

# Mountain View VOICE



When  
mochi  
meets  
cupcake  
WEEKEND | 16

JANUARY 25, 2019 VOLUME 27, NO. 1

www.MountainViewOnline.com

650.964.6300

MOVIES | 18

## Thieves steal wheels right out from under cars

By Mark Noack

Nikhil Gowda has every right to be upset. Last month, the Mountain View resident was the victim of a brazen theft. In the middle of the night, a thief or thieves visited the apartment carport where his Nissan sedan was parked. But the thieves weren't interested in stealing his car or any valuables inside.

Instead, their plunder was his wheels — tires, rims, hubcaps and all. Apparently without anyone noticing, the thieves unbolted all four wheels from the car and discreetly hauled them away.

When Gowda next saw his car, he found it sitting on cinder blocks with its bare axles exposed.

It seemed like a once-in-a-lifetime kind of crime, Gowda said. But three weeks later, on Jan. 14, he was walking out to drive to work, only to discover the same thing had happened again.

Just like before, all four wheels were missing, this time from his second car, an Infinity sedan. The vehicle was left propped up on a few milk crates.

"Let me tell you, I was screaming and shouting about it," Gowda said. "I've heard about nearby car break-ins, but I had never heard about wheels being stolen off of cars around here."

This time around, the thieves didn't target only him. The Mercedes sedan parked next to Gowda's car also had all its wheels taken. The thieves left that vehicle resting on some stones they apparently grabbed from nearby landscaping.

While Gowda filed reports with the police, it's the kind of crime that is understandably hard to pursue. Mountain View police officials couldn't immediately give specifics on how often wheels have been stolen off a vehicle, but the crime does pop up occasionally. The criminal motive is that tires and rims can be resold for cash relatively quickly either as scrap or as collectibles.

"Tires can be expensive, especially if they have high-end rims," said police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. "Cars with more expensive tires, rims and wheels could be

**'I had never heard about wheels being stolen off of cars around here.'**

NIKHIL GOWDA

► See **WHEELS**, page 10



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Augstin** raises his hand to ask a question during class at the Mountain View Whisman School District-run Preschool at Latham, on Jan. 22. Gov. Gavin Newsom and local lawmakers are pushing to expand access to preschool throughout California.

## Preschool poised for major statewide expansion

GOVERNOR AND LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO EARLY EDUCATION

By Kevin Forestieri

Just three days after taking the oath of office, California's new governor laid out an ambitious plan to create statewide, universal access to preschool — a hefty investment lauded by lawmakers

and education advocates as an important step toward closing the achievement gap.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed 2019-20 budget offers a big change of pace for the state, pumping an initial \$125 million into preschool expansion while promising "full-day, full-year

access" for all low-income families by 2021. This would be just a first step toward universal access, according to the budget.

This year may very well be a pivotal moment for early childhood education in California.

► See **PRESCHOOL**, page 9

## Emboldened by #MeToo, victim comes forward in child sex assault case

By Kevin Forestieri

A Sunnyvale man suspected of molesting a young child in Mountain View on 50 occasions was arrested last month because the victim, feeling empowered by the #MeToo movement, decided to talk to police after 16 years of silence.

Mountain View police arrested

the man, 43-year-old Jose Vicente Contreras, on Dec. 13 at his home at 580 Ahwanee Ave. in Sunnyvale, following reports that he had sexually assaulted and molested the victim numerous times over the course of a year while they both lived in Mountain View.

Contreras has since been charged with two counts of

aggravated sexual assault on a child, along with six counts of lewd or lascivious acts on a child by force, violence, duress, menace or fear. He remains in Santa Clara County's



Jose Vicente Contreras

Elmwood Correctional Complex without bail, according to court documents. His public defender, Gary Goodman, said he could not immediately comment, as he was waiting for detailed case information from the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office.

The victim initially reached out to a counselor at her college

via email, saying that she was molested by her neighbor while she was either 9 or 10 years old and living in an apartment on the 1000 block of Rich Avenue. Up until that point she had only told one other person, who suggested that the incidents happened too long ago to do

► See **ASSAULT**, page 11

INSIDE

VIEWPOINT 15 | GOINGS ON 19 | REAL ESTATE 20

# THE ADDRESS IS THE PENINSULA

---

## THE EXPERIENCE IS ALAIN PINEL



**LOS ALTOS \$2,800,000**

1032 Dartmouth | 5bd/2ba  
Jackie Haugh | 650.209.1570  
License # 01422242



**LOS GATOS \$2,299,000**

178 College Avenue | 4bd/3ba  
Jerylann Mateo | 650.209.1601  
License # 01362250



**MOUNTAIN VIEW \$2,139,000**

910 San Marcos Circle | 4bd/2ba  
Jerylann Mateo | 650.743.7895  
License # 01362250



**MOUNTAIN VIEW \$1,998,000**

3383 Lubich Drive | 3bd/2ba  
Mansour Moussavian | 650.209.1625  
License # 01783065



**SUNNYVALE \$1,598,000**

1027 Azalea Drive | 4bd/2ba  
Tori Atwell | 650.996.0123  
License # 00927794



**SAN JOSE \$1,598,000**

6411 Canterbury Court | 3bd/2ba  
Lynn North | 650.209.1562  
License # 01490039



**SANTA CLARA \$738,000**

880 N Winchester Boulevard #207 | 2bd/2ba  
Tori Atwell | 650.996.0123  
License # 00927794



**SAN JOSE \$522,000**

1063 Tekman Drive | 2bd/2ba  
Dottie & Hayward Monroe | 650.208.2500  
License # 00594704 | 00602790



**SAN JOSE \$399,000**

4970 Cherry Avenue #208 | 1bd/1ba  
Ashley Mateo | 650.279.7475  
License # 02007368

**APR.COM**

Over 30 Real Estate Offices Serving The Bay Area  
Including Los Altos 650.941.1111

**ALAIN PINEL**  
REALTORS

**LUXURY**  
**PORTFOLIO**  
INTERNATIONAL®

Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors®. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.

# Voices

AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Angie Wang

## Should Election Day be a national holiday?



"I think Election Day should be a national holiday because it will give more people access to participating in democracy and help in the fight against voter suppression."

**Blaine Dzwonczyk**, Mountain View



"No. People can take time off their day. People get breaks."

**Amy Le**, Mountain View



"I work all day, and then after I have to run errands or go to school. If I had the day off from work, then I would have time to participate without being stressed out about it."

**Francisco Vargas**, Mountain View



"Yes. I think a lot of other countries do it that way, and they seem to have success in getting more people to the polls."

**Dennis Sexton**, Mountain View



"It should definitely be a national holiday, as it is trying to progress democracy in our country ... It would be the most American of all holidays."

**Alesa Byers**, Menlo Park

Have a question for [Voices Around Town](#)? Email it to [editor@mv-voice.com](mailto:editor@mv-voice.com)

## Healthy Teeth and Gums That Last a Lifetime!



- Experienced and Gentle Dentist, and Friendly Staff
- New Patients Welcome!
- Free Consultations and Second Opinions
- Saturday Appointments Available

Voted Best Dentist

**DENTAL FABULOUS**  
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

Don't Wait!  
Call 650.969.6077  
for your appointment today!



Conveniently located in Downtown Mountain View  
756 California Street, Suite B  
Mountain View 94041  
cross street: Castro, next to Bierhaus

650.969.6077  
[dentalfabulous.com](http://dentalfabulous.com)



**De Martini Orchard**  
Quality Produce  
66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos • 650-948-0881 • [DeMartiniOrchard.com](http://DeMartiniOrchard.com)

Your Everyday Farmers Market Farm Fresh and Always the Best

<p><b>NOW IN SEASON</b> STONE FRUITS FROM CHILE LYCHEE NUTS BEST EVER PEARS BLOOD ORANGE JUICE 6 DIFFERENT MANDARINS LOTS OF CITRUS COME IN AND FIND YOUR NEW FAVORITE</p>	<p><b>CAULIFLOWER</b> LARGE SNOW WHITE CALIF HEADS 2 FOR \$5.00</p>	<p><b>BROCCOLI CROWNS</b> DARK GREEN VERY TENDER \$1.99 Lb</p>	<p><b>FARM FRESH TO YOU</b> SHORT ON TIME OR SICK OF RAIN - WE HAVE THE ANSWER FOR YOU. <b>DOWNLOAD THE AVOCADO APP</b> WE PICK IT OUT FOR YOU. FROM FRUITSTAND TO YOU, THE SAME DAY.</p>
<p><b>ORGANIC LOCAL</b> BABY BOK CHOY STIR FRY TIME \$1.69 Lb</p>	<p><b>BLOOD ORANGES</b> MUST TRY VERY TASTY AND SWEET \$1.99 Lb</p>	<p><b>ROMA TOMATOES</b> SWEET VINE RIPPENED 99¢ Lb</p>	<p><b>ORGANIC GREEN CABBAGE</b> GREEN FRESH HEADS 69¢ Lb</p>
<p><b>ORGANIC LOCAL</b> SWISS CHARD GREEN RED OR RAINBOW 2 FOR \$3.00</p>	<p><b>BEST EVER PEARS</b> NORTHWEST VERY SWEET AND TASTY \$1.99 Lb</p>	<p><b>VINE RIPPENED CANTALOUPE</b> SWEET AND MEATY 79¢ Lb</p>	<p><b>ORGANIC KENT MANGOES</b> SWEET CREAMY \$1.99 Ea</p>

**OPEN DAILY 8AM-7PM • PRICES EFFECTIVE 1/23 thru 1/29**

**express**

Today's local news & hot picks

Fresh news delivered daily

Sign up today at  
[MountainViewOnline.com/express](http://MountainViewOnline.com/express)

■ CRIME BRIEFS

**SUSPECTED BURGLAR ARRESTED**

Police arrested a man suspected of burglary after he was allegedly seen prowling around a home on Latham Street with pliers and screwdrivers.

The suspect, identified as a 19-year-old transient, was reportedly seen standing near the back patio of a home on the 2000 block of Latham Street, according to a witness who called police.

The resident told police that the man eventually came around to the front door of her home, but walked away when she asked if he needed help, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Officers found the man a short distance away and reported that he had several tools that are frequently used in burglaries, including pliers and screwdrivers. He was arrested on suspicion of burglary, possession of burglary tools and prowling.

—Kevin Forestieri

**TWO-ALARM HOUSE FIRE**

Early on Monday morning, fire crews contained a two-alarm blaze that started at a two-story home in Los Altos late Sunday night, Jan. 20, according to Santa Clara County fire officials.

The blaze was first reported at the residence located at 447 Van Buren St. by a neighbor at 11:43 p.m. Sunday, fire spokeswoman Luisa Rapport said. Fire crews arriving on the scene saw smoke and fire coming out of the roof.

Rapport said the fire was under control at 12:14 a.m. She said approximately 25 percent of the home, mostly the second floor and attic, was damaged. A dollar amount estimating the damage wasn't provided.

Three residents of the home were displaced, but weren't home at the time of the fire, according to Rapport. The cause is under investigation.

—Bay City News Service

■ POLICE LOG

**AUTO BURGLARY**

- 800 block California St., 1/15
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/15
- 400 block Poppy Pl., 1/15
- California St. & Hope St. 1/15
- 200 block Castro St., 1/15
- 1800 block Appletree Ln. 1/15
- 200 block Polaris Av., 1/15
- 400 block Bryant St., 1/16
- 1000 block W. El Camino Real, 1/16
- 400 block Castro St., 1/16
- 1500 block Ernestine Ln., 1/17
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/17
- 200 block Polaris Av., 1/17
- 2400 block Grant Rd., 1/17
- 2600 block Bayshore Pkwy., 1/17
- 200 block E. Dana St., 1/17
- 300 block Tyrella Av., 1/18

- 800 block Villa St., 1/21
- W. Dana St. & Hope St., 1/21
- 800 block California St., 1/21
- 2400 block Charleston Rd., 1/21
- 200 block Hope St., 1/21

**BATTERY**

- Bentley Sq. & Grant Rd., 1/18
- Hope St. & Villa St. 1/19
- 3100 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 1/20
- 600 block Showers Dr., 1/20

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

- 1300 block W. El Camino Real, 1/16
- 1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 1/19

**GRAND THEFT**

- 700 block E. El Camino Real, 1/14
- 700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 1/14
- 900 block Villa St., 1/15

- 700 block W. Middlefield Rd., 1/16
- 300 block Showers Dr., 1/17
- 1300 block Montecito Av., 1/18
- 600 block San Antonio Rd., 1/18

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

- 2600 block Fayette Dr., 1/15
- 2200 block Latham St., 1/15
- 2200 block Latham St., 1/21

**ROBBERY**

- Church St. & Franklin St., 1/18

**STOLEN VEHICLE**

- 1900 block Hackett Av., 1/14
- 100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 1/16
- 500 block Showers Dr., 1/20

**VANDALISM**

- 100 block Flynn Av., 1/17
- 2400 block Charleston Rd., 1/23

■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**PROJECT REVISED TO SAVE REDWOODS**

A single-family-home project that spurred a citywide debate on preserving redwoods and heritage trees will be coming back before Mountain View officials. The new project at 575 Sierra Ave. has been retooled to preserve a cherished grove of tall redwoods on the site.

