T WANT TO SLOW DOWN

By Mark Noack

When she celebrates her 103rd birthday this week, Mary Peterson expects to be singing.

In a way, it's part of the secret to how the Mountain View centenarian has stayed sharp and spry all these years. Peterson, who is quite possibly the city's oldest resident, still keeps an active social life of choral singing, church and various social groups.

Up until recent years, she was serving lunch at the Mountain View Senior Center, calling out the numbers at the weekly

bingo game and bowling with a club of other women. She can't quite handle a bowling ball as of late, due to a back injury, but she still has an enviable number of friends in the community. With a proud smile, she describes the stack of Christmas cards she received in recent weeks, sort of like how a fisherman might boast about his latest catch.

"It's wonderful to be alive, but I do keep asking the Lord why he keeps me around," Peterson said. "But my life has been great. I'm very grateful."

For Peterson's longevity, it certainly helps that she has never once touched alcohol or

cigarettes. She never had any children, but her extended family has multiplied like crazy over the years. She counts them up: 13 nieces and nephews, 20 great-nieces and nephews, 25 great-great-nieces and nephews. To all of them, she is known as "Aunt Mary."

Despite having so many relatives, Peterson doesn't have any family members who live close by. Her friend Edith Frost remembers becoming acquainted with Peterson when they partnered with some other church ladies on a bowling

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Mixed bag of applicants for rent control committee

By Mark Noack

Mountain View City Council members will have their choice of seven candidates, a mix of professionals and property owners, vying for the three available seats on the city's Rental Housing Committee.

Full applications for all of the candidates will be posted to the *Voice's* website, mv-voice.com.

The candidates include Julian Pardo de Zela, an employment law attorney who has served as the committee's alternate member for nearly two years. Just a few months ago, Pardo de Zela was appointed as a regular member to serve out the remainder of the term held by Tom Means, who resigned his seat early. Since he has already been vetted, Pardo de Zela will likely be an easy pick for appointment to a new term.

Another applicant is Douglas Radtke, a Mountain View homeowner who works as finance director for the town of Portola Valley. For his qualifications, he touted his experience from a 10-year career in accounting, including working for several prestigious firms. He positioned himself as a middle-of-the-road candidate, neither a renter nor a landlord, who could be a "natural arbiter" when it comes to rent control.

Radtke is listed as treasurer for the San Mateo County Libertarian Party, but he said he has cut ties with the political party. He is now registered as a Democrat, he told the *Voice* in an email.

Nicole Haines-Livesay says

she is interested in joining the Rental Housing Committee to help remedy the regional housing crisis. In her application she walked a fine line, explaining she supports the notion of real-estate investment as a profitable enterprise, but said that business drive can't be allowed to displace the community's vulnerable residents.

Haines-Livesay is well-versed in this line of work. She previously worked in commercial real estate for a private equity firm in Dallas and later moved to Mountain View and took a job as a compliance manager for Merrill Lynch.

Another candidate, Susyn Almond, describes herself as someone who previously benefited from rent control when she lived in San Francisco. Later, as a homeowner in Mountain View, she experienced the other side of the equation when she rented out her property. She has an MBA and works as a consultant for her own firm, but didn't specify what kind of consulting work she does.

Joan Brodovsky said she had experienced the effects of a "draconian" rent control program that went too far. When she lived in Mexico City, she witnessed how apartments would sometimes be completely abandoned because the restricted rents weren't worth the upkeep costs. Coming to Silicon Valley, she saw the inverse situation in which rents were left to free-market economics. This background gives her the ability

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City hires new community development director

By Mark Noack

A crucial new staffer has been recruited to lead Mountain View's Community Development Department, the city's pipeline for housing and commercial projects. Aarti Shrivastava, a former Mountain View planner, has been hired back to lead her old department.

For the last 10 years, Shrivastava has been in charge of the Community Development Department in nearby

Cupertino, where she dealt with many challenges familiar to Mountain View, including dealing with a large tech giant headquartered in town (Apple).

Prior to working in Cupertino, Shrivastava had worked in Mountain View as a planning manager and principal planner from 2004 to 2008.

Back in Mountain View, Shrivastava will now take on new dual role as the city's community development director and as an assistant city manager. In this new

two-part position she will oversee the four divisions of the community development department as well as provide strategic support to the city manager on high-level issues. Shrivastava will reportedly be well positioned to address the city's ambitious goals on housing, affordability, transportation



Aarti Shrivastava

and neighborhood planning.

Shrivastava was selected for the job out of 20 applicants, seven of whom were called in for interviews. She will reportedly be paid a salary of \$249,000 by the city.

"We are excited to welcome Aarti back to Mountain View," City Manager Dan Rich said in a statement. "Her deep knowledge of Mountain View and the unique issues of our region, as well as her urban planning and collaborative leadership skills will be a tremendous benefit."

In taking over the leadership of city planning, Shrivastava will be filling the role left by former Community Development Director Randy Tsuda, who headed the department for 10 years. In October, Tsuda announced he was leaving to take an executive position at the nonprofit Palo Alto Housing.

Asked about his new successor, Tsuda praised her for being highly qualified to tackle the job's challenges. He also had

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bed. Victims interviewed by police recalled that there were anywhere from “at least 10” to as many as 17 people living in the apartment.

Police believe that the 14-year-old girl had been sexually assaulted seven times between April and June last year, and that Garza had “brought men into the home and into the victim’s room” five times, demanding that she have sex with them and telling her that she had no choice. Garza reportedly received \$200 from each man, which did not go toward the girl and her father’s debt. The victim told investigators that she was also sexually assaulted by Garza twice during the same time period, and that he threatened to kill her and her family if she refused him.

During this time, the teen and her father, who had a job despite being restricted from working by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, gave Garza \$800 a month for rent.

Garza’s threats seemed legitimate because the girl believed Garza had fled to Mountain View from Guatemala after murdering someone, according to police interviews, and said she was fearful he would harm her mother and sisters who were still in Guatemala. Garza’s sister, Evelia De Maria Galvez, also allegedly dissuaded her from going to police, telling her that there would be “consequences” if she made a declaration against Garza. Galvez is suspected of knowing about the sexual assaults, and was arrested by police on Dec. 20 on suspicion of aiding Garza and intimidating a victim.

When the sexual assaults were taking place, the girl told police she was not attending school and would seldom leave her bedroom. When she began attending summer school in Mountain View in June, the sexual assaults ceased because she spent less time at home and more time with friends and on campus, police said.

Police were alerted to the potential human trafficking case in early October, following reports that a man in the Latham Street apartment, later identified as Garza, had threatened a mother and her 7-year-old son with what appeared to be a pistol. The mother told police on Oct. 1 that,



Carlos Garza



Evelia De Maria Galvez

the day prior, Garza was intoxicated and pointed what was later determined to be a BB gun at her and her child, yelling, “There’s going to be a killing,” police stated in the report.

