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Christina Yuen excitedly grabs her bowl of prepared ramen from Yo-Kai's autonomous restaurant in Pure Storage on Jan. 24.

Rise of the ramen bots

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS EMPLOYEES SLURP UP SOUP FROM VENDING MACHINE

By Mark Noack

As a self-professed ramen fan, Brandon Do has visited nearly all the noodle houses in downtown Mountain View. But his latest favorite spot to grab a hot bowl of ramen is sort of a secret, unlisted by Yelp, Google Maps

and similar sites. This place never has a long wait and it's consistently tasty, although you might say it lacks a human touch.

That's because this ramen spot is actually a vending machine at his company's kitchen. Last month, Do's employer Pure Storage installed

an automated ramen machine in its office kitchen to feed its hungry workers on the go.

The machine, a Yo-Kai Express, can produce a bowl of ramen that aims to rival any restaurant. At lunchtime last week, Do watched as his

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Big cuts coming for Mountain View schools

AMID WANING GROWTH, DISTRICT SEEKS TO SLASH \$3.6M IN ANNUAL SPENDING

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is looking to cut positions and drop programs as a means to scale back the size of the budget, which district leaders describe as unsustainable and a path to insolvency.

Recent years have been a boom time for Mountain View's schools and the envy of neighboring districts, with double-digit property tax growth fueling Mountain View Whisman's budget. In just two years, the district's annual revenue shot up from \$61.9 million to \$74.2 million, a nearly 20 percent increase.

But it also came with a huge spending spree that included big raises for both of the district's unions, special funds set aside for lower-performing schools, a complete revamp of middle school schedules and a "co-teaching" model intended to help kids with special needs. Barring any changes, the district is expecting anywhere from \$4.6 million to \$5.2 million in deficit spending each year through 2021.

Worse yet, those estimates don't include future raises for staff, nor do they take into account Bullis Mountain View, which is projected to divert up to \$3.4 million in annual funding from the district's future revenue. The charter school would draw away students and reduce staffing requirements at the district, but it's still expected to reduce the district's overall funds.

"That is an unsustainable path, and this is also part of the reason why we have to make adjustments," Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph told school board members at the Jan. 24 meeting.

Numerous programs, services and jobs are on the chopping block, with the goal of bringing down expenditures by \$3.6 million without having a direct and obvious effect on classroom education. Board members also made clear that programs aimed at helping at-risk students — particularly children from low-income families — needed to be preserved during the process.

Bus driver positions, maintenance staff, an accountant, a translator and an administrative secretary are all positions that were eliminated by the district's leadership in 2018. Under the district's current plan, fewer instructional coaches will serve the same number of classroom teachers, and the districtwide summer school program will be eliminated. Summer school provided 19 days of half-day instruction, which was hard on parent schedules and difficult to staff.

Rudolph made assurances that Theuerkauf and Castro elementary schools, which have a high number of low-income families, will still run a separate summer school program for high-needs elementary school students, and that other supplemental programs like Stretch To Kindergarten and the extended school year program won't be touched by the cuts. Cutting summer school is expected to save \$150,000 annually.

With the wide range of job consolidations and reductions on the way, Rudolph told board members he's hoping to avoid losing any district employees in the process, and that job titles and wages are hopefully the only things that change for the affected staffers.

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Rental housing committee considers tenant buyout rules

NEW RULES WOULD ALLOW LANDLORDS TO PAY RENTERS TO MOVE

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's Rental Housing Committee is investigating a new set of rules for landlords to "buy out" their tenants as a way to sever their leases. This new system would essentially allow apartment owners to pay renters to move out in order to quickly

bring rent-controlled units up to market rate.

Most California cities with rent control protections also have some type of formal rules for buyouts, according to city staff. In most cases, these cities require that landlords notify tenants of their rights in advance and provide about a month for a tenant to reconsider moving out.

In most cases, landlords are also required to submit documentation on any buyout deal to the city.

Anky van Deursen, who manages the city's rent control program, explained at a committee meeting Monday that her team saw the need for Mountain View

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

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Rosemary Rooks, Mountain View



“As a teacher in Silicon Valley, you see that use of technology and automation ... it shouldn’t take the place of the teacher, but technology is a good way for (students) to create, invent, have fun and really have that hands-on learning experience.”