Last year, an earlier version of the house project generated a huge outcry among Old Mountain View residents, who argued that the seven redwood trees on the site deserved to be saved. Under the city's rules, redwoods are automatically considered heritage trees, however their protection is largely left up to the discretion of city officials.

The previous proposal by the investment firm Sage Capital Management had called for a new 3,100-square-foot house to replace an older home on the parcel. The developer had complained that the trees were blocking the site from being built out,

► See **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**, page 10

**The Mountain View Voice** (USPS 2560) is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto CA 94306 (650) 964-6300. Periodicals Postage Paid at Palo Alto CA and additional mailing offices. The Mountain View Voice is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Mountain View. Subscription rate of \$60 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Mountain View Voice, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306.



**Join KCI's Makerspace Member Community!**

Located at the Krause Innovation Center, Foothill College, the KCI Makerspace provides the resources to design and make, using a variety of computer-aided design and manufacturing tools. KCI provides not only the tools but the courses, certification, events and social support to get you making.

Members have access to laser cutters, 3D printers, sewing machines, vinyl cutters, soldering irons, hand and power tools, and much more. Membership includes training on all of our equipment and member-only workshops.

**Two levels of Community Membership Available:**

**Individual:** \$160 per quarter, including materials fee

**Family:** \$350 per quarter, including materials fee

**Learn more at:** [krauseinnovatoncenter.org/makerspace/](http://krauseinnovatoncenter.org/makerspace/)



2018/2019

The Jean & Bill Lane  
Lecture Series

**Maggie Nelson**

**Reading:**

January 28, 2019

8:00pm

Hauck Auditorium

Traitel Building, 435 Lasuen Mall



Photo by Tom Atwood

Sponsored by  
Stanford University's  
Creative Writing Program

Free and open to the public

<https://creativewriting.stanford.edu>

650.723.0011; [creative1@stanford.edu](mailto:creative1@stanford.edu)



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Suman Muppidi**, an aerospace engineer, kneels with his daughter **Asha** at a protest rally outside NASA Ames Research Center on Jan. 18. Nearly all of Ames' 1,200 employees were placed on unpaid furlough when the government shut down.

## Shutdown stalemate spurs fears of exodus from NASA Ames

FURLOUGHED WORKERS HOLD PROTEST, SAY FEDERAL SHUTDOWN COULD PUSH RESEARCH TALENT TO LEAVE SPACE AGENCY

By Mark Noack

The dim prospects of a swift end to the federal shutdown is leading to growing concern that NASA Ames will emerge from the feud as a shell of its former self.

Now more than four weeks in, the shutdown is putting increasing financial and professional strain on the local NASA workforce, and many are now talking out loud about the possibility of jumping ship. The shutdown, already the longest in U.S.

history, will soon stretch into its second missed pay period. And it could go on much longer: U.S. political leaders seem no closer to resolving the budget impasse, and NASA employees are expressing doubts that the situation will be resolved any time soon.

"This doesn't bode well for NASA," said Lee Stone, vice president with the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers. "A large number of young people at NASA are exasperated and

considering leaving for the private sector; and a large number of old folks are thinking of retiring early."

Those frustrations were on full display last Friday as the Ames Federal Employee Union held its second event to provide aid services for its members. Through the day, furloughed workers were handed \$100 checks to help pay for basic needs, such as groceries or other expenses. In the afternoon, a

► See **NASA**, page 11

## Historic status sought for Tied House, Chez TJ

By Mark Noack

Back in 2017, the restaurant buildings of Chez TJ and the Tied House brewery could have been razed as part of plans to redevelop their sites into a new office project.

Now two years later, both buildings are being considered for preservation as the newest additions to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places. The California State Historical Resources Commission is scheduled to review both buildings for

possible recognition late next week.

The call for the two buildings' preservation is being spearheaded by the group Livable Mountain View. In her application, Livable Mountain View member Jean McCloskey pointed out the former home now occupied by Chez TJ is an excellent example of Queen Anne-style architecture.

"Of course, these buildings are historic. They're some of the few structures left in Mountain View that are rare and unusual," said

Livable Mountain View member Mary Hodder. "When you know the background of these buildings, then it becomes this anchor piece of Mountain View history."

The residence was known as the Weilheimer House after its former owner, Julius Weilheimer, who was considered one of Mountain View's most prominent citizens in the early 20th century, she said.

As for the Tied House, its building was touted as a

► See **TIED HOUSE**, page 6

## Board weighs raising taxes or water bills

LOCAL PROPERTY OWNERS HELP PAY \$650M BILL FOR STATE TUNNEL PROJECT, BUT DON'T GET MUCH BENEFIT

By Kevin Forestieri

A long-standing feud over who should pay a \$650 million bill for state water infrastructure reared its head Tuesday, as board members of Santa Clara County's regional water district weighed whether to raise water bills or ramp up reliance on property taxes.

At the center of the Jan. 22 discussion was the Santa Clara Valley Water District's so-called State Water Project (SWP) tax, which is evenly levied on all property owners within the district's boundaries and goes to help pay for a massive system of reservoirs, aqueducts and pumping plants that circulate water throughout the state. But North County cities including Palo Alto and most of Mountain View import water from an entirely different system — the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir — and officials from the area argue their residents are paying millions into a system while receiving none of the benefits.

The tax generates about \$18 million each year and is expected to rise to more than \$20 million in future years. While board members made no formal decision and were reluctant to reveal their opinions at the meeting, district staffers suggested that the water district could taper off its reliance on property tax revenue in favor of higher water rates.

Alternatively, those property tax bills could increase. The water district is looking for more money to pay for its share of the controversial California WaterFix, a \$16.7 billion state project that would build two 40-foot-wide tunnels from Sacramento to Tracy. Water district board members agreed in May last year to be a partner agency in the project, which was estimated to cost the district \$650 million.

If the board decides to pass the bill off to taxpayers, residents could see up to a \$37 increase

in their property taxes through at least the 2066-67 fiscal year, according to a district staff report. Whether passing on the costs of WaterFix in the form of a property tax increase is even legal remains up in the air, and a final determination from state courts may take between five and seven years.

"There's a lot of litigation on this issue," said Stan Yamamoto, the district's legal counsel. "I would be hesitant to try to make a bet on what that ultimate outcome will be."

An October letter from Palo Alto's city attorney, Molly Stump, makes the case that North County residents have long faced taxation without adequate justification, and that the district hardly has grounds to use tax money from property owners — rather than water users — to pay for its obligations to the State Water Project. Property owners pay \$42 per \$1 million of property value, and she estimates that Palo Alto alone pays between \$1 million and \$1.5 million into a system for which it reaps none of the benefits.

"The Santa Clara Valley Water District's longstanding practice of taxing property owners in Palo Alto and other parts of Santa Clara County who do not receive water from the SWP to pay for the entirety of the district's SWP contractual obligations, rather than attempting to fund those costs from rate payers who use SWP water, is clearly inequitable and legally tenuous," the letter states.

Water district board member Gary Kremen, who represents North County cities including Mountain View, ran for the seat in 2014 on a platform deeply critical of the tax on North County residents as unfair, saying that property owners in the area face the tax as well as the higher costs of Hetch Hetchy water.

► See **WATER TAX**, page 6

## TIED HOUSE

► Continued from page 5

remarkable mix of Hamburg warehouse and Spanish Revival architecture styles. The structure was originally built as the Air Base Laundry — a private laundry business named after the nearby Moffett Field. Over the years, a number of subsequent laundry and dry-cleaning businesses took over the site before it was used as a warehouse and then a retail shop for lighting decor. Starting in 1988, the Tied House renovated the building and moved in, and the

brew pub has been there ever since.

The push to get historic recognition for the two buildings comes as both restaurant owners are still aiming to redevelop their adjacent parcels. In 2017, a narrow majority on the City Council rejected plans to replace the buildings with a 41,000-square-foot office project. Under that plan, the Tied House would have been demolished while the Chez TJ building would have been relocated to a nearby site.

The owners of both restaurants have recently said that they still intend to redevelop,

although they said it could take much longer than they had originally planned.

At the Tuesday, Jan. 22, meeting, the Mountain View City Council acknowledged the push to seek historical recognition for the two locations, although city officials opted to stay neutral on the issue. A draft letter to the State Historic Preservation Office noting the city was not taking any formal position was approved by the City Council unanimously as part of the meeting's consent agenda. ▣

Email Mark Noack at [mnoack@mv-voice.com](mailto:mnoack@mv-voice.com)



VOICE FILE PHOTO

The Tied House building, along with Chez TJ next door, are being put forward for listing on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

## WATER TAX

► Continued from page 5

The tax is a little unusual in that its age precedes the 1978 passage of Proposition 13, and court rulings have reaffirmed that the State Water Project tax is an "override tax" that can go in excess of the 1 percent cap imposed by the voter-approved measure. Some water districts, including Southern California's Metropolitan Water District, have limited reliance on taxing powers in favor of higher water rates, and the question is whether Santa Clara Valley

Water District should follow suit.

Stump's letter argues that the original legislation passed by voters in 1960 to build the water infrastructure, the Burns-Porter Act, was never intended to rely on property tax money as its sole revenue source, and should only be relied on when raising water rates is "infeasible."

"The district should take prompt action to correct its practice of relying on property taxpayers to meet 100 percent of its SWP obligations, rather than waiting until litigation

is filed against it," the letter states.

When asked by board members about the legal rationale, Yamamoto said the precedent has been set and withstood challenges for decades: Taxes don't have to benefit those who pay for the State Water Project, and the district faces no legal jeopardy by staying the course.

"There is no support for an argument that the district should levy the override tax only on those properties who receive direct benefit," he said.

Kremen pressed Yamamoto on his argument, noting that Stump

and other attorneys have sought to challenge the district's even-handed approach to the tax. He also pointed out that — outside of the legal arena — the board has written policies stating that beneficiaries should be the ones to pay.

"Is it fair that people have to pay the tax who aren't allowed to get water?" he asked.

Yamamoto said numerous taxes, including business license taxes, hotel taxes and the district's own 2012 Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection tax, frequently benefit residents in certain jurisdictions

even though everyone pays.

"If you look at the last election for instance, those cities that went out for what they called a head tax — it had nothing to do with benefit going back to those industries that are going to have to pay a business license tax," he said. "It was a general tax, that's what it's for."

Board members purposefully held off on discussing and deciding whether to reduce reliance on property taxes until a future meeting, limiting the item to questions to staff members. ▣

Email Kevin Forestieri at [kforestieri@mv-voice.com](mailto:kforestieri@mv-voice.com)

# Make a resolution in 2019: SEE THE LIGHT AT MONTALVO

Witness the beauty, joy, and wonder of an internationally known artist's West Coast public debut, *Bruce Munro at Montalvo: Stories in Light*. Come view 10 illuminated installations, each inspired by C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*, all on view outdoors and at night—and get enlightened!

Guests of all ages welcome.

**start here.**  
Montalvo Arts Center

15400 Montalvo Road Saratoga, CA 95070  
[munromontalvo.org](http://munromontalvo.org) // Box Office: 408-961-5858 (M-F, 10am-4pm)

THE VALLEY  
FOUNDATION

George &  
Judy Marcus

APPLIED  
MATERIALS

Alice Phelan Sullivan Corporation  
Jeff & Leann Sobrato  
Charmaine & Dan Warmenhoven

# Hospital director keeps El Camino Hospital's stroke center afloat

By Kevin Forestieri

El Camino Hospital officials recently announced that the hospital's stroke program will be named after Dr. Peter Fung, following a major donation that will keep it funded in perpetuity.

Fung, a neurologist at the hospital and a member of El Camino's board of directors, has been deeply involved in the stroke center for more than a decade, which has helped improve the response times and treatment of strokes at the hospital. Not only does that mean a network of neurosurgeons are on-call to come to the hospital at a moment's notice, but also better training and education on how to respond to a suspected stroke from the surgeon down to the nurses, firefighters and emergency personnel.

Both Fung and hospital officials declined to state the amount of the donation, citing his family's wish for privacy.

Fung was candid about the hospital's stroke response when he joined the hospital in 2004, telling the *Voice* that the program was on the brink of failure. The outside group that judges the hospital's performance, the Joint Commission, was potentially going to revoke El Camino's designation as a primary stroke center, which is a state-level designation that proves a hospital has the know-how and the resources to handle acute stroke patients.