The victim told police that she did not feel safe returning to the apartment, and that four days prior he had fired the gun out the window. Four officers located Garza at a party at Rengstorff Park on Oct. 1 and arrested him. A Daisy Powerline 5501 BB gun was found under a pillow in the apartment during a search the next day, along with carbon dioxide canisters, ammo for the BB gun and what appeared to be a fake Mexican Consulate card with Garza’s photo on it. Garza’s passport indicates he is from Guatemala, the report said.

Garza was charged with two counts of exhibiting an imitation firearm and threatening to commit a crime resulting in death or great bodily injury. He posted bail, but two days later was found to be in violation of an emergency protective order granted to the mother, which stated he could not come within 300 feet of her or the apartment. “Garza bailed out within 24 hours after being arrested for the second time,” police said in the report.

That same day, officers suspicious of possible human trafficking began connecting the dots between the 14-year-old suspected of being sexually assaulted — then enrolled as a high school student — and the reported gun threats by Garza in the Latham Street apartment. While police reports filed in October state that speculation about human trafficking was unfounded at the moment, the case was referred to Mountain View police investigators, whose work eventually led to the Dec. 20 arrests of Garza and Galvez.

Garza is due back in court on Feb. 6 in San Jose and remains in custody with a bail set at \$200,000. ▣

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CRIME BRIEF

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vehicle for about 7 miles.

According to Wagstaffe, Samek refused a chemical test for DUI, and officers drew his blood in a “medically approved manner” after obtaining a warrant. His blood alcohol level registered as

0.12, after initially coming in at 0.14 on a preliminary test about an hour earlier.

Wagstaffe said Samek has no prior offenses and will return to court for a pretrial hearing in April and a jury trial in May. The Los Altos Planning Commission declined to comment on the case.

—Bay City News Service

California leads appeal defending Obamacare

DEEP IMPACTS ON SANTA CLARA COUNTY EXPECTED IF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS OVERTURNED

By Kevin Forestieri

Responding to the latest effort to weaken or repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), California Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced he is appealing a district judge's December ruling that the landmark health care law is unconstitutional.

In a statement last week, Becerra announced he and 16 other state attorneys general were appealing U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor's decision in the case *Texas v. United States*, which concluded that the individual mandate — the requirement that citizens must purchase health insurance or pay a fine — was unconstitutional. O'Connor went on to rule that the remaining provisions in the ACA were "inseparable" from the individual mandate and "therefore invalid" as a result of the decision, dismantling the entire framework of the health care law, also known as Obamacare.

Becerra immediately responded to the Dec. 14 by calling it "misguided" and an "assault" on 133

million Americans who rely on the ACA for its protections of patients with preexisting conditions. The ruling is now moving up to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and could eventually be reviewed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Though Santa Clara County is not a party in the case and the appeal, county officials have kept a close watch on the case because of the deep impacts it would have on both the county's finances and health and hospital system as well as the health of the community, according to County Counsel James Williams.

Since March 2010 when the law was enacted, Williams said the ACA has been "incredibly positive" for the community, insuring more county residents and reducing the costs and burdens on the county's hospital system. He said that Santa Clara County has been "at the forefront" by showing how effective the Affordable Care Act can be.

"I think California has been able to show a lot of what was intended to happen everywhere in the country by having robust

enrollment and robust outreach — a state that was actually taking advantage of the flexibility and the structure under the ACA," Williams said. "And the results speak for themselves."

This is hardly the first time the ACA faced possible repeal. Last year the Republican-controlled House of Representatives and Senate sought to repeal part or all of the ACA through multiple bills that ultimately failed to muster enough votes. Burt Margolin, a consultant hired by the county to watch federal legislation, reported to supervisors last month that certain efforts to weaken the health care law — reducing the individual mandate penalty and internal changes by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid — appear to have dropped enrollment by about 13 percent from last year.

Margolin said that, if the Texas case makes it to the Supreme Court, the ruling may be favorable. Earlier in December the majority of the court, including Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Chief Justice John Roberts, declined to review lower court decisions that

found Kansas and Louisiana had violated federal law by defunding Planned Parenthood for apparently arbitrary reasons not related to performance.

"The speculation is that Roberts may have wanted to avoid pushing this fight into a contentious battle over health care at the Supreme Court level, and that may bode well should the Texas (court) case reach his court," Margolin said.

Last year, Margolin said an estimated 130,000 residents in Santa Clara County gained Medi-Cal coverage through the Medicaid expansion under the ACA, 68,000 of whom are served directly through the county's health and hospital system and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

Williams said the ruling by O'Connor "defies common sense" by claiming the law was effectively repealed last year when Congress reduced the individual mandate penalty down to zero, and that there are staggering ramifications to a ruling that claims every single word is struck from the ACA as a result. That includes components that won huge support, including allowing children to stay on their

parents' insurance plans until age 26 and protections for people with preexisting conditions.

"It would upend the private health care system for everyone," he said. "And yet somehow the district court judge is saying 'Well, actually (Congress) meant to strike everything down.'"

It was clear last year that Congress didn't have the votes required to repeal the ACA in its entirety, and that a succession of bills and votes proved that, Williams said. O'Connor's narrow analysis is divorced from what took place in the Legislature and "fails to actually grapple with the body of the law as a whole," he said.

Williams said he couldn't say for sure how the ruling would fare in the Fifth Circuit or the Supreme Court, but he emphasized that the ramifications of the case are huge.

"This is the largest sector of the economy — this is not a minor set of statutes that we're talking about," he said. "The ramifications for striking the entire Affordable Care Act would upend all aspects of the health care system, every single person, regardless of who your insurer is." ▀

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CENTENARIAN

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team called “the Holy Rollers.” Frost remembers Peterson asking her a bold question: Would she take over power of attorney for her health care?

Frost agreed, but she had no idea what she was signing up for back in 1995. Ever the loyal friend, Frost still checks up on Peterson, taking her to medical appointments, helping her with budgeting and buying her groceries.

“Religiously, I feel like God has given me this job because she doesn’t have anyone else,” Frost said. “She needs somebody, and somebody she can trust.”

Born Jan. 9, 1916, Peterson was raised in St. Paul, Minnesota, the oldest of six children. She vividly recalls ice skating in the winters. She sang alto in a quartet with her two sisters and mother, while her father and brothers formed their own men’s quartet. She ended up leaving school in ninth grade to help her mother after her father died in a work accident.

She originally moved to Mountain View with her husband following World War II, and in 1957 they built her current home in the St. Francis Acres neighborhood. Peterson worked for most of her years as an executive assistant for various professionals.

“Mountain View used to be such an itchy-bitsy city — it was all single-story homes,” she reminisced.

Talking about her childhood, Peterson immediately brings up Charles Schulz, the famous Peanuts comic strip cartoonist. Peterson’s mother taught Schulz in Sunday school in Minnesota, and through the years she maintained a friendship with him. Schulz died in 2000, but Peterson still keeps in touch with his wife Jean.