Anette Norona, Menlo Park



“If it’s enhancing the learning experience, definitely incorporate it.”

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“More. That’s the future for our children, to learn about technology. The sooner they learn about it, the better. Teachers need to learn about it, too.”

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CRIME BRIEFS

PEDESTRIAN KILLED IN EL CAMINO REAL CRASH

A man died after being hit by a vehicle Monday night on El Camino Real, according to a statement released by the Mountain View Police Department.

The man, described as being in his 60s, was hit by a car heading west on El Camino near Yuba Drive around 8:49 p.m., police said. Early reports indicate the man may have stepped off the sidewalk and into the roadway. There is no crosswalk at that location.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene, despite first responders providing first aid and CPR, police said.

The driver of the vehicle remained at the scene and cooperated with investigators, police said.

Westbound lanes on El Camino between Highway 237 and Yuba Drive were closed for more than six hours while the fatal collision was being investigated. They were reopened at 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, police said.

The exact location of the collision was 150 E. El Camino Real, and witness statements claim the man walked into the roadway prior to the collision, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. It's unclear why he wandered into the road, Nelson said.

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office had not released the identity of the man as of Wednesday morning.

MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS ON CHILD PORN CHARGES

A Mountain View man was sentenced last week to more than 15 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to producing and distributing child pornography, according to federal prosecutors.

Grant Ridder, was arrested in 2017 following an investigation that linked him to an IP address that accessed a female minor's Facebook account without her consent and posted sexually explicit photographs of her using the account in 2013, according to a statement by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

BACK IN THE SADDLE

The nonprofit Silicon Valley Bike Exchange has moved into its new digs in Palo Alto. For years, the scrappy club of bicyclists and tinkerers had been operating out of a small garage space off Leghorn Street in Mountain View, which members used to fix up bikes for the poor. But it became impossible to stay at that location after the owner decided to sell the site, and members put out a plea for help finding a new home. In the end, Google came to the rescue, offering the club a temporary lease on a 6,000-square-foot space off Bayshore Road.

LASD board agrees to put Bullis at Loyola Elementary

By Kevin Forestieri

Los Altos School District board members unanimously agreed Monday night to place Bullis Charter School's "overflow" students on a third campus — Loyola Elementary School — due to a big increase in enrollment for the 2019-20 school year.

All five trustees reluctantly cast their votes, expressing frustration and disappointment that the district was forced

to find space for hundreds of additional Bullis students in such a short time frame. It was also a vote that left parents at the meeting visibly and audibly frustrated, many of whom insisted Bullis should remain at Blach and Egan junior high schools rather than encroach on the district's tight-knit neighborhood elementary schools.

But board members said their hands were tied, and arguing that state laws favoring charter

schools and lack of cooperation from Bullis' leadership were to blame.

"Fundamentally, BCS does not want to cooperate, and that's the root of the problem," said board member Vladimir Ivanovic.

In November, Bullis Charter School submitted to the district a request for facilities under the state's Proposition 39 law. Los Altos School District is

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VTA to start spending Measure B money

STATE COURT REJECTS MOUNTAIN VIEW ATTORNEY'S LAWSUIT

By Mark Noack

After more than two years of fending off legal challenges, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority can finally start spending money from the 2016 Measure B sales tax.

Last week, the California Supreme Court rejected a last-ditch effort to appeal the tax measure, which means that VTA

is now free to start putting its collected revenues toward a slate of transportation improvements. The agency has accumulated about \$360 million from the tax surcharge, which until now has been sitting in an escrow account.

The Measure B tax passed with about 71.2 percent approval from voters, but soon after the election the sales tax was challenged in

court. In his lawsuit, Mountain View attorney Gary Wesley alleged the measure was a "bait-and-switch" that promised voters it would adhere to a broad spending plan, but actually allowed the money to be shifted however VTA desired. As written, the measure needed to be rescinded because it fell short of

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New coalition plans to invest \$540M for affordable housing

By Kate Bradshaw

A coalition of businesses, philanthropies, housing advocates and community and faith leaders announced on Jan. 24 an ambitious plan to invest \$540 million over the next 18 years to preserve and build affordable housing and advocate for policies to protect and construct it in the Bay Area.