Now the hospital falls within the top 5 percent of hospitals, Fung said, with the ability to go from admitting a patient to life-saving operations like a thrombectomy — or blood clot removal — within 45 minutes.

Although education, training and manpower are all important components of the hospital's response to stroke patients, Fung said he believes the biggest difference is a change of attitude and recognizing the importance of fast and concerted response times for stroke care. It's a major undertaking with multidisciplinary staff for an emergency operation, and every second of delay has a huge influence on whether patients survive and, if they do, how much damage occurs in the brain. He said it's likely that when a stroke alert is called, the pagers of about 12 essential medical staff are going off all at once.

"It's almost like an air raid, everyone is running in all different directions," Fung said. "But we're able to do that now, and very well."

Fung previously had a strong, hands-on influence of the

hospital's stroke response, acting as the director of the stroke program through the end of 2014. When he successfully ran for public office as a board member for the El Camino Healthcare District — which encompasses Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale — he had to resign from his position in order to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

Past hospital board documents indicate that the hospital's leadership had leaned on Fung's expertise for the two-year accreditation from the Joint Commission in 2011, hiring him as a consultant on a short-term basis for the performance review even though Fung had decided not to continue as the medical director.

While the focus has been on surgical operations and emergency

response times, strokes are largely preventable, and Fung said he hopes the hospital's stroke center can be a strong resource for education and prevention. Healthy lifestyles, reducing blood pressure, controlling diabetes and managing cholesterol levels all play a role in keeping patients out of the hospital in the first place, and his hope is that community events and speaker series may be able to help.

But if a patient appears to be suffering from a stroke, Fung urged residents not to delay.

"You wait one minute, you lose 2 million brain cells," he said. "Quickly call 911, don't attempt to drive, don't attempt to get your family to drive. We have this great service, paid by your tax dollars, use it." ■

## Free Energy Clinic

Questions about your energy bill?  
Come to a free drop-in energy clinic.

### Upcoming Energy Clinic

Monday January 28  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mountain View Senior Center  
266 Escuela Ave.  
Mountain View, CA 94040

Experts from Acterra and Silicon Valley Clean Energy will answer questions, walk you through your energy bill and give tips to reduce your energy use.

### Don't forget!

Bring your PG&E energy bill to get your specific questions answered

#### Questions?

Contact Patti Sexton, Home Energy Advisor at [greenathome@acterra.org](mailto:greenathome@acterra.org)



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Public Review Period and Public Hearings on the City of Mountain View CDBG and Home Funding, 2019-20 Action Plan and 201-20 Action Plan Amendment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following public hearings have been scheduled to review and consider:

- Funding applications received for the City of Mountain View's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program for Fiscal Year 2019-20
- The 2019-20 Action Plan (covers July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020)
- The 2018-19 Action Plan Amendment (covers July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

#### Human Relations Commission (HRC) Hearings

- February 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or thereafter - Public Service Funding Requests
- March 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or thereafter - Capital Project Funding Requests

City Hall Council Chambers 500 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041

The HRC will hold these public hearings to hear presentations from the agencies requesting CDBG and HOME funding, and vote on funding recommendations to the City Council.

City Council Hearing

- April 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. or thereafter

City Hall Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041

The City Council will hold this public hearing to review the HRC's recommendations, make final decisions on the funding requests, and adopt 2019-20 Action Plan.

The City Council and the HRC invites and encourages public attendance at these hearings and/or written comments on the proposals. Information regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-20 proposals and other eligible CDBG and HOME activities may be obtained from the City of Mountain View, Housing and Neighborhood Services Division office located at 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, by telephone at (650) 903-6049 or by visiting the City's CDBG/HOME Web Page at [www.mountainview.gov/cdbg](http://www.mountainview.gov/cdbg). Please submit written comments to Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, City of Mountain View, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039. Attention: Tim Wong or submit via email to [Tim.wong@mountainview.gov](mailto:Tim.wong@mountainview.gov).

#### AVAILABLE CDBG & HOME FUNDING

For Fiscal Year 2019-20, both public services and capital projects will be considered for funding. The City estimates it will have about \$600,000 in CDBG and \$200,000 in HOME funds for capital projects in Fiscal Year 2019-20. Of the \$600,000 in CDBG funds, approximately \$90,000 could be allocated for public services, \$120,000 toward program administration, and \$380,000 for capital projects. For the HOME funds, roughly \$180,000 would be available to use for projects with about \$20,000 reserved for administrative costs. The City administers a two-year funding cycle for public service agencies and annual funding cycle for capital projects. Both capital projects and public service funding requests are being considered in this funding cycle for Fiscal Year 2019-20.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan is a one-year plan that describes the programs and projects that the City will implement toward meeting its 2015-20 Consolidated Plan goals. The CDBG and HOME public services and capital project proposals selected for funding will be incorporated into the 2019-20 Action Plan and will be consistent with Consolidated Plan priorities for public service programs and/or projects that serve low income areas or households. The City Council will consider adoption of the Action Plan at the April 23, 2019 City Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers of City Hall (500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041).

#### PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT 2019-20 ACTION PLAN AND 2018-19 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT

The City will circulate the Draft 2019-20 Draft Action Plan and 2018-19 Action Plan Amendment for a public review and comment period, beginning on or after March 11, 2019 and ending on April 15, 2019. Copies of the Action Plans will be available beginning on or after March 11, 2019 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Community Development Department of City Hall on the 1st Floor located at 500 Castro Street. Copies will also be available on the City's web site at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) or by calling (650) 903-6379 or TDD (650) 967-0158. During the review and comment period, members of the public may submit written comments to Housing and Neighborhood Services Division, City of Mountain View, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, CA 94039. Attention: Tim Wong. Comments can also be emailed to [tim.wong@mountainview.gov](mailto:tim.wong@mountainview.gov) or faxed to (650) 903-6048.

The City of Mountain View does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, source of income, gender, gender expression or identity or any other State or Federal protected class in any of its policies, procedures, or practices. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to, or treatment or employment in, the City of Mountain View programs and activities. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Mountain View will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you have inquiries regarding the equal opportunity policies or if you require special accommodations, please contact the Housing and Community Development Office at (650) 903-6379 at least five days in advance of the meeting. The hearing impaired can reach HCD through the California Relay System at 711 or (800) 735-2929.

By the order of the City Council/City of Mountain View

Lisa Natusch, City Clerk

Publish: Monday, January 21, 2019



## ANNUAL FLUSHING PROGRAM

The City of Mountain View Public Services Division is currently performing water main flushing throughout the City. The flushing process will be complete by approximately March 1, 2019.

The City understands the importance in saving water, but ensuring water quality is more important and this maintenance must be performed. Water main flushing is a process used to clear water lines of sand and sediment that may have accumulated during the last year. Signs and barricades will be posted in neighborhoods the day before flushing is to take place to alert residents.

If you would like more information about the City's water main flushing program, or have questions or concerns while City personnel are in your neighborhood flushing water mains, please contact the City's Public Services Division at 650-903-6329, or visit our website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).



THIS IS THE SITE  
OF STACY'S FIBROIDS.

THIS IS STACY.

STACY WILL NOT LET A HEALTH CONDITION DEFINE HER.

She would rather be known as a mom, wife and avid tennis player. That's why she opted for the most advanced, minimally invasive option for her hysterectomy. It led to less pain and discomfort and a quicker recovery, so she could get back to perfecting her backhand. At El Camino Hospital, we believe in delivering care as dynamic as the people of Silicon Valley. People just like Stacy. Learn more at [elcaminohospital.org/stories](http://elcaminohospital.org/stories)



## PRESCHOOL

▶ Continued from page 1

Along with the governor's shift in priorities, a group of 15 state lawmakers, including local Assemblyman Marc Berman and state Sen. Jerry Hill, are pushing a package of three bills aimed at increasing access to preschool, improving teacher pay and using half a billion dollars in bond money to build preschool facilities. Introduced by Assemblyman Kevin McCarty in December, the bills are intended to make sure children don't enter kindergarten already behind and struggling to keep up with peers who have been to preschool.

"Preschool is a proven difference maker — breaking cycles of intergenerational poverty, addressing our education achievement gap and keeping kids out of our juvenile justice system," McCarty said in a statement. "If red states like Georgia, Florida and Oklahoma can offer universal preschool and 'Pre-K for All,' California can join in the effort."

Both Newsom and state legislators are seeking to expand what's called the California State Preschool Program (CSPP), a \$1 billion program that provides subsidized preschool to about 175,000 children each year through contracts with providers throughout the state, including the Mountain View Whisman School District. The eligibility cutoff for the program is 70 percent of the state median income, but was boosted to 85 percent in Santa Clara County to adjust for the high cost of living. This brings the income cutoff for a family of four to \$76,601.

Even with the relatively low ceiling, many children in the area are missing out because of space and budget constraints, said Santa Clara County Superintendent Mary Ann Dewan. Of the 16,000 county kids eligible for CSPP, only about 5,600 are served, and most families would jump at the chance to enroll.

"Not all eligible children would be served in state preschool — they may choose a family child care home or another type of provider — but we do know if those slots were available, about 75 to 80 percent would make that choice," Dewan said.

Alleviating the unmet need for preschool has been a big priority for the county, given how critical those years are for brain development and learning, Dewan said. Physical, social and emotional growth are all major components of early childhood education. Making an investment in preschool lessens learning and achievement gaps in kindergarten and beyond.

"We know it's really what's best for all young children, and we



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Leila Entezari**, a teacher at the Mountain View Whisman School District's Preschool at Latham, answers questions from her students on Jan. 22.

were delighted to see the governor's budget proposal," she said. "I think it's a huge step in the right direction to make this investment in (ages) 0 to 5 education."

But injecting money into the CSPP to meet the existing demand doesn't amount to universal access. County estimates from 2015 show that families seeking full-time placement at a licensed child care center paid an average of \$11,991 per preschool-age child annually, which is considered affordable if a family made at least \$171,300 that year, according to federal guidelines. Middle-income families are forced to either struggle to bear the high cost or simply forgo early childhood education entirely.

Adding yet another barrier, private preschools sometimes don't have enough space.

"This issue about lack of access is income agnostic — even high income-earning families have limited access to quality child care in preschool, providers have waiting lists and even if families could afford to pay a significant amount for child care it may not be available," Dewan said.

In some ways, the Mountain View Whisman School District is ahead of the curve. Multiple efforts to revamp and expand the district's preschool program to 200 seats — the vast majority available for children eligible for state preschool — shrank the waiting list to a point where most families who qualify can get in, according to preschool director Terri Wallace. The next frontier for the district's program is to enroll families who make too much to qualify for the state's program and switching gears to provide "full-day," or seven hour, preschool for children.

"We'll be watching the governor's proposals for future funding very closely as we decide how best to grow our program," Wallace said.

While Newsom's proposed budget is long on ambition and short on specifics, the package of legislation — AB 123, AB 124 and AB 125 — digs deeper into how to reach universal access to

preschool.

The first of the three, AB 123, calls for complete access to CSPP, federally funded Head Start programs and transitional kindergarten for all 4-year-olds, along with an additional year of preschool for 3-year-olds living in poverty. The bill also calls for a \$3,000-per-pupil supplemental grant for transitional kindergarten if the school meets a handful of standards, including having a credentialed teacher and one adult per 12 kids.

State Sen. Jerry Hill told the *Voice* that improving access to early childhood education has been a priority since he entered public office, and that study after study has shown early brain development is crucial to the well-being of children and their prospects later in life.

"With the difficulties today — some of the demographic changes and the language challenges some face — the earlier we start, the better chance of success we have for our children," Hill said.

The goals set forth in AB 123 are ambitious and likely to be amended as it goes through the appropriations process, and Hill described the legislation as the "first shot across the bow" that shows the sentiment of the Legislature. And while it's likely to cost billions of dollars to realize all of the goals set forth in the bill, Hill said he is convinced it will pay off in reduced costs later.

"For every dollar invested, it's a \$7 return down the road," he said. "The state has never looked at that — they never look at the investment today and how it pays off in the future, and that's a problem."

Legislators are also seeking to use the overhaul to raise the pay of preschool teachers, whose average salaries are much lower than their peers teaching kindergarten through 12th grade. The early version of the bill also calls for a 23 percent increase in the reimbursement rate for the California State Preschool Program to pay teachers a "professional wage."

As of 2015, the median wage for child care workers in the state was

\$11.61 per hour, while preschool workers had a median wage of \$15.25 per hour, according to the California Department of Education (CDE). Teachers in private preschool programs tend to make even less, and some have to rely on second jobs to make ends meet. More up-to-date numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics pins the average preschool teacher wage at \$17.67, or an annual salary of \$36,760.

"As a countywide or even nationwide issue, child care and preschool teachers are woefully underpaid for the work that they do," Wallace said.