In 2017, the Schulz home in Santa Rosa burned to the ground, and Peterson ended up donating a trove of old photos and cartoons to help Jean Schulz rebuild her collection. In gratitude, the Charles M. Schulz Museum sent Peterson an assortment of Peanuts memorabilia. Ornaments of Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the other Peanuts characters are scattered throughout Peterson’s house.

That sense of charity is also clear from Peterson’s life in Mountain View. Her husband died in 1979, and Peterson became active in the Mid-Peninsula Widows and Widowers Association. To this day, Peterson still calls up each of the dozens of other members to sing “Happy Birthday” to them each year. She has organized several knitting parties to make caps for seniors in convalescent homes.

Getting old isn’t easy, especially beyond 100, she said. Peterson misses being able to drive after she voluntarily surrendered her license a few years back. “It’s terrible, now I have to deal with this thing,” she said as she wobbled her walker. Writing letters by hand isn’t so easy with her arthritis, but she makes it work with her old typewriter. But it has been hard for her to wind down.

“The constant thing in Mary’s life is she’s looking for something to do to help other people,” Frost said. “What upsets her the most is now she’s no longer allowed to do anything. The doctors tell her now it’s time for her to rest.”

But she still has her singing. When Peterson celebrates her 103rd birthday with her friends this week, she said she plans to enjoy leading the chorus of “Happy Birthday” on her own. ■

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COMMITTEE

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some sage words for anyone stepping into the role of community development director.

“My advice is to maintain a sense of humor, have a reservoir of patience, and to stock up on good pinot noir,” Tsuda said. “I can vouch that Shrivastava has the first two covered. I don’t know about her wine collection.”

Shrivastava will be filling one of the city’s most important roles; however City Hall still faces some staffing challenges. Through 2018, the city lost 24 employees, including three department heads. In particular,

the city’s planning division has struggled for years to review and process a surge of development proposals.

As part of the transition, Audrey Seymour Ramberg, who currently serves as assistant city manager, will be promoted to a new position as the city’s chief operating officer. In this role, Ramberg will supervise environmental sustainability and focus on organization-wide priorities such as staffing development and succession planning.

With the new responsibility, Ramberg will receive a salary increase from \$247,986 to \$254,186. ■

Analysis of Stanford's growth leaves unanswered questions

MOUNTAIN VIEW SEEKS FUNDS FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

By Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto is hoping Stanford University will help pay for the realignment of Caltrain rail crossings so that tracks and roadways will no longer intersect.

Mountain View is calling for the university to pay its "fair share" for future improvements to local intersections.

Menlo Park is requesting that the university consider creating new satellite lots with new shuttles or a "gondola" moving people from these lots to the university's growing campus.

These transportation-centered requests, as well as dozens of others pertaining to housing, schools and more, were submitted by Peninsula cities,

agencies and residents as part of a new environmental analysis for Stanford's proposed expansion. The Final Environmental Impact Report, which Santa Clara County released on Dec. 21, pertains to Stanford's application for a "general use permit" (GUP), which would allow the university to build up to 2.275 million square feet of academic space, 3,150 new housing units or beds (this includes 550 that would be available for faculty, staff, postdoctoral scholars and medical residents), and 40,000 square feet for child care centers and transit hubs by 2035.

Publication of the voluminous document marks a key milestone for the county's review process of a project that Joe Simitian, president of the county's Board

of Supervisors, has described as the largest development application in the history of the county, which has jurisdiction over land not governed by the cities. But while the new analysis devotes hundreds of pages to analyzing traffic impacts (as well as everything from noise and water quality), it is unlikely to satisfy city leaders who for months have been calling for the county to require stronger action from Stanford to mitigate the consequences of its growth.

The thorny issue of traffic

In the new report, the county is noncommittal on most proposed solutions, including requiring Stanford to chip in for Caltrain improvements or to roll out more Marguerite shuttles. County officials have also rejected calls to encourage more satellite parking lots and to revise Stanford's existing "No Net New Commute Trips" policy, which currently applies only to campus-related trips in the commute direction during peak hours (8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.).

The policy, which was introduced under Stanford's last GUP in 2000, has been the county's strongest tool to ensure Stanford's growth would not result in overwhelming traffic. It has spurred Stanford to, among other things, expand its Marguerite shuttle program, increase parking fees and introduce car- and ride-share programs. As a result, Stanford's rate of solo drivers has dropped from 69 percent in 2003 to 43 percent today, according to the county.

But while Stanford's traffic-reduction programs are generally viewed as a gold standard in the region, many are skeptical that the policy will continue to hold up in the face of millions of

square feet of new development.

Palo Alto and East Palo Alto are among those cities that have argued in favor of a more expansive definition of "peak hours," which they say does not currently reflect actual travel patterns. A letter from East Palo Alto, signed by former Mayor Ruben Abrica, states that the city is "gravely concerned about traffic," especially given that 84 percent of the peak-hour traffic on University Avenue are commuters and that Stanford's proposal would add about 5,000 new jobs.

"Off-peak traffic is a concern, given that East Palo Alto residents are experiencing significant traffic at all times," the letter states.

Palo Alto expressed similar concerns and pointed to "a recent trend of peak spreading," the tendency of Stanford commuters to drive just before or just after the "peak period." To support this position, the city hired a consulting firm, Hexagon, to review data from Stanford's cordon counts. The consultant noted that even the county's environmental analysis uses the broader "peak period" times of 7 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. in analyzing intersection counts.

Hexagon cited its own count data as evidence that the morning peak hour frequently occurs after 9 a.m. and the afternoon peak frequently occurs after 6 p.m.

"One of the likely reasons why there appears to be a disconnect between Stanford's achievement of the 'no net new trips' standard and the community's experience of increasing level of congestion may be that there are higher levels of Stanford-related trips throughout the day or during much longer periods during the morning and evening than was true in 2001," the Hexagon letter states.

The county, however, was not swayed. It offered its own data, measured twice yearly, which showed the number of cars entering and exiting Stanford during the 8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. hours decreased between 2012 and 2016. The data also showed that in every year since 2014, the pattern of traffic during the broader peak hours remained consistent, directly contradicting the Hexagon assertion.

"Focusing the no-net-new-commute-trips standard on the peak hour has not pushed trips to the shoulder hours or encouraged peak hour spreading," the county's response states.

Palo Alto has also urged the county to demand more details from Stanford about how it plans to ensure traffic does not get worse. The FEIR, the city had argued, should "explicitly identify the current and future transit and TDM (transportation-demand management) programs that will be relied on to meet the No New Net Commute Trips goal."

The new analysis does not do such things. Instead, following the theme of "flexibility with accountability" that was the bedrock of the 2000 permit, county officials have indicated that they are generally amenable to Stanford establishing its own programs, provided that they meet the goals of not adding new commute traffic during peak hours.