The coalition, which is being called "The Partnership for the Bay's Future," plans to raise and invest \$500 million in affordable housing and \$40 million to support policymaking aimed at boosting affordable housing and helping stem the wave of people being priced out of the Bay Area. It has so far raised about \$260 million for the investment fund and \$20 million for the policy fund. The group will focus its efforts in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The fund was announced at an event that included a panel discussion on the Bay Area housing problem at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, which was followed by a press conference.

Among the funders are the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, the San Francisco Foundation, the Ford Foundation, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), Facebook, Genentech, Kaiser Permanente, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

The investment fund will be managed by LISC, a national community development financial institution that has been working for about 40 years in the Bay Area. Its first action was to create a revolving line of credit for the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation to support six community development projects over the next five years.

Policy

According to a press statement, the policy fund, which will be headed by the San Francisco Foundation, will focus on strengthening low-income tenant protections as well as preserving

and expanding housing. The partnership plans to fund "challenge" grants — housing protection and preservation initiatives — and "breakthrough" grants, aimed at giving technical help to jurisdictions that want to develop affordable housing at scale.

Some of the policies will align with the CASA Compact, a regional set of housing-related policies recently established by a partnership convened by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

State Assemblyman David Chiu, who represents eastern San Francisco, said at the press conference that California has put dramatically less funding into housing since the state's redevelopment agency dissolved in 2012, generating a loss of about \$1.7 billion a year. New California Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed a budget that would put \$1.7 billion into housing the next fiscal year.

Newsom, in a press statement, praised the multi-sector, public-private approach to addressing the shortage of affordable housing, saying that it "will help move our state forward on one of the biggest issues we face."

Local origins

So how did this all come about? "It took the threat of a lawsuit," Jennifer Martinez said during a panel discussion on housing following Thursday's press conference. Martinez is the chief strategy officer for PICO California, a community organizing network, and was formerly part of Faith in Action.

She later told The Almanac that the preliminary talks for what would lead to the formation of the "Bay's Future" initiative began when a nonprofit coalition, Envision Transform Build-East Palo Alto, of which Faith in Action was a part, approached Facebook just after the city of Menlo Park approved a development proposal by the company to build two new office buildings and a hotel, in November 2016. During the time leading up to the development's approval, the group took steps that would

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School board agrees to put Bullis at Stevenson campus

By Kevin Forestieri

Calling it the best option in a bad situation, Mountain View Whisman school board members voted 4-1 on Jan. 24 to put Bullis Mountain View's new charter school at the old Stevenson Elementary School site.

Assuming the charter school accepts the offer in May, the new school would open this fall in a compact site shared with two other schools. While it's not an ideal arrangement and one that is sure to bring traffic headaches to the neighborhood, board members generally agreed that if the buildings were good enough for Stevenson up until last year, they're good enough for Bullis.

Bullis Charter School officials last year sought to expand the school's presence beyond its flagship campus in Los Altos, launching a new nonprofit called Bullis Mountain View with the goal of opening a school in the Mountain View Whisman district. The school district reluctantly approved the charter petition last month amid fears that the charter school would sap

district resources and draw away the affluent families that support the school district.

In following a strict timeline mandated by state law, the Mountain View Whisman School District has until Feb. 1 to make a preliminary offer for where to put the charter school, which must include "reasonably equivalent" facilities financed by the district. In keeping with the fast-paced process, trustees considered five options that ranged from reasonable to outlandish.

One option was to put Bullis in portable classrooms currently used for excess enrollment at Bubb, Huff and Landels elementary schools, which are located on blacktop space and were slated to be removed in the fall. If Bullis Mountain View couldn't fit in the portables at one of the schools, it would be split between multiple campuses.

Another option — which Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph admitted was untenable — was to hastily redraw attendance boundaries with an eye toward earmarking classroom space for charter school students. This

would essentially upend three years of planning for new school zones right in the middle of an open enrollment period, and Rudolph said he strongly recommended against what would amount to a "surprise" change of plans.

"Our community, after three years, is still struggling to embrace the boundaries, and we've had a long lead-in to this," Rudolph said. "So to change it within six months' time — I'm sure it would be an interesting situation for all of us."