The current pay range for employees working in early childhood education in California is low enough that CDE officials cautioned it would be difficult to fund existing programs if the state boosted minimum wage to \$15 per hour. One CDE webpage even weighed the possibility of trying to automate child care — yes, "robot care providers" — as a means to offset a minimum-wage hike, but ultimately determined that current laws and technology don't support the idea, and that health and safety requirements "prevent economies of scale and automation."

Expanding to universal preschool is going to require a lot of new and improved facilities to house a more children. To that end, AB 124 proposes putting a \$500 million bond measure on the ballot that would go toward buying and fixing early childhood education facilities.

A study last year by Santa Clara County's Office of Education found that the construction costs of a single portable building

designed for early childhood education is around \$610,000, excluding the high cost of land. Filling the unmet demand for more facilities would cost about \$117 million, the study concluded.

Licensed child care centers polled by the county reported that lack of space, difficulty finding a suitable site and lack of state and local funding were the biggest obstacles to upgrading or expanding preschool programs, followed by issues obtaining a license and local zoning and land use restrictions.

This could also be an opportunity to bring back what are called early childhood education "lab schools" at community colleges in Santa Clara County, which can act as a workforce pipeline for students seeking hands-on training to become preschool teachers. Many of the programs had been closed in prior years because of poor reimbursement rates, making lab schools financially infeasible.

This could prove useful, given that AB 123 is seeking higher standards for preschool teachers, including both a bachelor's degree and a teaching credential or certificate. Wallace, Mountain View Whisman's preschool director, said California's licensing department only requires 12 semester units of child development to become a preschool teacher, and there's a push to raise the bar across both CSPP and the federal Head Start program.

"Research shows that a teacher's level of education makes a difference," Wallace said. "Twelve units isn't enough to prepare someone to work with our youngest students." ■

# Employment

## ENGINEERING

Pure Storage, Inc. has following job opps. in Mountain View, CA: Member of Technical Staff (Software Engineer) [Req. #XWS88]. Dsgn & dvlp SW for purpose of track'g & diagnosing health of HW component on Flash Array line of prdcts. Member of Technical Staff (Software Engineer) [Req. #VLA12]. Dsgn & dvlp automated tests & infrstrcture for next-gen. storage arrays. Member of Technical Staff (Software Engineer) [Req. #MTS67]. Dsgn & dvlp SW for data storage systms. Member of Technical Staff (Software Engineer) [Req. #KMR94]. Dsgn, dvlp & test systm SW functionality for embedded pltfms. Mail resumes refernc'g Req. # to: S. Reid, 401 Castro St, 3rd Flr, Mountain View, CA 94041.

To place an ad or get a quote, contact Nico Navarrete at 650.223.6582 or email [digitalads@pawekly.com](mailto:digitalads@pawekly.com).

## Concerned about your aging loved one during the day?

Enroll them in our adult day health care program and receive the **first week FREE!**



- Transportation
- Group Exercise
- Physical therapy
- A Nutritious lunch
- Socializing and more!

For details and to schedule a tour, call (650) 289-5499.

We accept Long Term Care Insurance, VA, Medi-Cal and offer a sliding scale for private pay.



Visit us at [www.avenidas.org/care](http://www.avenidas.org/care)



## Join our team!

We're looking for talented, highly-motivated and dynamic people

Embarcadero Media is an independent multimedia news organization with over 35 years of providing award-winning local news, community information and entertainment to the Midpeninsula.

We are always looking for talented and creative people interested in joining our efforts to produce outstanding journalism and results for our advertisers through print and online.

**We currently have the following positions open for talented and outgoing individuals:**

- **Advertising Sales/Production Admin** Assist the sales and design teams in the production of online and print advertising. Tech savvy, excellent communication and keen attention to detail a must.
- **Graphic Designer** Creation/production of print and online ads, including editorial layout, in a fast-paced environment. Publishing experience and video editing a plus.
- **Digital Sales Account Representative** Prospect and sell local businesses in our markets who have needs to brand and promote their businesses or events using our full-suite of digital solutions. Responsibilities include excellent sales and closing skills on the phone, preparing proposals, maintaining a weekly sales pipeline and ability to hit deadlines and work well under pressure. Sales experience is a plus, but we will consider well-qualified candidates with a passion to succeed.
- **News Reporter** Full-time news reporter with a passion for local journalism needed to cover the towns of Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside. The ideal candidate will have experience covering education, local government and community news, as well as writing engaging feature stories. Social media skills are a plus.

For more information visit:

<http://embarcaderomediagroup.com/employment>

**Weekly** *The Almanac* **MountainView VOICE**

**Palo Alto** **express**

450 Cambridge Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.326.8210  
PaloAltoOnline.com | TheAlmanacOnline.com | MountainViewOnline.com

## LocalNews

### WHEELS

► Continued from page 1

potentially bigger targets than your typical wheel that you see on a sedan.”

As reported last week in the *Voice*, car-related crimes are on the rise in Mountain View. Car burglaries increased by 12 percent in 2018, while vehicle thefts shot up by 62 percent in the same year.

The theft of car wheels is an old crime, but various news reports indicate that it could be having a resurgence in some areas of the U.S. Online marketplaces to hawk auto parts have made the crime more lucrative, according to media reports. Across the county, car insurance companies have been encouraging legislation that would prohibit dealers from buying used tires for cash.

Gowda is still fuming over being targeted twice, likely by the same criminals. The one upside is his insurance will cover the thefts, minus his deductible.



COURTESY OF NIKHIL GOWDA

**The wheels** were stolen off of two cars overnight at an apartment complex in Mountain View.

More than a week after the latest wheel theft, he hasn't had time to put new wheels on his car. His Infinity is still propped up on milk crates, which are beginning to compress from

the weight.

“There's nothing to stop this from happening again,” he said. ▣

Email Mark Noack at [mnoack@mv-voice.com](mailto:mnoack@mv-voice.com)

### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

► Continued from page 4

and trying to build around them would cost millions of dollars.

Last June, the city's Parks and Recreation Commission rejected a request to remove the trees, and Sage Capital pulled the project back for revisions. In October, the company submitted an updated proposal for a smaller, 2,200-square-foot house that would retain all the trees in the backyard.

To be built, the developer is requesting a variance to have a setback that is 4 feet smaller than normally allowed for a new single-family home. The project was scheduled for review by the zoning administrator on Wednesday, Jan. 23, after the *Voice's* weekly deadline.

—Mark Noack

### LAST LOS ALTOS CRAB FEED FUNDRAISER

On Feb. 2, the Los Altos History Museum will host its last-ever crab feed at St. William Church Parish Hall, located at 611 S. El Monte Ave. in Los Altos. The all-you-can-eat crab meal, wine tasting and auction event is set for 6 to 10 p.m. The money raised will help fund the museum's educational programs and exhibits for the community.

Pinky Whelan started the annual fundraiser 31 years ago, when the J. Gilbert Smith historic farmhouse became the museum's main exhibit. This final crab feed will honor her contributions to the museum.

Los Altos Tasting Room will provide wine samples, and a silent and live auction will take place. A vegetarian option is available upon request. Tickets are \$140 for museum members, \$150 for non-members and are available for purchase at [losaltoshistory.org](http://losaltoshistory.org). Parties of eight to 11 people may reserve a table.

### MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS SCHOLARSHIPS

Local high school seniors are now able to apply for scholarships awarded by the Los Altos Community Foundation (LACF) and the Mountain View-Los Altos (MVLA) Community Roundtable.

Applications are due on March 1. High school seniors attending schools in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, Pinewood High School, St. Francis High School, Mountain View Academy and German International School are eligible.

One application can be used to apply for up to six scholarships offered by Roundtable members: Rotary Club of Los Altos, Rotary Club of Mountain View, Kiwanis Club of Mountain View, MVLA Scholars, Quota International Club and Mountain View Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

Last year, the MVLA Community Roundtable awarded 100 scholarships that totaled over \$200,000. To apply, visit <https://goo.gl/6qwdFa> or contact LACF at 650-949-5908.

—Angie Wang

### VTA PLAN CUTS MOUNTAIN VIEW ROUTE

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority is asking for public input for its new service plan, which will reduce some routes and expand others in an effort to address a large deficit.

The plan will save about \$15 million annually compared to the 2017 Next Network Plan, and aims to maintain bus and light-rail service and current levels, according to the VTA.

Among the major changes are four discontinued express routes, including Camden & 85 to Palo Alto, South San Jose to Moffett Park, Palo Alto to IBM/Bailey Avenue and South County to Mountain View.

Several other express routes will see more frequent service, and VTA officials said the plans intend to protect South County riders who depend on a single route to access the greater San Jose area.

VTA is seeking to address a \$20 million structural deficit in the 2018 fiscal year and \$26 million for 2019.

The first meeting will be held Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. at Santa Clara Mission Branch Library at 1098 Lexington St. in Santa Clara and the last meeting will be Feb. 19 at San Jose State University's MLK Library at 150 E. San Fernando St. in San Jose.

All plans and meeting times and locations are available online at [newtransitplan.vta.org](http://newtransitplan.vta.org).

—Bay City News Service

## NASA

▶ Continued from page 5

group of about 80 Ames employees held a protest rally at the main entrance to Moffett Field to air their grievances.

The federal shutdown began on Dec. 21 due to a political impasse over a spending bill to fund most government operations. President Donald Trump has refused to sign the bill because he insists it must include \$5.7 billion toward building a wall on the Mexico border.

NASA employees and contractors, some of who declined to be named, described the mounting anxiety that the shutdown could end up crippling the agency's scientific prowess for years to come. Career civil servants say furloughs are compounding the already grim cost of living in the Bay Area, and creating a situation in which NASA's ability to recruit and retain workers is in question.

For scientists at the nation's space agency, the work freeze has created concern that ongoing research projects will be lost. For example, special microbes that took months to cultivate for astrobiology research have reportedly died off because scientists are prohibited from providing the samples with feed stock. Meanwhile, space missions are being monitored by minimal staffing, with approximately 95 percent of NASA employees now furloughed. Last week, the main camera on the Hubble Space Telescope was malfunctioning for seven days before a skeleton crew was able to get it back online.

Misty Davies, NASA deputy project manager for system-wide safety, said she knew multiple graduate students whose research projects and dissertations are now at risk because they were reliant on data that is no longer being collected. Given this situation, younger scientists



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Rep. Zoe Lofgren** marches next to Lee Stone amidst a group of NASA Ames employees during last Friday's demonstration.

and engineers will find it hard to accept the sacrifices of working at NASA, she said.

"A lot of our talented folks, they've already found other jobs because they can't afford the loss of these paychecks," she said. "At this point, it's hard for us to justify what we consider meaningful work for the American taxpayer."

The experience was all too familiar for Matt Linton, a computer security engineer who left NASA in 2013 during a similar government shutdown that lasted about two weeks. At the time, "a major tech employer" in Mountain View called him up to offer a job with an 85 percent pay increase. The pitch was simple: Sure, you love working at NASA, but we can actually pay you. With a mortgage on a Sunnyvale house and a newborn child, Linton said he couldn't find a way to say no.

"My wife asked me: 'You love working at NASA, but do you really love it that much?'" he said.

"I feel really bad for NASA. Their management tries so hard to do right by their employees and they agonize over our well-being. But this is out of their control."

In recent days, Linton said he's received seven calls from NASA workers seeking new employment. Concern is mounting among NASA union representatives that more employees will be pushed to leave in the coming days as the situation remains unresolved.

Local U.S. House representatives have raised alarms over recent days that the situation for federal employees was untenable. At least seven separate votes have been taken by the U.S. House to reopen the government, but those measures have been stymied from proceeding

to a Senate vote by Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

"I'm worried this could cause permanent damage to NASA," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, who attended the Friday rally. "These scientists are already working

**'A lot of our talented folks, they've already found other jobs because they can't afford the loss of these paychecks.'**

MISTY DAVIES,  
NASA EMPLOYEE

movement and how "women were being heard and justice was being done," including in old cases like hers.

"So I just kept thinking, 'Why should I just keep quiet?'" she reportedly told police. "Maybe I should just speak up."

The victim detailed eight specific instances where she encountered Contreras, and how he would allegedly prey on her in the apartment complex when — as part of her daily chores — she would take the trash out to the dumpsters located in the parking lot. The first physical contact involved Contreras touching her hair, but they escalated once he realized she wasn't reporting the

incidents to her family, according to the police investigation.

Contreras lived downstairs from the victim's family, and the woman told police that Contreras would grab her ankle from underneath the stairs as a means to stop her and talk to her. The victim alleges that Contreras exposed himself to her, molested her and sexually assaulted her "over 50 times," according to the police report. It was unclear if he was employed at the time because he always seemed to be in the apartment complex, according to the victim.