"This framework gives Stanford the flexibility to change the TDM program to meet the no-net-new-commute-trips standard as the campus population changes and technology advances."

That said, the FEIR identifies several transportation-related programs that Stanford has proposed to implement as part of its growth plan. These include new dedicated bus lanes and express bus services, dynamic real-time carpooling apps like Scoop, the use of parking rates to discourage driving, financial incentives for non-drivers and increased use of telework and flexible work schedules, according to the FEIR.

Mountain View's requests

Mountain View, for its part, requested assurances that Stanford would contribute its "fair share" of funding for improvements to "any intersections under the jurisdiction of our city" affected by Stanford's growth. The FEIR does not go that far,



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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Above: Lenny Siegel and Ken Rosenberg listen as Pat Showalter makes final remarks before the three incumbents stepped down from their seats on the City Council. **Left:** New City Council members, from left, Lucas Ramirez, Ellen Kamei and Alison Hicks take the oath of office on Jan. 8.

COUNCIL

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sleep better at night.”

There was plenty of discussion of the big-ticket challenges shared by Mountain View and other nearby cities, such as housing growth, traffic congestion and income inequality. These are the “perils of prosperity,” Showalter said, and she pointed to Mountain View’s work over the last four years to lead by example by taking on more of the burden to inspire its neighbors.

“We have not buried our heads in the sand, and we can’t solve these things all alone,” she said. “But we’ll do our part and we’ll stand as an example for what should be done.”

But November’s election may have been a sign that city voters were growing impatient with the sacrifices that came with

that bargain. Mountain View isn’t alone in dealing with traffic, housing or homelessness, so it made sense for the city to seek a solution in cooperation with neighboring cities, Councilwoman Hicks said. Echoing her campaign, she emphasized that the council should set its sights on keeping Mountain View as a great place to live for current residents.

“We can spark the solutions to the problems, but to solve them we have to go and speak to every city in the county,” Hicks said. “When we’re tackling global and regional problems, we have to remember that in the end, Mountain View is home to tens of thousands of people.”

Kamei emphasized that she would take on housing as a chief priority, particularly the construction of residences for middle-income families. She

was jubilant and described joining the City Council as a lifelong goal.

“Tonight the dream of a 9-year-old girl comes true to serve in the community she calls home,” she said. “The story of my family started here over 70 years ago, and this is the next chapter for us.”

Kamei and Ramirez add a new element to the demographics of the City Council. Both are relatively young — in their 30s — and rent housing, while the rest of the council mostly consists of older homeowners. In addition, both work as staffers for local politicians, and they bring a sweeping knowledge of regional policies and programs.

Joking that he learned to cut short his policy explanations, Ramirez emphatically urged everyone in the city to reach out to him with concerns or criticism.

NEW HIRE

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to understand both sides of the issue, she said.

Jennifer Wayman is a marketing manager who has previously had to survey rental markets across the country for her work. She is also a business owner who will soon be launching three fitness franchise locations. Amid all those efforts, she said wanted to join the Rental Housing Committee to strike a balance between those who need rental housing and those who provide it. She emphasized her professional network of lawyers and landlords could help her get perspective on how to do this.

Wayman left it unclear whether she is a renter or landlord, saying in her applications that she “had a rental property in Mountain View.”

Another candidate, Nija Mashruwala, is a software engineer for Salesforce who said she previously saw how unfair rental policies can impact tenants. She is now a homeowner who rents out part of her property and manages other rentals for her family. She expects to eventually transition into a career in real estate. Mashruwala acknowledged that she has a lot to learn, but she touted her critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

This round of selecting members for the new rent control committee is expected to be

impacted by the recent departure of City Council members Lenny Siegel, Ken Rosenberg and Pat Showalter. The three council members were generally supportive of candidates who had actively campaigned for the 2016 Measure V campaign on the committee. In contrast, the rest of the council favored candidates with no connection to the rent control campaign or, barring that, a diverse range of opinions on the committee. With three new council members, the balance could tip.

The City Council is scheduled to begin interviewing rental committee applicants at its Jan. 15 meeting. ▣

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“In the next three months, we’re going to be seeing a lot of issues that are challenging and divisive,” he said. “Hold me accountable when I fail you.”

After the new council members took their seats, their first order of business was to elect a mayor. Vice Mayor Lisa Matichak was quickly nominated as the city’s new mayor with Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga chosen to serve as the vice mayor for 2019. It followed the city’s long tradition

of picking the vice mayor to hold the mayoral gavel.

The votes for both Matichak and Abe-Koga were unanimous.

“I hope we can have a collegial relationship as we work through the issues,” Matichak said. “We each have our perspectives and sometimes they align, and sometimes they don’t.” ▣

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CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

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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barrier that would bring tidal flows back to an area parched and cut off from the Bay.

The effort is part of a huge multi-agency strategy, launched in the early 2000s, to acquire 15,000 acres of privatized Bay Area coastline used for salt production and revert most of it back to its natural state — or at least as close to it as possible. The negotiations were headed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein to acquire the land from the global conglomerate Cargill, which signaled it was seeking to cede 61 percent of its South Bay operations.

The latest chapter of the regional effort, known as “Phase 2” of the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project, includes reversion of salt ponds back to tidal marsh habitat across 710 acres north of Mountain View and 300 acres bordering Menlo Park. Work on the latter is already underway, with truckloads of dirt and construction crews busy along the edges of Bedwell Bayfront Park on a recent Thursday morning.

The future vision for the baylands can be seen at the northeast corner of Bedwell. To the north lies Greco Island, a verdant expanse of tidal marshes home to several protected species, including the endangered California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse. To the east lies hundreds of acres of former salt ponds abutting Facebook’s original campus, with a grayish-white cracked crust resembling the surface of the moon. Other salt ponds throughout the Bay Area take on a pink, green, yellow or rust color depending on the algae, minerals or tiny organisms present.

In a multi-step process, these salt ponds are designed to take in limited water from the Bay and circulate it through a system of “evaporator” ponds



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Jared Underwood, a refuge manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has overseen efforts to bring back wetlands to the Bay coastline in Menlo Park and Mountain View. The federal agency has kept an eye on the project’s impacts on endangered and threatened species.

aimed at gradually increasing salinity. Water fully saturated with salt is then pumped into crystallizer beds, where salt is harvested and sent to a processing plant in Newark. This has been going on in the baylands since the mid-1850s, hitting its peak by 1959 when companies were producing roughly a million tons of salt annually.

Today this would amount to devastating environmental destruction of more than 40 square miles of baylands, but environmental protections were barely an afterthought at the time of rapid development prior to the turn of the last century, said David Lewis, executive director of Save the Bay. He said about 90 percent of the Bay’s wetlands have been lost due to human activity — large swaths of which were used to harvest salt or hay — and it took a concerted effort starting in the 1960s to recognize that these public assets needed protection.

“It’s not that those original salt-making companies that destroyed the Bay habitat did

anything illegal, there were just no environmental laws,” he said.