The idea that won the day, which Rudolph backed and the board ultimately approved, was to plant Bullis at the old Stevenson site, which was recently vacated after the district's choice school moved into new facilities next door. District officials were originally hoping to use the old campus to create a consolidated preschool program serving district students, but Rudolph said he believes the change of plans would be the easiest and least disruptive way to give Bullis what's required under state law.

"This is not an ideal situation, we're playing the cards that we're dealt," Rudolph said. "And it is my goal to the Stevenson community that I help mitigate this impact as much as possible and that we find a way to make this solution viable."

Stevenson parents at the meeting reluctantly agreed with the assessment, telling board members they understand the difficult position the district is in. Stevenson's foundation chair, Jenn Pierson, said the magnet school is used to sharing school sites — having been neighbors to Theuerkauf Elementary for years, and Castro and Slater elementary schools before that — but there are some lingering concerns about traffic, safety, sharing of facilities and scheduling that need to be addressed.

With Theuerkauf, Stevenson, the district office and Bullis Mountain View all on one site, the roughly 17-acre campus is likely to get crowded, causing serious logistical problems. And that doesn't include the potential for Bullis to grow, and how the charter school might alter enrollment at both Stevenson and Theuerkauf.

"We ask that you consider the short and long-term impact this placement could have on both Stevenson and our neighbors and friends at Theuerkauf," Pierson said. "We support the district in making these tough decisions,

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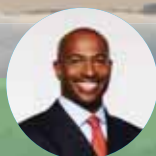
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required to provide facilities to charter school students living within the district but opt to attend Bullis, and that those facilities must be “reasonably equivalent” to what they’d have if enrolled at an LASD school.

The request states Bullis will grow to from 838 in-district students to 1,058 in fall 2019, and the district is obligated to give the charter school a facilities offer by Feb. 1. That leaves little time to analyze each option and solicit public feedback, and barely enough time to get state-approved school facilities up and operational before school begins in August, said Assistant Superintendent Randy Kenyon.

“That’s not a lot of time when you’re talking about bringing in school buildings,” Kenyon said.

The charter school’s enrollment spurt is part of a multi-year plan to increase Bullis to 1,200 students. Maintaining the status quo — essentially cramming extra portables on Egan and Blach — would cost much more for the district, and may not be possible beyond the 2019-20 school year, Kenyon said.

“I’m not sure there’s enough space at those two campuses to accommodate that kind of growth without severe overcrowding, and traffic would increase at two heavily impacted sites that are undergoing traffic issues,” he said.

Kenyon recommended placing Bullis students at Loyola Elementary as a first option, followed by Springer Elementary, both of which have seen a decline in enrollment in recent years and have excess classroom space. Enrollment data last year shows Loyola dropped from 526 students in 2014-15 to 404 students in 2018-19.

Parents showed up in full force at the meeting, held in the Covington Elementary multipurpose room, with an outsized presence from parents with kids attending Loyola and Springer elementary schools. Speakers consistently praised the district’s neighborhood school model and top-notch education at the schools, but said the board would be making a mistake by forcing any one school to carry the burden of housing Bullis.

Loyola parent Nina Hinrichs said the proposal would put hundreds of Bullis students on the campus, well exceeding the school’s peak enrollment and causing traffic problems in an area where safety is already a concern. It would be tough to

handle the 220 extra Bullis students in 2019, but subsequent growth would be untenable, she said.

“It would be near impossible for us to handle the estimated 150 additional BCS students over the next five years,” she said.

A Gardner Bullis parent said none of the elementary schools should have to share with the charter school, and said the stakes felt high for whichever school the board selected. Egan houses a large portion of Bullis, and the charter school’s “preferred” option in the Proposition 39 request was the exclusive use of the campus and displacement of Egan students. The worry among some parents was that Bullis may take over an existing school in the district, and Petit urged the district to keep Bullis at Egan and Blach.

“Do whatever you can, because in the long term none of these schools want to be disappearing,” she said.

Other parents felt the district staff’s presentation was misguided, focusing too much on criteria like costs and available classroom space while failing to take a deep dive into traffic data and potential burdens on existing school programs. Tensions ran high as trustees neared the vote, when frustrated members of the public shouted their concerns to the board.