The victim's family was frequently in contact with Contreras, and she said she feared reporting the incidents because

her mother had come to rely on him. Her mother did not drive, and Contreras would help her family by driving them places. The worry was not only that Contreras would stop helping her mother and she would get in trouble, but that no one would believe her allegations, she said.

The victim returned to the police department on Nov. 27 and identified the suspect as Contreras, which helped lead to his arrest three weeks later.

It turns out that Contreras faced similar allegations in the past. In January 2004, police received reports that he had allegedly molested one of three young children who were

invited to his home to use the swimming pool in a Mountain View apartment complex during the prior summer. Contreras, interviewed by police, repeatedly denied the allegations, despite several probing questions by officers about why the child might have reported being molested.

Police originally said in a statement last month that Contreras faced sexual assault allegations "sometime in 2002," possibly referring to the swimming pool incident, and noted that the case was eventually dropped.

Contreras is due to appear in court next month. ▣

Email Kevin Forestier at [kforestieri@mv-voice.com](mailto:kforestieri@mv-voice.com)

## Shutdown a bad omen for city's capital visit

The Mountain View City Council traditionally sends a delegation out to Washington, D.C., for the annual National League of Cities conference in March. But with the federal government still shut down, local city leaders are wondering if there's going to be much point to the trip this year.

In past years, the conference gave city leaders a chance to meet with senior bureaucrats from NASA Ames, the U.S. Army and other agencies with a stake in Mountain View. Amid the federal shutdown, city staff is warning it is nearly impossible to set up those meetings in advance.

Given the toxic political climate, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga wondered if outreach to federal officials could backfire, especially if they are political appointees. As an example, she pointed out that local efforts to establish clean

energy alternatives could be something the Trump administration would be hostile toward.

"I don't even know if I want to bring up these topics to them," she said at the Jan. 22 council meeting. "If we can go at our own speed, that would be my preference rather than raise the flag and bring attention to them."

The federal government has a relatively large presence near Mountain View. In particular, NASA controls the large Ames Research Center at Moffett Field. The U.S. Army also manages the sizable Shenandoah Square housing complex within Mountain View, and the Environmental Protection Agency is heavily involved in local cleanup efforts of the area's contaminated Superfund cleanup sites.

—Mark Noack

for their country at a severe discount, but they can't be expected to work for free."

Rep. Anna Eshoo, who represents Mountain View, said in an email Jan. 14 that, at that point, she had voted seven times to reopen the government and to guarantee federal workers will receive any loss of pay due to the shutdown.

Public pressure, Eshoo said, is what will force the government to reopen.

"Ultimately, I believe it will be the voiced rejection of the American people, state-by-state, that will place enough pressure on Republican senators to end this march to folly by voting to reopen the government, rather than standing with the

White House and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell," she said. "A policy that hurts those who work for all of us and their families, takes a toll on our national economy, and threatens our national security cannot be defended or sustained."

Eshoo said she will contribute to community organizations in her congressional district that are assisting federal workers.

A list of community resources available to federal employees and their families can be accessed through her Congressional website at <https://tinyurl.com/Eshoo-shutdown>. ▣

Almanac reporter Kate Bradshaw contributed to this report.

Email Mark Noack at [mnoack@mv-voice.com](mailto:mnoack@mv-voice.com)

## ASSAULT

▶ Continued from page 1

anything, according to court documents.

The counselor came to the Mountain View Police Department with the information, and said the victim told her she wanted to be a social worker and felt that she "had to help herself before she could go on to help others."

In a Nov. 14 interview with police, the victim — now an adult — said she felt that nothing could be done, and that it might be better to keep quiet rather than unearth the incidents. But she said her sociology teacher mentioned the #MeToo

# SPRING Bloom

Springtime Real Estate Listings

OPEN HOUSE

FEB

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

By Appointment Only



**417 Seneca Street  
Palo Alto**  
6 br/4.5 ba, \$7,788,000

By Appointment Only



**370 Mountain Home Court  
Woodside**  
4 br/5.5 ba, \$17,988,000



**1087 Fife Avenue  
Palo Alto**  
5 br/2.5 ba, \$3,988,000



**3233 Greer Road  
Palo Alto**  
3 br/1 ba, \$2,288,000



**3632 Arbutus Avenue  
Palo Alto**  
4 br/2 ba, \$2,998,000



**437 College Avenue  
Palo Alto**  
4 br/4 ba



**717 & 723 Ellsworth Place  
Palo Alto**  
4 br/2 ba, \$2,488,000



**2281 Byron Street  
Palo Alto**  
5 br/5.5 ba



**108 Durham Street  
Menlo Park**  
3 br/2 ba



**3880 Alameda de las Pulgas  
Menlo Park**  
6 br/4 ba, \$3,488,000



**4238 Rickeys Way, Unit W  
Palo Alto**  
3 br/3 ba



**2154 Saint Francis Drive  
Palo Alto**  
3 br/2 ba

**Buy Direct With DeLeon Buyer Team and We Will Waive 100% of the Buyer's Side Commission for Any DeLeon Listings.**

**DISCLAIMER:**

This offer applies to any buyer represented by any DeLeon Realty agent, provided they enter a binding contract to purchase a home listed by DeLeon Realty. It does not apply if the buyer first saw or learned of the property through a non-DeLeon Realty agent, or if the buyer has entered into an exclusive representation agreement (e.g., a "Buyer Broker Agreement") with any non-DeLeon Realty agent. This advertisement is not a solicitation of any homes already listed with another brokerage.

Please visit us at [www.DeLeonRealty.com](http://www.DeLeonRealty.com) for more detailed information on these and many more upcoming listings that are not on the MLS

Contact Michael Repka at 650.900.7000 or your agent to view these properties



650.900.7000 | [WWW.DELEONREALTY.COM](http://WWW.DELEONREALTY.COM) | DRE #01903224

# SPRING Bloom

Springtime Real Estate Listings

## OPEN HOUSE

### FEB

9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>



**487 Tyndall Steet, Unit 5  
Los Altos**  
2 br/1 ba, \$998,000



**60 Winchester Drive  
Atherton**  
6 br/4 ba, \$7,988,000



**2040 W. Middlefield Rd, Unit 20  
Mountain View**  
3 br/3 ba



**1262 Socorro Avenue  
Sunnyvale**  
3 br/2 ba, \$1,298,000

By Appointment Only



**460 Las Pulgas Drive  
Woodside**  
6 br/7.5 ba, \$5,988,000



**3281 Benton Street  
Santa Clara**  
4 br/2.5 ba, \$898,000



**106 N. Springer Road  
Los Altos**  
5 br/5 ba



**438 King Street  
Redwood City**  
3 br/3 ba, \$1,599,000

**Buy Direct With DeLeon Buyer Team and We Will Waive 100% of the Buyer's Side Commission for Any DeLeon Listings.**

**DISCLAIMER:**

This offer applies to any buyer represented by any DeLeon Realty agent, provided they enter a binding contract to purchase a home listed by DeLeon Realty. It does not apply if the buyer first saw or learned of the property through a non-DeLeon Realty agent, or if the buyer has entered into an exclusive representation agreement (e.g., a "Buyer Broker Agreement") with any non-DeLeon Realty agent. This advertisement is not a solicitation of any homes already listed with another brokerage.

Please visit us at

**[www.DeLeonRealty.com](http://www.DeLeonRealty.com)**

for more detailed information on these and many more upcoming listings that are not on the MLS

Contact Michael Repka at 650.900.7000 or your agent to view these properties



650.900.7000 | [WWW.DELEONREALTY.COM](http://WWW.DELEONREALTY.COM) | DRE #01903224

## A mock-Tudor treat

PALO ALTO PLAYERS' 'SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE' SHINES ON STAGE

By Karla Kane

One of the most charming, albeit cheesy, entries in the category of "Fake-shpearian" stories that put the Bard himself front and center, "Shakespeare in Love" (Palo Alto Players' current production) is a delightful adaptation of the Oscar-winning film of the same name.

In 1593 London, up-and-coming playwright and actor William Shakespeare (Drew Benjamin Jones) is struggling with a bad case of writer's block. The timing is especially unfortunate, as he's promised to deliver plays to both to the weasley Henslowe (David Blackburn), who owns the Rose Theater, and pompous actor and Curtain Theater honcho Burbage (Thomas Times). Henslowe himself is deep in debt to Fennyman (Joey McDaniel) and manages to engender a newfound love of theater in the moneylender by bringing him and a ragtag crew of oddballs together to act in Shakespeare's newest work in progress, the comedy "Romeo and Ethel, the Pirate's Daughter."

Shakespeare is mentored by his friend, the esteemed writer Kit Marlowe (a confident and appealing Brad Satterwhite), who gives him worldly advice and writing suggestions (the noble Marlowe is a much bigger presence, and more of a friend than frenemy, here than in the film). Wealthy Viola de Lesseps (April Culver), a passionate theater lover, longs to be an actor, something that is forbidden to women of all classes in these strict times. She's reluctantly engaged to the oafish nobleman Wessex (Jeff Clarke), who plans to take her to his tobacco plantation in the New World. With the support of her faithful nurse (Melinda Marks), she spends her final weeks before marriage sneaking off in drag as "Thomas Kent," auditioning and



JOYCE GOLDSCHMID

Palo Alto Players' production of "Shakespeare in Love" depicts the Bard suffering from writer's block.

scoring the lead role in "Romeo."

Meanwhile, unhappily-married Shakespeare and Viola fall madly in love, despite the impossibility of their romance having a happy ending, and this sets the course for Shakespeare to create his well-known romantic tragedy "Romeo and Juliet" (a rose by any other name may smell as sweet but this doesn't seem to be the case when "Ethel" is involved). Cue tons of aren't-we-clever references, pseudo-Shakespearean speak, a very cute, if nervous, dog (Lucille, The Dog), sword fighting, madrigal singing, the beloved trope of theater being a refuge for artistic misfits, and some regal badassery from Queen Elizabeth I (Doll Piccotto).

The show (adapted by Lee Hall) sticks fairly close to the movie plot and script but, as befitting a story about theater, works even better on stage. I especially enjoyed the quick switching back and forth between backstage and onstage during the debut performance of "Romeo and Juliet." The presence of sporadic dancing and singing by the ensemble (musical direction by Lauren Bevilacqua) added to the Elizabethan flavor in a very pleasing way.

Palo Alto Players' production (directed by Lee Ann Payne) is humming with energy and good cheer. The luminous Culver makes a very good Viola (in the role that made pre-GOOP Gwyneth Paltrow an Academy Award winner) and she's surrounded and supported by skillful performances by the rest of the cast. Blackburn is campily hilarious while McDaniel is wonderful as his comedic foil Fennyman, who glows with excitement upon being given the small but crucial role of the Apothecary. Seton Chiang waltzes in and steals the spotlight as the suave and conceited master actor Ned Alleyn. It's a large cast and each player manages to stand out and make their (in some cases, multiple) roles worth paying attention to.

The set, by Scott Ludwig, appropriately resembles a Tudor-era structure, with the lovely touch of changing sky peeking through the rafters. Costumes by Patricia Tyler are a Renaissance Faire-like pageantry of looks, while Kyle McReddie's fight choreography adds panache to the action sequences.

It's always fun to take a fictional look at the events and characters that could have helped shape some of the world's best-known works of art. "Shakespeare in Love" has comedy, romance, sex, danger, crossdressing, a tiny bit of feminism and a bit with a dog. What more could an audience want from community theater? Palo Alto Players' production is verily as warm, sweet and lovely as a summer's day. ■

Email Karla Kane at [kkane@paweekly.com](mailto:kkane@paweekly.com)

### ■ INFORMATION

**What:** "Shakespeare in Love."  
**Where:** Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.  
**When:** Through Feb. 3.  
**Cost:** \$31-\$46.  
**Info:** Go to [paplayers.org](http://paplayers.org).



### OPEN ENROLLMENT 2019-20

(Kindergarten - 8th grade)  
January 7 - February 3

Online registration opens on  
January 7.

For more information please visit  
[www.mvwsd.org/register](http://www.mvwsd.org/register)

Para información en español, visite nuestra página web.

1400 Montecito Ave., Mountain View  
650-526-3500 • [www.mvwsd.org](http://www.mvwsd.org)

## We're Hiring Full-Time News Reporter

The Almanac, an award-winning community newspaper and online news source that covers the towns of Menlo Park, Atherton, Portola Valley and Woodside, is looking for an enterprising full-time news reporter with a passion for local journalism.

The ideal candidate will have experience covering local government and community news, and the skills to dig up and write engaging news and feature stories for print and online. Our reporters produce monthly cover stories that highlight issues and people in our community.

We're seeking someone who is motivated, eager to learn, able to quickly turn out finished copy, and who lives in or near the Almanac coverage area. Social media skills are a plus.

This is a fully benefited position with paid vacations, health and dental benefits, profit sharing and a 401(k) plan.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three samples of your journalism work to Editor Renee Batti at [editor@AlmanacNews.com](mailto:editor@AlmanacNews.com).