Some of that Bay habitat is long gone, diked off and paved over, but Lewis said he and other advocates at Save the Bay began pressuring public officials 15 years ago to restore marshes that remain salt ponds along the coastline. With an excess of 15,000 acres now in the hands of public ownership and a new funding source in the Measure AA parcel tax, Lewis said the region is poised to reverse the damage to the Bay Area’s environment.

Shoring up levees

Step one in the restoration process is to shore up levees and fill up pits dredged for industrial uses, and that means hundreds of truckloads of dirt coming in daily, said Jared Underwood, a refuge manager with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. About half a million cubic yards of dirt is needed, he said, and a fortunate side effect of the booming local economy is that there’s plenty of it to go

around. Private development, including Apple’s new “space-ship” campus, left construction companies with huge piles of dirt, and project managers have found a mutually beneficial relationship with the companies willing to have it dropped off by the Bay instead of the dump.

“As they dig out dirt, they’re working with us to test it and ensure it’s clean,” Underwood said, adding that it has to be free of pesticides, hydrocarbons and heavy metals. “It’s a very strict standard, and instead of putting it in the landfill they can bring it to the ponds.”

While the old channel networks that used to move water around the marshes still remain mostly intact, restoration isn’t as simple as breaching the levee and stepping back while plants regrow and birds return. Allowing the free flow of water back into salt ponds amounts to bringing the Bay — and anticipated sea level rise in the coming decades — right to the doorstep of buried landfills, parks and some of Silicon Valley’s most prominent tech campuses.

Flood risk to public infrastructure is one of the biggest concerns going into the project, according to Dave Halsing, a consultant working on the restoration project. The existing “levees” were never engineered to protect the low-lying nearby development, and efforts need to be made to shore up their limited protection to withstand the wind and waves of a storm surge.

“All of the salt pond berms were not made as levees, nonetheless they do provide some protection, and we want to make sure if we open up the ponds that we don’t get rid of that protection,” Halsing said.

Central to that goal is creating so-called upland transition zones, a gradual slope to act as a buffer between the sloshing Bay waters and coastal development. Much of the second phase’s southern border has an abrupt and vertical edge shaped like a

bathtub, which is not only vulnerable to sea level rise but also makes it tough for marsh creatures to survive. During king tides or a big storm, animals like harvest mice, rails and voles all find themselves stuck between a rock and a hard place — flooded marshes and developed areas — and Underwood said they’ve got virtually nowhere to hide.

“There’s a little tiny bit of habitat, we’re talking 6 feet from the top of the levee down to the marsh, and it’s very steep. And what happens now is predators can pick them off a lot easier,” he said. “During high tide you can see the hawks kind of lined up along the edges to eat what they can.”

This kind of transition zone would typically be adjacent to the salt ponds rather than in it, but most of the nearby land has been developed into homes and businesses or — even worse — former landfills that have been capped and pose a serious risk if they were to erode. The 30-to-1 gradual slope should steel the region for sea level rise that’s bound to come.

“This is something that we’re doing for the survival of the species in the marsh for the next 100 years,” Underwood said.

Shoreline Lake

Ambitious plans to restore the Ravenswood pond cluster north of Menlo Park, along with the ponds north of Mountain View, were both scaled back during the complex planning process for Phase 2 that started more than a decade ago, each due to competing environmental interests. For example, the Charleston Slough to the northwest of Shoreline Park was originally included in the restoration efforts, but was ultimately dropped due to environmental concerns.

The problem ended up being the Shoreline Park lake and its reliance on the intake that pumps water from the Charleston Slough. One of the project’s alternatives that was hotly debated, and eventually dropped, was to transform Charleston Slough into a tidal marsh and move the lake’s water intake to the corner of the adjacent salt pond to the east. But doing so would risk trapping protected steelhead in the Bay and Stevens Creek, raising concerns from the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Adding to the complexity, there wasn’t enough room for a pump with a protective “fish screen” large enough to provide enough water to maintain the Shoreline Lake. Leaving the pump in the relatively shallow



MAGALI GAUTHIER

A crust of salt coats the shore at Bedwell Bayfront Park. The result of salt harvesting operations, evaporation ponds replaced marshlands around the San Francisco Bay, rendering much of the shoreline inhospitable to plants and animals.



MAGALI GAUTHIER

The Facebook campus is across from Bedwell Bayfront Park in Menlo wetland restoration project is already underway.

Charleston Slough would've also strained the city's ability to "meet the demand for water intake," according to environmental documents.

Halsing said the risk of steelhead entering Charleston through a tidal gate and ending up in the lake's water intake was a deciding factor in dropping the slough from the project.

"Given how shallow the slough is and how frequently that intake runs, there didn't seem to be a feasible option to do that now," he said.

At the Ravenswood ponds, the cracked and barren 270-acre pond abutting Facebook's campus was axed from the tidal marsh restoration plans, but because of birds rather than fish. As it turns out, birds like the threatened Western snowy plover have come to rely on the large expanses of shallow and dry salt ponds and, ironically, restoring the wetland marshes would effectively amount to habitat destruction for them.

"They used to nest on beaches," Underwood said. "Lots of species have come to rely on the ponds."

Despite the narrowed scope of both projects, Lewis said he and his organization were not disappointed, and that it was clear from the get-go that the huge scope of salt pond restoration had to be "adaptive" based on monitoring data and sensitivity to protected species. Leaving out Charleston Slough and one of the Ravenswood ponds are actually positive signs that project managers aren't rushing headlong into what should be a deliberative, decadeslong process.

"It's not a setback, in fact I think it's proof that the effort is able to be modified to adapt to what the species and what the Bay need," he said.

As with any project involving baylands, more than a dozen public agencies, companies and organizations are playing a part in the restoration efforts. Several agencies, including the



Mountain View's salt ponds, dubbed A1 and A2W, are set to begin a transformation back into tidal wetlands starting this year. Work on the Ravenswood ponds north of Menlo Park, dubbed R4, R5 and S5, is already underway.

California State Coastal Conservancy, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Santa Clara Valley Water District, have a hand in managing the project. Getting Mountain View's project underway this year meant seeking approvals from a broad group that includes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state's regional water quality control board and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Complicating matters, PG&E towers and power lines cut right through one of Mountain View's salt ponds, and the project needs to be mindful of protecting the private company's infrastructure, said Brenda Buxton, the regional project manager for the coastal conservancy. That means extending and elevating the boardwalks into the future marsh and raising the concrete

footings on the towers.

The list of agencies funding Phase 2 projects is also packed to the brim, with nine organizations pitching in money for Mountain View's salt pond restoration. The city of Mountain View is expected to contribute \$2.5 million to the project, but has yet to complete a formal, written agreement, according to city officials. The total cost of restoring Mountain View's salt ponds is still subject to change but will likely land between \$16 million and \$20 million, while the Ravenswood ponds are expected to cost \$10 million.