Board member Bryan Johnson said his hope was to avoid the contentious decision altogether. Both Bullis and the district have been working on

a possible long-term agreement on facilities, including an enrollment cap for the charter school, but negotiations have been fruitless over the last 18 months, Johnson said. Absent any clarity on how big Bullis is going to get, Santa Rita, Loyola and Springer elementary schools seem like the only options that make sense, he said.

While some parents decried the process and criticized the district’s leaders for pitting school communities against one another, Ivanovic said their hands are tied, and Bullis’ rapid and unclear growth plans are to blame. He also pointed out that Proposition 39 largely guides the process, and that the law fails to take into account costs to the district or impacts on the school’s community.

“You have to get over it. BCS is going to take space from us and it’s going to be painful, and there’s nothing we can do about it — absolutely nothing we can do about it,” Ivanovic said.

Board member Steve Taglio said some of the speakers’ suggestions, including spreading Bullis out to several school sites instead of consolidating the school, are actually illegal under state law, and that putting charter school kids at a third school is already pushing it. And while bike accidents and traffic safety are of top concern for elementary schools, he said the highest number of collisions are already happening at the junior high schools, both of which are packed

with existing charter school students.

“The reality is trying to cram more into Blach and Egan even for the short term ... is really not viable for what we’re doing,” he said.

Johnson said a longer-term solution could involve reconfiguring Egan and Blach to make more space for Bullis to grow, but that simply can’t happen in time for this year’s Proposition 39 process, which requires a final offer by April 1. Taglio said it’s also possible for the preliminary offer to change and for Loyola to be spared, and tried to assure the crowd that a better option may reveal itself in the coming months. But with three days to go before the state-mandated deadline, Loyola seemed like the right choice.

“As much as I feel the pain from the Loyola community and it doesn’t feel great, it does make the most sense for the next year,” he said.

Roughly one-third of Bullis’ 1,058 enrolled students for next year live in the southern area of the district’s boundaries, where Loyola resides. Because the charter school accepts students from throughout the district, which includes portions of Mountain View and other

neighboring cities, the expectation is that most of the students will be driven to school, raising concerns about traffic.

While conceptual and almost guaranteed to change, district officials say the portable buildings on the western half of the campus abutting the blacktop space would be the best place to put the charter school. Loyola’s existing uses for the buildings would then be shifted to the eastern end of the campus, consolidating Bullis and Loyola into two separate spots. Parents urged the board to remember that those buildings include important school services, including the school’s library, STEM lab and before- and after-school care, and that they are not expendable.

Largely absent from the meeting was Bullis Charter School. None of the 27 people who spoke to the board did so on behalf the charter school or identified themselves as charter school parents. Bullis officials had scheduled a special board meeting on the same night, at the same time, for a single item on school accountability and a closed-session item on anticipated litigation. ▀

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CRIME BRIEFS

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Ridder also persuaded a second minor, between the ages of 12 and 15, to send sexually explicit photographs to his phone, which he used as a means to blackmail her for more images by threatening to post the pictures on a Russian website, according to the statement. He later uploaded the photos of the minor to a Russian-based website.

He also coerced a third victim, a 13-year-old girl, to send him nude images of herself, and later threatened to send those photos to her mother, investigators found.

Ridder was sentenced to 15 years and six months in federal prison, followed by 10 years of supervised release. He was not charged a fine nor restitution as part of the sentencing, though a restitution hearing is set for April 17.

Ridder pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography, one count of production of child pornography and one count of distribution of child pornography. The other seven counts Ridder faced in a federal grand jury indictment in May 2017, including coercion

and enticement of a minor and cyberstalking, were dropped as part of the sentence, according to a spokesman from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California.

WOMEN GROPED ON TRAIL

Mountain View police are asking for the public to keep a lookout for a man who reportedly groped women walking on Stevens Creek Trail twice last week.

The man is also suspected of stealing tobacco products at a Walgreens near the trail.

The first groping incident occurred on Jan. 21 around 9:30 a.m., police said. A 34-year-old Mountain View woman told police she was walking on the trail near Central Avenue when the man came up from behind and grabbed her before running away, heading northbound.

Police were later contacted by a second victim who said she was groped by a man with a similar description around 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 22. She told police she was traveling on the trail underneath Highway 85 when the man, riding a yellow bike, grabbed her from behind before riding away. A post on Nextdoor from the victim stated the man was riding a Google bike, and

that he groped her backside.