The Almanac

## Inspirations

a guide to the spiritual community

### LOS ALTOS LUTHERAN

Rejoice in the Word + Sent in the Spirit

10:00 AM WORSHIP

10:15-10:45

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

460 S. El Monte Ave. (at Cuesta)  
Pastor David Bonde & LaVinnia Pierson

Youth & Family, Bible Studies,  
Seasonal Devotions,  
Intergenerational Events!

[www.LosAltosLutheran.org](http://www.LosAltosLutheran.org)  
650.948.3012

To include your  
Church in  
Inspirations  
please email  
[sales@embarcadero-publishing.com](mailto:sales@embarcadero-publishing.com)



Ordinary People. Real Faith.  
Meaningful Community.

### Sundays at 4pm

360 S. Shoreline Blvd,  
Mountain View, CA 94041

(650) 822-VINE  
[info@newvine.com](mailto:info@newvine.com)  
[www.newvine.cc](http://www.newvine.cc)

Nursery and Vine Kidz Available



### Mountain View Rotary Club

## 2019 Crab Feed

 **Saturday, February 2, 2019**  
 Serving 4:30pm - 7:30pm  
 The Mountain View Buddhist Temple  
 575 Shoreline Blvd. (Across from Safeway)  
 Donation: \$55/person - \$20 kids 3-10 yrs

**Fresh Dungeness Crab...**  
**Field Greens with Vinaigrette Dressing**  
**Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce**  
**Fresh Fruit Salad, French Bread**

 Tickets Available Online At: [www.mountainviewrotary.org](http://www.mountainviewrotary.org)  
 or From Any Mountain View Rotarian

**All Proceeds To Benefit Local Charities**

# Viewpoint

- EDITORIAL
- YOUR LETTERS
- GUEST OPINIONS

Mountain View  
**VOICE**

Founding Editor, *Kate Wakerly*

## ■ STAFF

### EDITOR

Andrea Gemmet (223-6537)

### EDITORIAL

#### Assistant Editor

Julia Brown (223-6531)

#### Arts & Entertainment Editor

Karla Kane (223-6517)

#### Special Sections Editor

Linda Taaffe (223-6511)

#### Staff Writers

Kevin Forestieri (223-6535)

Mark Noack (223-6536)

#### Intern

Angie Wang

#### Staff Photographer

Magali Gauthier (223-6530)

**Contributors** Peter Canavese,  
Natalia Nazarova, Ruth Schecter,  
Monica Schreiber

### DESIGN & PRODUCTION

#### Design and Production Manager

Kristin Brown (223-6562)

#### Designers

Linda Atilano, Amy Levine,  
Paul Llewellyn, Doug Young

### ADVERTISING

#### Vice President Sales and Marketing

Tom Zahiralis (223-6570)

#### Real Estate Account Executive

Rosemary Lewkowitz (223-6585)

#### Advertising Services Manager

Kevin Legarda (223-6597)

Published every Friday at

**450 Cambridge Avenue  
Palo Alto, CA 94306**

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

**Email news** and photos to:  
editor@MV-Voice.com

**Email letters** to: letters@MV-Voice.com

#### News/Editorial Department

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

#### Display Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6300

#### Classified Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6490 • (650) 326-8286

fax (650) 326-0155

**Email Classified ads** @MV-Voice.com

#### Email Circulation

circulation@MV-Voice.com

The Voice is published weekly by Embarcadero Media Co. and distributed free to residences and businesses in Mountain View. If you are not currently receiving the paper, you may request free delivery by calling 964-6300. Subscriptions for \$60 per year, \$100 per 2 years are welcome.

©2019 by Embarcadero Media Company. All rights reserved.

Member, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce



## ■ WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

All views must include a home address and contact phone number. Published letters will also appear on the web site, [www.MountainViewOnline.com](http://www.MountainViewOnline.com), and occasionally on the Town Square forum.

#### Town Square forum

Post your views on Town Square at [MountainViewOnline.com](http://MountainViewOnline.com)

**Email** your views to [letters@MV-Voice.com](mailto:letters@MV-Voice.com). Indicate if letter is to be published.

**Mail** to: Editor  
Mountain View Voice,  
P.O. Box 405  
Mountain View, CA 94042-0405

**Call** the Viewpoint desk at 223-6531

■ EDITORIAL  
THE OPINION OF THE VOICE

## Donors, thanks for your generosity

HOLIDAY FUND RAISES \$72K FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

The numbers are in: The *Voice's* 2018 Holiday Fund campaign raised \$72,000 from 147 donors.

Contributions ranged from \$10 to \$5,000, with every penny going to seven local nonprofits that serve Mountain View residents: Mentor Tutor Connection, the Day Worker Center of Mountain View, the Community School of Music and Arts, the MayView Community Health Center, YWCA Support Network for Domestic Violence, the Community Services Agency and the Community Health Awareness Council.

The money will be split evenly between the agencies, meaning each will receive approximately \$10,300 to continue providing crucial services in our community that help low-income and homeless

individuals and families, as well as those grappling with domestic violence and mental health issues. These organizations also provide youth and adults with tools to help them advance and succeed in school and their careers. The Day Worker Center, for example, helps workers with job placement, English lessons and job skills workshops, while Mentor Tutor Connection volunteers mentor underserved high schoolers and tutor elementary and middle school students in the Mountain View and Los Altos school districts.

These nonprofits largely run on grants and donations, so these contributions go a long way toward ensuring their viability. We heard firsthand about the vital services these organizations have been offering, as well as new programs

developed in response to the community's needs. The Community Services Agency recently started a support group for homeless people to talk about their experiences, offering an outlet for people to share the emotional stress of living on the streets. With the help of grant funding, the Day Worker Center is piloting a "Seniors Helping Seniors" program, connecting older workers with older employers. Thanks to your donations, the seven nonprofits will each receive money they can use to fund new and current programs, infrastructure improvements or other needs.

We hope even more readers step up and support our Holiday Fund in 2019. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue showing your support for these nonprofits by volunteering and donating. ■

## Battle for the soul of Mountain View

NEW HOUSING SHOULDN'T DISPLACE RESIDENTS

By *Lenny Siegel*

There is a battle underway for the soul of Mountain View. For decades the Mountain View community has treasured diversity. We have long accepted people regardless of ethnic background, political or religious beliefs, or economic condition. In turn, they have helped build our community, performing jobs that we all need.

But the fabric that holds Mountain View together is at risk. Our extraordinary economic growth is causing gentrification and the displacement of many low- and middle-income residents. When we turn a blind eye, we lose part of our soul as a community.

On Dec. 11, while I was still mayor, the City Council voted 4-3 to approve a developer's proposal to tear down 20 rent-controlled, naturally affordable apartments on Rock Street to build 15 townhomes and rowhouses, displacing 75 predominantly Spanish-speaking residents. This is just one in a series of similar projects that

have come before the council in the last four years. The one difference: This time the tenants organized in opposition. They reminded the rest of us of their long-term commitment to Mountain View.

The residents gave compelling testimony that demolition of their apartments would remove people we need in Mountain View to make the community tick. One of the tenant speakers reported that he works in a Google cafeteria. How will software engineers eat if there is no place nearby for food-service workers to live?

We do need new housing in Mountain View, but we don't have to displace people to build it. The city is encouraging both apartment and ownership housing construction on land that is currently in commercial use. We can't legally force the owners of old apartments to stay in business, but we can eliminate their incentive to demolish by denying redevelopments that displace low- and moderate-income tenants.

The people who are losing

their apartments face the realistic possibility that they will have to commute hours every day and place their kids in less effective schools elsewhere or, they tell me, they will have to join the hundreds of residents already sleeping in vehicles on our streets.

We have over 500 vehicle households, split between various forms of motor homes and cars. A majority of the adults in these households have jobs. Though Mountain View has been working to create off-street overnight parking opportunities, progress has been slow. Continuing council members have signaled a willingness to further restrict overnight street parking in response to calls from a vocal minority to throw vehicle residents out of town. But driving vehicle residents out of sight will not solve the problem.

Meanwhile, thanks to our voters some 13,000 apartment households are protected by the Community Stabilization and Fair Rent Act (2016's Measure V) against rent gouging, as long as they don't move. However, on key policy questions, the council-appointed Rental

Housing Committee (RHC) has tilted toward landlords, so it's important to keep an eye on the RHC with its two new members.

As written, Measure V restricts space rent increases in mobile home parks, but last year the RHC ignored its own legal advisers and exempted our 1,100-plus mobile home households from rent stabilization. They not only face unregulated space rent increases, but when they need or choose to sell their homes, the high rents discourage buyers and drive down the value of their homes. So if they move, like the people displaced from apartments, it will be difficult for them to stay in town. Either the RHC or the City Council should protect manufactured-home households against unreasonable rent increases.

If you value our apartment dwellers, vehicle residents, and mobile-home owners, please join me in signing the Soul of Mountain View petition at <http://chnq.it/TC7SFb4tPD>. The soul of our community is at stake.

*Lenny Siegel is a former Mountain View City Council member who served as mayor in 2018.*

■ FOOD FEATURE



## When mochi meets cupcake

### PETIT BAKERY CO. MELTS ASIAN, AMERICAN, FRENCH TRADITIONS FOR GLUTEN-FREE TREATS

By Kate Bradshaw

Melody Hu has infused her baking business with global elements that reflect flavors tied to her own history as a Taiwanese-American woman: mochi cupcakes, cakes and madeleines.

The Mountain View resident and owner of Petit Bakery Co. is planning to open a brick-and-mortar shop in Los Altos later this year.

Hu was born in Taiwan and moved to the Peninsula as a teen, graduating from Gunn High School in Palo Alto. At the University of California at San Diego she studied abroad in France. She returned to France after graduating and lived there for the next decade, working in the luxury watch and jewelry business in Paris and Shanghai.

Along the way, she worked as a freelance translator, including for her friend, English celebrity chef Rachel Khoo. Working with Khoo, she translated and edited cookbooks and became familiar with the recipe testing process.

"I got into the food world through the back door, in publishing," she said.

Working in the high-end jewelry business, she said she also learned about food by working closely with caterers and wine purveyors for events she organized. In 2015, she and her husband moved to Silicon Valley to raise their kids, now 4 and 6.

A fitness instructor with a mild sweet tooth, Hu has taught barre and pilates classes at the Palo Alto JCC and YMCA locations in Palo Alto, Cupertino and East Palo Alto. One day, she had a bag of sweet rice flour and decided to make a sweet rice dessert, like the ones she'd grown up eating.

The treat turned out well. So well, in fact, that when her husband tried it he told Hu, "This is so good you should sell it."

Hu wasn't sold on the idea — she said she didn't want to "just stay home and bake." But there was something satisfying about it.

"It's a little bit of science and art," she said.

Baking is a lot like dancing, which she studied for years: it's an "ephemeral art," she said. Being an artist working with perishable delectations forces the creator to grapple with the critical question: What are people looking for right now?

So, starting in the summer of 2017, she got to work. Using a spreadsheet to track different variations and outcomes, she began experimenting with sweet rice flour recipes. To date, her recipes have been through hundreds of variations, she said.

Over the past year, as she's honed her recipes, showed up at pop-ups and baked wholesale for local cafes, she thinks she's come up with an answer to her driving



VERONICA WEBER

**Above:** Melody Hu, who makes gluten-free pastries using mochi rice flour, holds a vanilla cake soaked with elderberry syrup and covered in lemon curd and elderflower buttercream frosting. **Top:** Madeline cookies made by Hu for her Petit Bakery Co.

► See **CUPCAKE**, page 17

CUPCAKE

► Continued from page 16

question. People are looking for good food and for desserts that aren't too sweet, with options to meet dietary restrictions. They want the delight of food being presented beautifully and they want organic, local ingredients.

Her response: fusion pastries, blending Asian mochi with the American cupcake and cakes and the French madeleine cookie.

"I think that's very representative of who we are in California, and in the world. We're all combinations of different cultures, celebrating coming together at the table," Hu said.

Her creations, beyond being inclusive of different cultures, are inclusive for another reason — they're naturally gluten-free, and some versions are also vegan, meaning that people with dietary restrictions can participate in the pleasure of patisserie.

Unlike other gluten-free bases, which she noted can be grainy and crumbly, the rice-based mochi texture gives her cupcakes a satisfying chewiness. They also have less sugar — her Swiss meringue buttercream recipe, she says, has just enough sugar and butter to be silky-smooth, but a lot less sugar than a regular buttercream frosting. All animal-based ingredients in her recipes, she said, are organic. The glutinous rice flour creates a texture in Hu's cupcakes that is less bready, and more dense and chewy than traditional cupcakes. Combined with the elegant icing, the cupcakes are a surprisingly filling and rich treat.