Rules and strategies for getting dirt-hauling trucks into North Bayshore, including routing, frequency and timing around the area's congested roads, also have yet to be figured out.

The cast of thousands, Buxton said, is part of what makes salt pond restoration so special — there's no looming mandate or



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Healthy wetlands in Menlo Park give a glimpse of how the Bay looked before decades of salt harvesting and development transformed it.

really any lead agency, just a bunch of groups and citizens working toward a common goal of revitalizing the Bay coastline.

"The South Bay salt ponds project is a coalition, there's no laws or rules making us do this," she said. "We're doing it because we all agree that it's a great thing to have happen, and we all bring resources to the table to make it happen."

Despite planning for Phase 2 beginning so many years ago, Lewis said things are going to move much faster now that more money is on the table. Up until recently, he said there wasn't much pressure or a need to speed up the planning and

permitting process because it wasn't clear how any of the salt pond restoration projects would be financed. But that changed when voters passed the Measure AA parcel tax in 2016, which he said is going to kickstart restoration projects like the ones north of Menlo Park and Mountain View.

"There wasn't much public funding available for implementation," he said. "The passage of Measure AA really changed that, and now suddenly there's a half a billion dollars over 20 years that's going to be generated. Things are moving faster now." ▀

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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FLU DEATH

Santa Clara County public health officials announced Tuesday the county's first flu death during the current 2018-19 flu season.

The person who died was 39 years old and had other medical conditions that led to an increased risk of severe complications from the flu, according to the county Public Health Department. More information about the person who died is not being released by the county

because of medical privacy laws.

Only deaths of people under 65 years old are tracked. There were 11 such deaths of people under 65 in Santa Clara County during the 2017-18 flu season. At least four other cases of severe flu in people under 65 have been reported to the department so far this season.

The flu season generally continues through the spring each year.

Public health officials recommend that everyone over 6 months old get the flu vaccine, which is particularly important for pregnant women, young

children, people over 65 years old, and those with chronic medical conditions.

More information about the flu and where to get a vaccine can be found by visiting the county's website at sccphd.org/flu.

SNOWPACK SURVEY

Storms have come to California early this winter, but a survey of the Sierra snowpack on Jan. 3 shows it is only at 67 percent of average statewide for this time of year, according to the state's Department of Water Resources.

The snowpack survey was the first of 2019 in

California and included a manual survey at Phillips Station just off of U.S. Highway 50 near Sierra-at-Tahoe.

The manual survey showed a snow depth of 25.5 inches and a snow water equivalent of 9 inches, roughly 80 percent of average for the location and above the 67 percent statewide number taken from electronic readings around the Sierra Nevada, state water officials said.

The department conducts the surveys at Phillips Station five times annually — in early January, February, March, April and May. The snowpack is measured because it supplies about 30

percent of the state's water needs as it melts in the spring and summer.

Department director Karla Nemeth said in a news release that the recent years of the survey have shown the effects that climate change is having on California's water resources.

"We can go from historic drought to record rainfall, with nothing in between," Nemeth said. "Climate change will continue to exacerbate the extremes, creating additional challenges for maintaining water supply reliability and the need for innovative solutions."

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STANFORD

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though it identifies as mitigations Stanford's contributions of funding toward the proposed closure of Castro Street near the rail tracks and toward the creation of a second southbound left-turn lane from Central Expressway to Moffett Boulevard.

These improvements are part of a broader list of infrastructure improvements that Stanford would be required to make if it does not meet the goal of no net new commute trips.

The one change that the county did institute in response to community concerns was a requirement that Stanford pay a "fair share" for improvements at intersections that are expected to see an increase in reverse-commuters. These include the El Camino Real and Ravenswood Road intersection in Menlo Park and the Alma Street and Charleston Road intersection in Palo Alto. The precise share is based on the number of reverse-commute trips that would be attributable to the Stanford project.

County pushes for support of housing

While the county analysis did not go as far as some cities had wanted in considering Stanford's impact on traffic, it has been largely responsive to concerns related to housing. In June, the county released two new alternatives that would go well beyond the 3,150 housing units Stanford proposed. One would include 5,699 units,



Castro Street is slated to be closed off at the Caltrain tracks in downtown Mountain View, and city officials are asking Stanford to help fund the project to mitigate traffic impacts from university's expansion plans.

while the other calls for 4,425.

The county Board of Supervisors has also been aggressively pursuing new policies, independent of the environmental-analysis process, aimed at requiring more contributions of money from Stanford for housing. These include a new policy that raises the "affordable housing fee" that Stanford pays for each square foot of new development from \$20 to \$68.50, effective July 1, 2020. The other requires Stanford to designate 16 percent of new units to affordable housing.

Stanford last month filed lawsuits in federal and state courts challenging the new inclusionary-zoning requirement, which it argues violates the "equal protection" clauses of the U.S. and California constitutions. It also plans to legally challenge the new impact fee.

Palo Alto argued that the county should go further and require Stanford to actually build housing and transportation improvements before it constructs new academic space. The environmental analysis does not propose such a policy, noting that the issue is better suited for a policy debate than an environmental analysis.

"Whether development under the project should be contingent upon (i.e., linked to) the implementation of certain transportation solutions is an issue for the county Board of Supervisors to consider when it determines whether, and under what conditions, to approve the project."

Contributions to the school district

One topic on which the new analysis is bound to disappoint many Palo Alto residents is Stanford's responsibility when it comes to Palo Alto schools. In recent months, Palo Alto Unified School District board members, staff and parents became increasingly vocal about the need for Stanford to commit funding to educate

the additional students who would result from the university's expansion.

During a community meeting in late November, then-school board President Ken Dauber was one of many residents to request Stanford contributions to local schools, noting that the district is funded based on property taxes and does not get state funding on a per-student basis.

The school board also passed a resolution in November asking the Stanford be contractually required to pay the district on a per-student basis and to set aside 4 acres or more near the Sand Hill Road/Quarry Road corridor for an elementary school. It also asked that the university contribute to the cost of building the school.

The final EIR makes no such recommendations. Instead, it states that existing district schools could accommodate the new students.

In addressing school impacts, the final EIR recognizes its own limitations: The county "does not have authority to require Stanford to pay additional fees, dedicate land or comply with any other requirements associated with increased school enrollment."

That said, supervisors have one tool that they can use to require Stanford to contribute to local schools. The board recently kicked off negotiations with Stanford on a first-of-its-kind "development agreement," which is giving both sides the opportunity to request concessions and amenities that fall outside the purview of the environmental-review process.

Simitjan last month said that the school district will be a key topic of negotiations.

Stanford staff lauded the new analysis, which the county Board of Supervisors expects to review and approve by this summer. Catherine Palter, Stanford's associate vice president for land use and environmental planning, said the FEIR confirms that "almost all environmental impacts of new academic and residential facilities can be appropriately prevented or mitigated."