The man is also believed to be the same suspect in a shoplifting case, also on Jan. 22. Police received reports that a man with no shirt had entered the Walgreens at 121 E. El Camino Real and stolen nearly \$100 in tobacco products from the store, police said.

The suspect is described as a black man in his 20s, 5 feet, 6 inches tall with a thin build. During the first groping incident he was reportedly wearing a gray beanie and black pants, and in the second incident he was seen wearing a hat and black pants.

Police are asking anyone with information on the suspect to contact Detective Marco Garcia at marco.garcia@mountainview.gov.

TWO ARRESTED IN ELECTRONICS HEIST

Police arrested a man and a woman over the weekend for allegedly working together to steal electronics using what appeared to be a stolen credit card.

Officers were tipped off to a possible fraud in progress around 7:20 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Best Buy on Charleston

Road. The woman inside the store, identified as a 33-year-old Long Beach resident, was reportedly trying to buy a laptop using a credit card that belonged to a man, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

When asked to show her identification, the suspect backed off. Police later learned that she had allegedly purchased a digital camera worth more than \$1,000 prior to their arrival using a credit card that did not belong to her. She was located in the back of the store and detained.

After talking to the woman,

police suspected that a man outside, identified as a 30-year-old Mountain View resident, had been serving as a lookout in the parking lot during the heist. He was found and detained by officers, who found a brand new Microsoft laptop inside that had been purchased with a stolen credit card, Nelson said.

Both suspects were arrested on suspicion of several crimes, including theft of personal property, burglary, receiving stolen property and conspiracy to commit a crime.

—Kevin Forestieri

VTA

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state election code requirements, Wesley said.

In October, a state appellate court dismissed Wesley's suit, and he unsuccessfully tried to take the case one step higher to the state Supreme Court. With that appeal now rejected, Wesley is unable to press his case any further, and VTA is free to start spending the money.

VTA officials say their initial focus will be to distribute about \$80 million to cities for a variety of local street and roads improvements. The tax revenues

will be extremely important in the coming years for Mountain View and Palo Alto, as both cities expect to use it to help finance a series of expensive grade separation projects along the Caltrain corridor. The tax measure is also expected to immediately fund a series of pilot projects to reduce noise along Highway 85.

The Measure B sales tax puts a half-cent surcharge on most purchases in Santa Clara County. Over its 30-year lifespan, the tax is expected to raise about \$6.5 billion. More information on the Measure B spending plan can be found on the VTA website, vta.org/measure-b-2016.

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have paved the way for a lawsuit, such as pointing out problems with the project's environmental impact analysis.

Construction on the first of those two buildings was completed in September.

In December 2016, the group successfully negotiated an \$18.5 million contribution from Facebook dedicated to funding anti-displacement efforts, with \$10 million of that designated for East Palo Alto. Later, in August 2017, Facebook announced it would be working with LISC and that it aimed to generate \$75 million for affordable housing efforts in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

From there, Martinez said, others in the region began to imagine: "What if we could do a private-public approach to this?"

How to solve the housing crisis?

Local housing policy experts also expressed their opinions about the Bay Area housing problem in a panel discussion moderated by KQED's housing reporter Erica Aguilar. It featured Dr. Priscilla Chan, co-founder of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative; Pastor Paul Bains, co-founder of Project WeHOPE, a homeless shelter in East Palo Alto; Jennifer Martinez, chief strategy officer of PICO California; Fred Blackwell, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation; and Janet Chiang, president of Kaiser Permanente.

Blackwell is also a co-chair of CASA, the Committee to House the Bay Area. That committee, which convened leaders throughout the Bay Area to develop a housing policy, recently approved a "compact" laying out 10 policy recommendations aimed at addressing the shortage of affordable housing in the Bay Area and the displacement of vulnerable communities.

Among the proposed policies are to: establish a just cause



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Discussing the housing crisis, KQED housing reporter Erica Aguilar, right, moderates while panelists weigh in on how to make the Bay Area more affordable to live in. From left: Jennifer Martinez, chief strategy officer of PICO California; Pastor Paul Bains, co-founder of Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto; Dr. Priscilla Chan, founder and CEO of the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative; Fred Blackwell, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation; and Janet Liang, president of Kaiser Permanente, Northern California.

eviction policy and a rent cap; provide emergency rent help and access to legal counsel to people at risk of being displaced from Bay Area communities; eliminate onerous regulations for secondary backyard homes; require a "minimum" amount of zoning for housing near transit; speed the process by which housing gets approved; unlock public land for affordable housing development; and find methods and an organizational structure for funding and executing all of the above ideas.