At the end of 2017, she began to lease space at Studio Cake in Menlo Park on Monday nights and Saturday mornings for her wholesale baking. After teaching classes and wrangling kids during the day, she'd come to the kitchen at night, working through dark hours with only the music from her earbuds to keep her company.

She worked out agreements to sell her mochi creations at Cafe Zoe in Menlo Park and Nourish Cafe at the Palo Alto



VERONICA WEBER

Cupcakes made by Petit Bakery Co. are gluten-free and paleo diet-friendly.

JCC, and pursued a growing circuit of pop-up opportunities, such as at Stanford Shopping Center or at the festivals Facebook hosts at its Menlo Park headquarters. She ended the lease with Studio Cake at the end of 2018 in preparation to open her brick-and-mortar bakery this year.

Currently, she works out of her home kitchen as a cottage food operator and accepts orders online or by phone for delivery in the Bay Area. She said she's setting up her website to enable custom cake orders by the end of the month.

Go to [petitbakery.co](http://petitbakery.co) for more information. ▣

Email Kate Bradshaw at [kbradshaw@almanacnews.com](mailto:kbradshaw@almanacnews.com).



MELODY HU/PETIT BAKERY CO.

Hu's cupcakes are currently available at pop-ups and for special order; she plans to open a bakery shop in Los Altos.

OPEN HOUSE: Jan. 26th - 27th • 1:30 - 4:30pm



1236 Wasatch Drive, Mountain View

This three bedroom two bath home is located in desirable Waverly Park. Tastefully updated and carefully maintained it features a comfortable dining room and spacious, versatile family room. There are 2008 feet living area plus an attached two car garage. There are lots of closets. Hardwood floors throughout. The nicely landscaped lot is 7956 square feet. Schools are Huff Elementary, Graham Middle School and Mountain View High. Verify this with the Districts. First time open in 25 years.

Offered at \$2,600,000

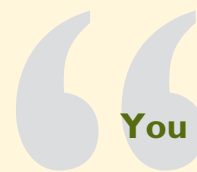


Prochnow Realtors Inc.

650.948.8910

Mary Prochnow

DRE 00417967



Nancy was a **great stress-reliever**

— Thompson Family

**You made it easy** and painless

— The Carlsons

She **expertly** guided me

— S. Hansen

Your **knowledge of the market** is extraordinary

— E. Briggs

We give her our **highest recommendation**

— S. Cloud

**Nancy delivered** results

— Pasmooji Family



WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?



**Nancy Adele Stuhr**

Mountain View Neighborhood Specialist

650.575.8300

[nstuhr@serenogroup.com](mailto:nstuhr@serenogroup.com)

[www.nancystuhr.com](http://www.nancystuhr.com)

[facebook.com/nancyadelestuhr](https://facebook.com/nancyadelestuhr)

CaIBRE# 00963170



This information was supplied by reliable sources. Sales Associate believes this information to be correct but has not verified this information and assumes no legal responsibility for its accuracy. Buyers should investigate these issues to their own satisfaction. Buyer to verify enrollment. Buyer to verify school availability.

MOVIE OPENINGS

# All's fair in love and 'Cold War'

OSCAR-NOMINATED DRAMA BEGUILING BUT CHILLY

★★★★1/2 (Aquarius)

As Hollywood awaits the annual presentation of the Academy Awards, two lushly photographed black-and-white foreign-language films have steadily found themselves in competition: Alfonso Cuarón's "Roma" and Pawel Pawlikowski's "Cold War," which picked up three Oscar nominations this week for Best Foreign Language Film, Best Cinematography and a surprise nod for Best Director. And now, as "Cold War" rolls out in theaters across the country, those wondering how the Polish would do "La La Land" have their chance to see for themselves.

I'm kidding, sort of, but "Cold War" is a romantic epic of a troubled couple blessed with musical talent. In battered post-war Poland, a representative (Tomasz Kot) of a folkloric ensemble makes field recordings of folk music, the film beginning with a song of a man pleading

a woman to let him in. Borders and walls and fences and closed doors — and what's on the other sides — serve as metaphors for the film's problematic central relationship between Kot's musical director/pianist Wiktor and his new discovery, a beguiling singer named Zuzanna, or "Zula" (Joanna Kulig) who's not incidentally a survivor of domestic trauma.

Unfolding between 1949 and 1964, Pawlikowski's screenplay tracks the on-and-off couple as a pair and as individuals separated by forces larger than themselves, taking placeholder mates but ever feeling a pull toward unavailable soul mates. The lovers' endless frustrations, only worsened by sociopolitical and vocational ambitions, obligations and choices, manifest in cruel gestures and devastating arguments. There's undeniable heat between the two, a flame



AMAZON STUDIOS

Joanna Kulig plays half of a troubled couple in "Cold War."

that won't die but also leaves painful burns. In a typically bitter exchange, Zula successfully gets a rise out of Wiktor, who hits her. "Now we're talking," she answers.

A sweet romance this isn't, but Pawlikowski ("Ida") balances the flatfooted realities of maddeningly thwarted love with swoony moments: smoky jazz clubs and songbird reveries. Cinematographer Lukasz Zal's

lush chiaroscuro photography proves equally assured in a sunny field or shadowy streets, while Pawlikowski draws upon his documentary background to lend the black and white aesthetic an uneasy realism. He also judiciously places musical touchstones for maximal sensuality and thematic winking: a bar dance to "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby" and another, with drunken abandon, to "Rock

Around the Clock."

"Cold War" is at its most fascinating when politics directly disrupt the characters' passions or they must navigate the detritus of recent global events from standpoints in Poland, Germany, Yugoslavia or France. Wiktor and Zula both suffer artistic compromises that sting as much as their romantic travails, usually at the behest of Communist Party bureaucrats (as concerns folk music, for example, they'd prefer songs about land reform and the leadership, thank you very much).

All of the above help to keep "Cold War" engaging despite a plot and characters that some will find as repellently chilly as they are credible. One doesn't have to like Wiktor and Zula to sympathize with them, but at times the low-key performances and austere script weaken the film's momentum and capacity for an empathetic connection. That "Cold War" is a love story that turns bitter early and often, its escapes small-scale and is unavoidably the point for those hardy enough to handle it.

Rated R for some sexual content, nudity and language. One hour, 29 minutes. ■

— Peter Canavese

## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

MAYK LANDSCAPING  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN649731  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Mayk Landscaping, located at 2260 California St. Apt. 20, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
MAYK EDUARDO JUEGO JUAREZ  
2260 California St. Apt. 20  
Mountain View, CA 94040  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/21/2018.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on December 27, 2018.  
(MVV Jan. 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 2019)

Call Alicia Santillan at 650-223-6578  
or email [asantillan@paweekly.com](mailto:asantillan@paweekly.com)  
for assistance with your legal advertising needs.

## Marketplace

The Mountain View Voice offers advertising for Home Services, Business Services and Employment.

If you wish to learn more about these advertising options, please call 650.223.6582 or email [digitalads@paweekly.com](mailto:digitalads@paweekly.com).

## NOW SHOWING

**A Dog's Way Home (PG)**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**A Star is Born (R) ★★1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Aquaman (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Bumblebee (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**Cold War (R)** Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**Devi (The Goddess, 1960) (Not Rated)**

Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**Dragon Ball Super: Broly (PG)**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**Escape Room (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**The Favourite (R)** Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Ghare Baire (The Home and the World, 1984) (Not Rated)**

Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**Glass (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Green Book (PG-13) ★★1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**If Beale Street Could Talk (R) ★★★★★**

Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun. Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**The Kid Who Would Be King (PG)**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Mary Poppins Returns (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Mary Queen of Scots (R)**

Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**Mr. Majnu (English subtitles) (Not Rated)**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

**The Mule (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**Nayak (The Hero, 1966) (Not Rated)**

Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.

**On the Basis of Sex (PG-13)**

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Petta (Not Rated)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

**Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG) ★★**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**Replicas (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

**Second Act (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

**Serenity (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG)**

Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Stan & Ollie (PG)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.

**The Upside (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

**Uri: The Surgical Strike (Not Rated)** Century

16: Fri. - Sun.

**Vice (R) ★★1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 327-3241) [tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa](http://tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa)

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View [tinyurl.com/Century16](http://tinyurl.com/Century16)

Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Rd, Redwood City [tinyurl.com/Century20](http://tinyurl.com/Century20)

CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (For information: 493-0128) [tinyurl.com/Pasquare](http://tinyurl.com/Pasquare)

Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (For recorded listings: 566-8367) [tinyurl.com/Guildmp](http://tinyurl.com/Guildmp)

ShowPlace Icon: 2575 California St. #601, Mountain View [tinyurl.com/iconMountainView](http://tinyurl.com/iconMountainView)

Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 324-3700) [Stanfordtheatre.org](http://Stanfordtheatre.org)

★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses, trailers and more movie info, visit [www.mv-voice.com](http://www.mv-voice.com) and click on movies.

# Goings On

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

■ HIGHLIGHT

## 'AMERICAN NIGHT: THE BALLAD OF JUAN JOSE'

Los Altos Stage Company rings in the new year with "American Night: The Ballad of Juan Jose," a provocative mix of past and present, stereotype and truth. Through Feb. 17, times vary. \$20-\$38. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

## THEATER

### Palo Alto Players Presents:

**'Shakespeare in Love'** Adapted from the Academy Award-winning film, "Shakespeare in Love" is a witty romance filled with music and farcical characters. Directed by Lee Ann Payne. Through Feb. 3, times vary. \$42-\$52. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

**'Spending the End of the World on OkCupid'** In this play, a modern-day prophet predicts the disappearance of half the world's population, and warns those remaining that they are the next to go. With 12 hours to live, some spend time with their friends, most spend time with their family and others spend the end of the world on OkCupid, a dating website. Through Feb. 17, times vary. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

**TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Frost/Nixon'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents Tony- and Olivier Award-nominated drama "Frost/Nixon," directed by Leslie Martinson. Through Feb. 10, times vary. \$40-\$100. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatrworks.org/201819-season/201819-season/frostonixon/

**'Matt & Ben'** A staged reading of "Matt & Ben," a parody on the lives of actors and filmmakers Matt Damon and Ben Affleck who come across the script for their now-award-winning film "Good Will Hunting." Jan. 30, 7 p.m. Free. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org/staged-reading-series

## CONCERTS

**The New Esterházy Quartet** A performance of music by Austrian composer Joseph Haydn and his teachers, including Johann Georg Reutter and Nicola Porpora. Feb. 2, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$30. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Search brownpapertickets.com for more info.

## MUSIC

**Voices of Music: Virtuoso Baroque Concertos** San Francisco's Voice of Music has over 30 million YouTube fans worldwide. Interpreting works by masters ranging from Vivaldi to Bach, this group of musicians performs music from different eras. Jan. 25, 8 p.m. \$5-\$47. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto. voicesofmusic.org/concerts.html

**Acoustic Original and Celtic Folk** Hobbyhorse performs poetic originals and Celtic classics combined with acoustic guitar, mandolin, frame drum and vocal harmonies. Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalito Ave, Menlo Park. cafezohub.com

### Compline: An Evening Service of Song

A reflective, contemplative 30-minute service of hymns, anthems and chants sung by Stanford and local choral ensembles in the candlelit ambiance of Memorial Church. All are welcome. Jan. 27, 9-9:30 p.m. Free. Memorial Church, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

**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. Jan. 28, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic/

### Original Jazz Piano/Guitar/Bass Trio

**Format** Master musicians present the original trio format hits from Nat King Cole, Oscar Peterson, Vince Guaraldi, Ahmad Jamal and Jim Hall trios. Featuring Larry Vuckovich on piano, Kai Lyons on guitar and Jeff Chambers on bass. Refreshments will be served. Jan. 27, 3-5 p.m. \$25. Wunderman House, 655 Eunice Ave., Mountain View.

**World Harmony Chorus** A diverse choral group performs traditional vocal music from around the world, including Africa, Europe and Latin America. Jan. 28, 7:30-9 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/world-harmony-chorus-2019

## TALKS & LECTURES

### Joel Simon: This is Now with Angie

**Coiro** Joel Simon has spent nearly two decades working on dozens of hostage cases with the Committee to Protect Journalists. Kepler's hosts an ethical, legal and strategic exploration as he discusses his latest book, "We Want to Negotiate" with Angie Coiro. Jan. 29, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Free, RSVP requested. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Bruce Munro** Artist Bruce Munro and Kelly Sicut, director of the Sally & Don Lucas Artists Program at Montalvo Arts Center, discuss the inspiration behind "Stories in Light," Munro's latest exhibition, and hold a question-and-answer session. Jan. 29, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. Search scl.evanced.info/signup/calendar for more info.