"The result of that process is a proposal that balances the needs of the university and the community while addressing potential impacts over the life of the permit," Palter said in a statement that Stanford released just after the report was issued. ▣

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FOOD FEATURE

A balancing act



Story by Christine Lee
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Silicon Valley Food Rescue delivers excess meals from college, corporate cafeterias to those in need

Joyce Genevro, the food coordinator at Project WeHOPE, a homeless shelter in East Palo Alto, accepts a delivery from Robin Martin of A La Carte.

There's a food truck in Silicon Valley resembling one of the many trendy trucks at large events frequently held along the Peninsula: a vibrant logo on its side, a giant window that opens into the kitchen and people standing outside, eagerly waiting to be served.

This particular food truck, however, offers all its meals for free, and it's trying to tackle two of the region's most critical issues: food waste and hunger.

Instead of small cardboard plates loaded with a serving of fusion foods, what came out of the truck's window were stacks of big aluminum trays with labels like candied rice, lentils and green beans, so packed with food that some of it leaked from the sides.

Joint Venture Silicon Valley, a San Jose-based nonprofit striving to address Silicon Valley's quality of life and economic issues, launched this truck to collect leftovers from universities and

companies to distribute to those in need. It's part of a new initiative called Silicon Valley Food Rescue, a system the organization created in response to studies that revealed high rates of both poverty and waste.

The mobile food sector of this initiative, A La Carte, has already donated over 60,000 pounds of food to elementary schools, low-income apartments, senior centers and other locations in communities from East Palo Alto to Sunnyvale.

"We're going directly to the drop-off locations, directly to families," said Robin Martin, the executive director of Silicon Valley Food Rescue and A La Carte, after a long day of distributing food in Sunnyvale in December. "Once we get there, we don't ask a lot of questions. ... We open up a food truck and people come get what they like."

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A La Carte's refrigerated van heads to the East Palo Alto Senior Center to deliver donated food on Jan. 8.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
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Robin Martin, the director of A La Carte, talks to Joyce Genevro at Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto on Jan. 8.

FOOD RESCUE

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On a more recent afternoon, A La Carte made its way to Project WeHOPE, a homeless shelter in East Palo Alto, to distribute dozens of trays of food that would become dinner for 55 people.

"You don't know how much you're helping me," Project WeHOPE's food coordinator Joyce Genevro said to Martin as she continued unloading trays from the truck. "I've got three refrigerators, and if there's too much I'll always share."

The other two parts of the system include one focused on grocery stores and a communications team to provide education for food rescuers. For now, the food truck has been Joint Venture's primary focus.

"We're taking it one step at a time," Martin said.

An Ohio native, Martin moved to Menlo Park with her husband and quickly observed a unique situation in the area.

"We see a very large scale of prepared foods from corporate campuses, huge university campuses ... more prepared food than is typical for the number of people that we have here," she said. "So much effort goes into preparing it, and it gets thrown away."

More than 700,000 people living in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties are at risk for hunger, according to 2017 data from the the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Understanding that

there are low-income families in need throughout Santa Clara County, she said Joint Venture Silicon Valley saw an opportunity to simultaneously reduce food waste in the community while combating hunger.

While college campuses and large companies create conditions for food waste, Martin said the plus side is that since catered and prepared foods are made in massive amounts, excess foods are fresh when distributed. Food that's made is delivered on the same day.

"It's a quick turnaround," Martin said.

Since November, the truck has been picking up leftover food

from Stanford University's dining halls and cafes — 29 kitchens in total — and delivering it five days a week with the help of Stanford student volunteers. Martin said A La Carte worked with organizations including city community services and food banks to carefully select locations in Santa Clara County where there are gaps.

"We fill in where we know there is a need," she said. "Maybe they are serving a portion of the need but we can make a difference."

Alicia Garcia, associate director of Project WeHOPE, who commutes in from Oakland on the weekdays, said A La Carte's partnership has been particularly



Lentil stew is among the trays of excess food that's rescued and delivered to those in need by A La Carte.

helpful due to the convenience of prepared food and direct delivery. In the past, the nonprofit had to coordinate with other nonprofits to pick up the food and bring it back.

“It’s better than what was being done in the past. Coming directly in a truck, this program is more focused and organized,” Garcia said. “It just saves us a lot of time and resources.”

Some communities lack enough visits from food banks, and often, donation facilities simply don’t have room to store enough food, Martin said.

“It’s difficult for the kitchen and shelters to take in a large influx of food,” she said. “Churches often just have one refrigerator.”

The program focuses heavily on ensuring the safety of the food, and all workers go through food safety training and protocols with the university. Martin’s team also measures the temperature of all stored food, and the food is delivered in a refrigerated truck.

The program’s seed funding for research first came from the county through its Recycling and Waste Reduction Technical Advisory Committee, which addresses waste management and makes policy recommendations to the county’s Recycling and Waste Reduction Commission.



Trays of food delivered by A La Carte fill the kitchen at Project WeHOPE homeless shelter on Jan. 8.

Then, Sobrato Philanthropies helped launch the program and provided funding for the truck with \$150,000. California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, will provide additional funding through reimbursements made quarterly until May 2020.

A La Carte is still in its beginning stages and Martin said she plans to sign more contracts for food sources beyond Stanford throughout the spring.

In March, she plans to add a second truck operating in San Jose and nearby areas, for which she said she already has funding.

With more donated food, she hopes to add more delivery locations. With another driver, the program can also run on Saturdays.

“You’re giving people food they don’t have the luxury of getting,” said Lisa Allen, a San Carlos resident who volunteers at Project WeHOPE every week. “The prepared food is exciting because every week you don’t know what’s going to be here.”

For more information about A La Carte’s weekly schedule, contact Robin Martin at robin@joinventure.org.

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★★★★ (Century 20, Guild)

There's a reason why the conspicuously picky James Baldwin estate trusted writer-director Barry Jenkins to adapt Baldwin's 1974 novel "If Beale Street Could Talk." It wasn't that Jenkins won an Oscar for co-writing Best Picture "Moonlight" — that hadn't happened yet. The Baldwin estate looked at Jenkins' work to date and, most importantly, his screenplay for "Beale Street," which richly cultivates a novelistic tone and preserves Baldwin's voice in narration and dialogue.

The resulting film carries not only a literary heft but an almost mythic resonance in telling the story of two true young lovers

and the injustice that threatens their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. The 19-year-old Tish (KiKi Layne in an astonishing feature-film debut) and 22-year-old Fonny (Stephan James of "Race" and TV's "Homecoming") make a couple that, while not idealized, proves something close to ideal. Railroaded by a racist cop and misidentified by a distraught victim (Emily Rios), Fonny languishes in jail on a false rape charge. From behind thick glass, he learns from Tish that he is about to become a father.