Beyond the CASA Compact, though, other ideas were raised.

One suggestion, which The Bay's Future plans to support, is to encourage faith communities to use their land to develop affordable housing. Pastor Paul Bains, who is the co-founder of Project WeHOPE, a homeless shelter based in East Palo Alto, pointed out that, after governments and schools, churches are some of the largest landholders in the area.

The housing crisis has both racial roots and racial impacts, the panelists argued.

Of note, Blackwell emphasized that solving the housing crisis requires government support

and financial support from the public through tax reform. "Our system of taxation contributes to the concentration of wealth in this country," he said.

Reforming Proposition 13, taxing corporations or changing the incentives by which cities have come to favor kinds of development that generate tax revenue (such as commercial buildings and hotels) over those that drain it (like housing) may be worth considering.

One audience member asked about the possibility of a contribution like the one Microsoft recently announced: \$500 million to address housing problems in Seattle. Chan responded that "nobody here runs a tech company." She added that she believes tech companies are more open to talking about housing and wanting to address the problem than in years past.

Many Bay Area communities, Blackwell argued, also bear some blame for accumulating jobs while resisting housing construction "with absolutely no consequence. ... If I had a magic wand, I'd change that dynamic," he said. ▣

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board members said they think the buildings are just fine.

"I disagree ... that it's substandard," said board member Ellen Wheeler. "I think it's pretty darn good, comparatively to other schools and school districts in the county and the state. We're offering a pretty nice site."

Board member Devon Conley agreed that the former Stevenson site is adequate, noting that she had previously taught in those same classrooms, and that her concerns fall squarely on the "outsized" impact Bullis Mountain View could have

on Theuerkauf, particularly its enrollment and ability to attract families in the neighborhood.

"I think that the way that we have to address that, as a school district and as a board, is to make sure that Theuerkauf is fully competitive with Bullis," she said. "That we are offering a program that is attracting and retaining families in the neighborhood so that they are not opting to leave that neighborhood school."

Board member Jose Gutierrez cast the only vote in opposition, stating plainly that he rejected all the options. ▣



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however both of our schools have much to lose with two non-neighborhood schools in such close proximity."

In past years, parents, teachers and school board members have been quick to lament that Stevenson's facilities were inadequate — housed entirely in portables with undersized kindergarten classrooms and a small multipurpose room and library that didn't measure up to other district schools — but

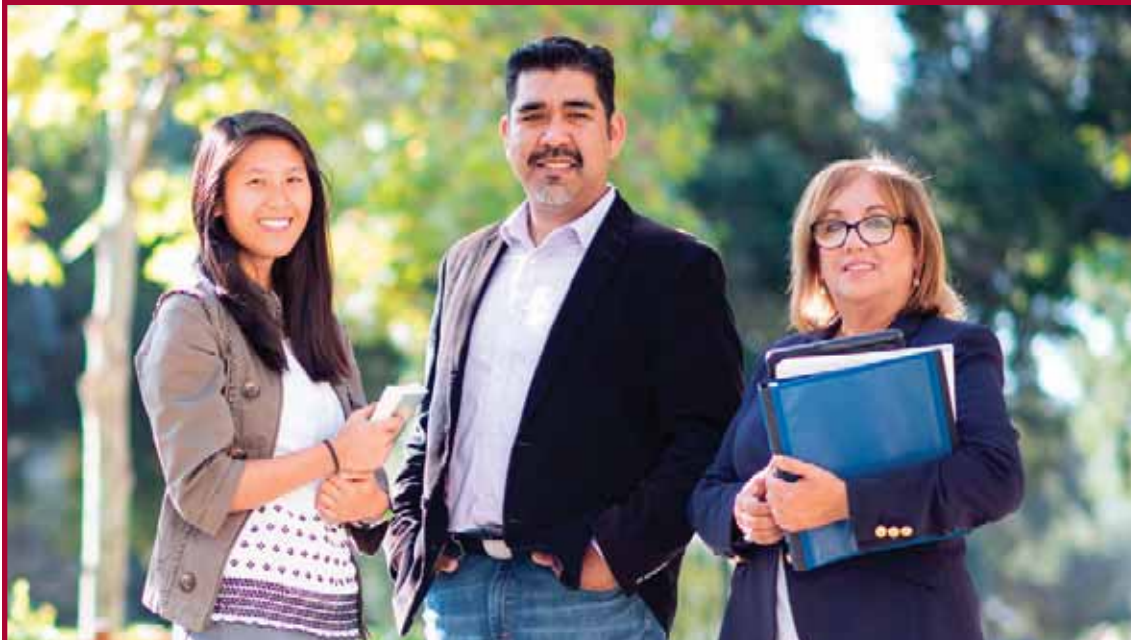
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RENTAL COMMITTEE