**The Trans Experience** A panel of parents, children and other experts share their personal experiences and insights on transgender issues. Jan. 31, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. CHC, 650 Clark Way, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

### Silicon Valley Reads Author A.J. Jacobs

New York Times best-selling author A.J. Jacobs will discuss his book, "It's All Relative," a selection for Silicon Valley Reads 2019. His books combine memoir, science, humor and a dash of

self-help. Jan. 27, 3-4 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. Search mountainview.libcal.com for more info.

### UC Santa Cruz 2019 Foundation Medal

The University of California at Santa Cruz recognizes former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen with its Foundation Medal. Includes remarks by UC President Janet Napolitano and a discussion between Yellen and Carl Wash, UC Santa Cruz distinguished professor of economics. Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m. \$100. Hotel Nia, 200 Independence Drive, Menlo Park. specialevents.ucsc.edu/livinglegends/

### Mike Chen with Maggie Shen King

Local writer Mike Chen shares his debut novel, "Here and Now and Then" with Maggie Shen King, author of "An Excess Male," one of The Washington Post's "5 Best Science Fiction and Fantasy Novels of 2017." Jan. 30, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/mike-chen-books-inc-palo-alto

## FAMILY

**'Walk This Why'** In this class, participants learn about the history of dairy animals, take one of Hidden Villa's dairy goats on a stroll around the farm and end by tasting milks and cheeses from different types of dairy animals. Jan. 26, 10-11:30 a.m. \$25. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/catalog/190-walk-this-why/region-HV/

### Storytime with Oliver Chin

Local author Oliver Chin reads from his two new books "The Year of the Pig: Tales from the Chinese Zodiac" and "The Discovery of Fireworks and Gunpowder: The Asian Hall of Fame." Includes refreshments. Children receive celebratory red envelopes with chocolate gold coins. For ages 3 and up. Jan. 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/storytime-oliver-chin-books-inc-mountain-view

**VR education vs. Dyslexia** At this monthly Einstein Studios workshop, children discover the latest virtual-reality physics course while parents relax over wine and beers. Snacks provided. Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. 2083 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

### Alphabété: The World Through the Eyes of Frédéric Bruly Bouabré

An original pictographic alphabet as well as brightly colored postcard-size illustrations from contemporary African artist and poet Frédéric Bruly Bouabré. 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, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**The Dancing Sowe: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone** This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Through April 29, 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, is presenting 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 newest exhibition will consider how nature was depicted by American artists from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. Through landscapes, portraits and still lifes, the exhibition will delve into the importance of nature for artists and the public. Through Aug. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

**'Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play!'** The Museum of American Heritage 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. losaltoshistory.org

**Explore Identity Through Art** A monthlong collaborative exhibition by faculty and K-8 students in Community School of Music and Arts' Art4Schools program. Starts Feb. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/city-show-explore-identity-through-art

**'Thoughts of Summer'** Viewpoints Gallery presents watercolor artist Debbie Bakker's collection "Thoughts of Summer," which

features paintings of florals and succulents. Jan. 28-Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Artist's reception on Feb. 1, 5-8 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

## GALLERIES

**'Out and About'** 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, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Gallery 9, 143 Main St., Los Altos. gallery9losaltos.com

## FOOD & DRINK

**Cheese Please** Participants make fresh cheese and hand-pressed tortillas to create quesadillas to eat. Includes a visit to the cows at Hidden Villa Farm. Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-noon. \$30. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/catalog/194-cheese-please/region-HV/

**IFES Crab Cioppino** IFES Society of Mt. View is hosting its first Portuguese-style crab cioppino event of the season. Attendees can bring their own crab-eating utensils, butter, sauces and wine. Jan. 26, first seating at 4 p.m.; second seating at 7 p.m. \$25-\$55. IFES Portuguese Hall, 432 Stierlin Road, Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Traditional Healing Workshop** A workshop that covers basic Mexican and Mexican-American indigenous concepts about health and healing, and include activities to experience a few of the practices of *medicina tradicional* with Elisa Marina Alvarado. Jan. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20, includes lunch. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/traditional-healing-workshop/

## SPORTS

**Senior Table Tennis** The Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis Club invites seniors ages 55 and older to bring a racket and pair of tennis shoes to play table tennis. Jan. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberley Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Rotary Club of Mountain View Crab Feed** An all-you-can-eat crab feed benefiting local charities. Meal includes salad, pasta, bread and dessert, plus beverages including coffee and no-host beer, wine and soft drinks. Featuring live music and a raffle. Feb. 2, 4:30-7:30 p.m. \$20, children; \$55, adults. Mountain View Buddhist Temple, 575 N Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## WE MEASURE QUALITY BY RESULTS

*Is Quality Important to You?*



Power of Two!

### Yvonne Heyl

Direct (650) 947-4694  
Cell (650) 302-4055  
yhey1@interorealestate.com  
BRE# 01255661

### Jeff Gonzalez

Direct (650) 947-4698  
Cell (408) 888-7748  
jgonzalez@interorealestate.com  
BRE# 00978793

YvonneandJeff@InteroRealEstate.com  
www.yvonneandjeff.com



496 First St. Suite 200  
Los Altos 94022



YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR BUSINESS!



### ALICE NUZZO

(650) 504-0880  
alice@serenogroup.com  
CalBRE # 00458678



### ALICIA NUZZO

(650) 504-2394  
alicia@serenogroup.com  
CalBRE # 01127187

CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL SPECIALISTS  
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL BROKERS



## 1066 Metro Circle, Palo Alto

### Newly-Built Modern Masterpiece in Palo Alto

Just completed construction in October 2018, this stunning 6 bedroom, 5.5 bath estate of 4,068 square feet (per county) showcases a stunning range of modern innovations blended beautifully with classic midcentury virtues. Andersen windows, vaulted ceilings with skylights, Nest-controlled HVAC, LaCantina folding doors, and Carrara and Calacatta marble finishes reign throughout three bedroom suites, a jack-and-jill unit, luxurious master suite, great room, and dedicated home office. Liebherr and Thermador appliances command the chef's kitchen, which creates a striking indoor-outdoor connection to the large patio, lush backyard, and expansive lot of 13,072 square feet (per county). In this prestigious location, residents are moments away from 22-acre Greer Park, vibrant Midtown Shopping Center, world-class schools, and award-winning restaurants.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

[www.1066Metro.com](http://www.1066Metro.com)

Offered at \$4,488,000

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team**

中文諮詢請聯繫 Audrey Sun 電話: 650.785.5822

650.900.7000 | [michael@deleonrealty.com](mailto:michael@deleonrealty.com) | [www.deleonrealty.com](http://www.deleonrealty.com) | DRE #01903224



# DELEON TEAM

## Experience the Difference

Some traditional agents argue that it is unfair to compare them to the DeLeon Team. After all, the DeLeon Team has a breadth of professional experience, personnel, and resources that cannot be matched by an individual agent... We concede this point.

While traditional agents attempt to do everything on their own, we believe that no one person can be good at all the professional services necessary to optimally prepare and market a home in Silicon Valley.



Our sellers work directly with Michael Repka, the CEO of the company, and the #1 listing team in Northern California. The DeLeon Team includes a Residential Real Estate Attorney, a Tax Attorney, an Interior Designer, a Licensed Contractor, a Handyman, a Chinese Marketing Person, an On-Line Marketing Person, and many more. All of whom are full-time employees working in unison for our sellers (at no additional charge). Plus, we provide the most marketing in real estate, thus ensuring maximum exposure for our sellers' homes.

As top agents continue to leave conventional brokerages in the hopes of finding a more lucrative arrangement, the DeLeon Team remains steadfast in our approach: Provide the best service and marketing in the industry, along with the most client-centric business model, and we will continue to attract the clients that fuel our remarkable growth. It has worked.

Call Michael Repka for a free, no obligation, consultation and learn how our innovative business model puts our clients first.

Michael Repka 650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com | DRE# 01854880

**OPEN Friday, 9:30-2:00pm, and Sat/Sun 12:00-5:00pm**



## 435 BEDFORD LOOP MOUNTAIN VIEW

**2 BEDROOM | 2.5 BATHROOM | 1431\* SQUARE FEET**  
TOWNHOME STYLE – CONDO

Ideal location within the sought after neighborhood of Bedford Square! Enjoy the pool, the BBQ areas, the clubhouse. This large two bedroom tri-level home is nestled in the rear of the development overlooking a private park! No neighboring homes immediately in front or behind so you can actually view the mountains in Mountain View! Offering an open floor plan with granite and stainless kitchen, large downstairs laundry room and side by side attached 2 car garage. Each of the bedrooms has its own attached full bathroom and the master has a fabulous walk-in closet. So convenient to 101, 85, 237 & major employers like LinkedIn, Google, Nasa & Apple. You can hop on the VTA Light Rail in Whisman Station and in one short stop, you are in downtown Mountain View. No need to worry about downtown parking! Newly updated and ready for you to move right in!

**Listed at \$1,398,000**

*\*per county records*



**KIM COPHER**  
**(650) 917-7995**

kim.copher@cbnocal.com

www.justcallkim.com

CalBRE #01423875



## 6411 Canterbury Court San Jose 95129

Stunning Remodeled Home Close to Top Lynbrook High!

Nestled on a tree-lined street, this gorgeous (1,271 +/- sf) one story starter home has an open floor plan with custom finishes in exquisite detail, which includes 3 spacious bedrooms, including a generous master suite, family or great room and 2 designer baths on this lovely 5,940 +/- sf lot. Fantastic location for commutes and you can walk to nationally ranked schools and coveted Calabazas Park area!

Enjoy cooking in the bright custom kitchen with newer appliances, abundant oak solid cabinetry & open dining area & family room with views of the beautiful patio and newly landscaped yard. Ideal for entertaining!

Recent upgrades include gleaming hardwood flooring, paint inside and out, new electrical panel, furnace & WH, finished garage & new door, sun tube lighting, and beautiful mature & new landscaping! The home is located close to top Cupertino schools, Apple campus & all easy commutes. Perfect for a growing family or couple downsizing!

Top rated schools: Muir Elementary, Miller Middle & Lynbrook High!

**Offered at \$1,598,000**

**OPEN HOUSE SAT. & SUN., 1:30 - 4:30 pm**



## Your Neighborhood Specialist

Serving the neighborhoods  
of Mountain View and Los Altos.

Providing a 30-year Tradition  
of Experience and Superior  
Customer Service.

# LYNN NORTH



650.209.1562  
lnorth@apr.com

LynnNorth.com

BRE# 01490039

**LynnNorth.com**  
**www.6411Canterbury.com**

# EXPERIENCE A TROYER TRANSFORMATION™



Your home is where our heart is



**WE ALWAYS SAY**, how you live in your home and how it should be presented for sale are very different. Prospective buyers need to be able to see themselves living there. To create this environment, most homes need to be de-cluttered, cleaned, and staged. Some homes need to be refreshed with paint, new carpeting, and refinished floors, while others benefit from more major updates.

**IT'S ALL ABOUT RETURN ON INVESTMENT.** If a seller invests in these changes, it can mean a substantial increase in the sale price. We would be happy to tell you how these changes might impact your home sale! The home above sold in 7 days and for more than 20% over the list price.

To see more Troyer Transformation™ Before & After photos, visit [davidtroyer.com](http://davidtroyer.com)



DAVID TROYER Lic. #01234450

650.440.5076 | [DAVID@DAVIDTROYER.COM](mailto:DAVID@DAVIDTROYER.COM) | [DAVIDTROYER.COM](http://DAVIDTROYER.COM)

**INTERO**  
A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate



**Mountain View** | \$2,635,000

Welcome to this beautiful, impeccably-maintained three bedroom, three bath home in sought-after Waverly Park. Features include an updated eat-in kitchen with hardwood floors, a bay window, gas range, butler's pantry and wine fridge. The expansive master suite offers a walk-in closet and French doors leading to a private deck. The beautiful backyard features a kitchen and a fire pit.

Alan Huwe  
650.941.7040  
alan.huwe@cbsnorcal.com  
CalRE #01706555



**Menlo Park** | \$2,190,000

This magnificent four bedroom, two bath Menlo Heights home features hardwood flooring throughout a bright, open floorplan. A formal dining room sits adjacent to a comfy den with a second fireplace. An elegant gourmet kitchen includes custom maple cabinetry brightened with skylights. A brick patio and lush foliage line the home. Don't miss the chance to make this spectacular property your home!

Steed Ahn  
415.682.6666  
steed@steedahh.com  
CalRE #01860593



**Mountain View** | \$798,000

This beautiful two bedroom, one bath home is a serene oasis in the middle of Silicon Valley. Beautifully remodeled, it offers a balcony overlooking mature oak and maple trees. The kitchen features granite counters, stainless steel appliances and newer cabinets. There is a detached one-car garage, and the community offers a pool and clubhouse.

Naseem Faria  
650.325.6161  
naseem.faria@cbsnorcal.com  
CalRE #01809674