What follows unfolds in the present but also slips back into the past, to happier days for Tish



ANNAPURNA PICTURES

Teyonah Parris, KiKi Layne, and Regina King star in "If Beale Street Could Talk."

and Fonny. On the one hand, there's a decidedly episodic quality about "If Beale Street Could Talk," which unfolds scene after memorable scene: Tish breaking the news to her mother Sharon (Regina King), who in turn makes the announcement to Tish's father, Joseph (Coleman Domingo), and sister Ernestine (Teyonah Parris); Fonny's father Frank (Michael Beach) and judgmental holy roller mother (Aunjanue Ellis) at odds with each other and Tish's family over the same news; Joseph and Frank commiserating over a drink; Tish and Fonny sharing the pain of Fonny's parolee friend Daniel (Brian Tyree Henry), and so on.

On the other hand, Jenkins' film has a dreamy quality that audiences can remember not just

for these beautiful, individual gems but as a complete and fully realized experience. It's a film of intimacy, with its truly extraordinary performances allowed by Jenkins to breathe. It's also a film of grandeur, a lushly cinematic romance under a sociopolitical cloud (Jenkins took inspiration from Wong Kar-Wai's similarly lush "In the Mood for Love"). Nicholas Britell's lovely, dark score contributes mightily to the film's moods, as do the cinematography of James Laxton, and the production and costume designs of Mark Friedberg and Caroline Eselin, respectively.

In the wake of Black Lives Matter, "If Beale Street Could Talk" feels present and timely, not merely some leftover of the civil-rights era. In any case, it

would be incredibly powerful as a dramatization of the injustices that can strike black citizens at any time and the ruinousness of prison on the male psyche, among other socially conscious themes. While it speaks explicitly to the black American experience, Baldwin's story of a couple under duress, and a family at a crossroads of crisis and celebration, remains a universal one, bursting with vivid characters and deeply felt performances (King being a particular standout as a fiercely protective mother). In Jenkins' sure hands, Baldwin's novel becomes an exquisite, impeccable, indelible piece of cinema of the ages.

Rated R for language and some sexual content. One hour, 59 minutes.

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The Pear Flambe Cabaret series continues with Diane Milo's "With a Little Help from my Friends." Featuring Bay Area vocalists, this event is also a farewell performance celebrating Milo's 24 years of musical theater. Jan. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$25-\$30. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.



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PALO ALTO PLAYERS PRESENTS: 'SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE'

Adapted from the Academy Award-winning film, "Shakespeare in Love" is a witty romance filled with music. In this fictional story, young playwright William Shakespeare is in love with a woman who pretends to be a man in order to perform onstage. Directed by Lee Ann Payne. Jan. 18-Feb. 3, times vary. \$42-\$52. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

THEATER

'The Cat in the Hat' Dr. Seuss' classic comes to life in this stage performance by the Peninsula Youth Theatre. This performance is 45 minutes long with no intermission and is appropriate for all ages. Jan. 18, 9:30-10:15 a.m. and Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$10-\$12. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

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. Mondays, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic

CONCERTS

Branford Marsalis Quartet In 1986, New Orleans native and NEA Jazz Master Branford Marsalis formed the Branford Marsalis Quartet. Their first album, Upward Spiral, was nominated for a 2017 Grammy. They perform live at Stanford. Jan. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$42-\$72. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. arts.stanford.edu/event

Manzil ke Andaaz: Kathak solo by Athena Nair Dancer Athena Nair will perform different aspects of Kathak, Indian classical dance, accompanied by experienced musicians. Jan. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$8-\$14. Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

Fred Hersch Trio A select member of jazz's piano pantheon, Fred Hersch is a musician who has been active for over three decades as an improviser, composer, educator, band leader, collaborator and recording artist. Jan. 18, 7 and 9 p.m. \$55-\$80. Bing Studio, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

'Jonathan Shrank The Music' This musical program presents famous pieces with changed composition, including madrigals from Monteverdi's Seventh Book, rescored from three or four voices to two

voices with instruments. Also a Bach cantata for four soloists and quite a larger orchestra, rescored for two voices and trio sonata accompaniment. Jan. 11, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$30-\$70. Los Altos Lutheran Church, 460 S El Monte Ave., Los Altos. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

FILM

Film Screening: 'True Conviction' Stanford Arts hosts a screening of "True Conviction," a documentary that follows a new detective agency in Dallas run by three exonerated men who all spent decades in prison. Jan. 17, 6 p.m. Free. Oshman Hall, 355 Roth Way, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

Astronomy Lecture The Peninsula Astronomical Society's January speaker is Brian Day of NASA/Ames on "Visualizing Planetary Landscapes with NASA on-line tools." Visitors should park in Lot No. 6. Observatory open after the meeting, weather permitting. Jan. 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$3 parking fee required. Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. pastro.org

'Where Do We Go From Here?' In commemoration of the 90th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth, Stanford's African & African American Studies department, Office for Religious Life and Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute present a public lecture by the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II. The Rev. Dr. Barber serves as president of the nonprofit Repairers of the Breach. Jan. 17, 7 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Dolores Huerta MV Parent U presents Dolores Huerta, an American labor leader and civil rights activist who, with Cesar Chavez, is a co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association. She discusses education and parents' role in students' success. Jan. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Graham Middle School, 1175 Castro St., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Azati Sehatti at Books Inc. Mountain View Family nurse practitioner, nutritional consultant and health educator Azati Sehatti discusses her critical guides, "The Inner Control Is the True Control: Making Lasting Lifestyle Changes" and "The Inner Control Is the

True Control Workbook." Jan. 17, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event

Storytime with Samantha R. Vamos at Books Inc. Mountain View Local author Samantha R. Vamos joins Books Inc. in Mountain View for a Saturday story time session celebrating her new bilingual picture book, "The Piñata That the Farm Maiden Hung." Jan. 12, 11 a.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event

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

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.

'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

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

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.

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 U.S. 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

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Wonders of Wool In this class participants explore the history of wool use around the world, interact with sheep and use some Hidden Villa wool to create crafts to take home. Jan. 13, 1:30-3 p.m. \$25. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Beginner/Refresher Bird Walk, Bedwell Bayfront Park Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park & Sequoia Audubon Society will host a one- to two-hour beginner bird walk. Attendees may see wintering ducks, shorebirds, egrets and hawks and are encouraged to bring binoculars. The walk will begin at the restrooms in the parking lot. The event will be canceled if there's heavy rain. Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. 2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park.

Willow Staking and Habitat Restoration at Foothills Park Grassroots Ecology and the Watershed Stewards Program restore riparian habitat along Buckeye Creek, the newly opened section of Foothills Park. The group trims willow cuttings, constructs willow bundles and places them in the creek banks, and removes invasive hemlock, thistle and eucalyptus. Jan. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Foothills Park, 3300 Page Mill Road, Los Altos. Search eventbrite.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.

FOOD & DRINKS

Bread Baking Collect herbs from Hidden Villa's education garden, sift flour, knead the dough and enjoy breaking bread in the company of others. Jan. 12, 10:30 a.m.-noon. \$30. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

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