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to pass its own rules based on some projects to redevelop apartments dating back to around 2016. All the tenants at these properties apparently moved out, although it wasn't clear if the landlord had complied with the city's tenant relocation ordinance or if tenants were paid to leave.

Tenants would have to voluntarily agree to any buyout deal, and landlords would be prohibited from forcing renters to take money and move out.

The Rental Housing Committee members generally agreed that they should implement buyout rules, although they differed on the details. Newly appointed member Susyn Almond joined Emily Ramos in backing stricter buyout requirements, including city notification and a time window for tenants to rescind any deal.

The other three members favored a "lightweight" set of guidelines. Echoing his colleagues, committee member

Julian Pardo de Zela said the city should require that landlords notify tenants of their rights, but nothing else. Requiring landlords to submit this buyout information to the city would be unfair because any negotiated deal would become public information, allowing other tenants to see what a landlord had offered, he warned.

"We already created this massive regulatory framework in Mountain View, and it's a lot already for people to work with," he said. "A lot of people are already grappling with the regulations we have, so we don't need anything more."

City staffers said they would return with a variety of different regulatory options at a future meeting.

In related news, the Rental Housing Committee voted unanimously to appoint Matthew Grunewald as the new chairman through 2020. Ramos was appointed vice chair for the same term. ▣

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BUDGET

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"I can't guarantee that across the board, but it is definitely our hope and our goal that we keep everyone within the district employed in some type of way at this time," he said.

Although the goal was to leave programs for at-risk children out of the cuts, some special education staffing positions are being wiped away under the proposed changes. Ten so-called "roving" instructional assistant positions have already been eliminated, along with one of the three special education coordinator positions that was left vacant during a staffing shuffle.

Rudolph told the *Voice* that roving instructional assistants are essentially on-call substitutes for the district's workforce of instructional aides, who are integral for providing day-to-day assistance and support for students with special needs. Getting rid of substitute positions shouldn't have an effect on special needs students, he said, and the employees serving in a substitute role weren't laid off in the process.

As for getting rid of a special education coordinator, Rudolph said the special education department is "staffed pretty generously" and seems prepared to handle the extra workload.

"Three or four years ago we had maybe one coordinator, this year we had three,"

he said. "And our special ed department says that they can function with two."

Board members generally agreed with the cuts, but they won't be taking action formally accepting the reductions until later in the year when the 2019-20 budget is approved. Board member Devon Conley said she hopes the district won't have to fire any staff or take away anyone's benefits, which she said is a very painful process for teachers and their families.

"The more we can retain high-quality staff, the better impact we have on our students," she said.

Board member Ellen Wheeler praised the plan for keeping the fifth-grade science camp program and the annual field trip to Yosemite National Park, even though the trip may not have a clear value when focusing on test scores and academic achievement.

Barring any unforeseen changes in property tax growth, the reduction plan should bring down deficit spending for the 2019-20 school year from \$5.2 million to \$1.6 million. It's not exactly a balanced budget, but Rudolph said it's about as close as the district can get before it really starts to have ripple effects.

"We wanted to make sure none of the cuts were felt in the classroom," he said. ▣

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RAMEN BOTS

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coworkers stepped up to the machine, put in their orders on the touchscreen, and waited as the machine buzzed with the sounds of whirring motors and churning broth.

In 45 seconds, a little compartment opened up with a steaming bowl of noodles inside. After peeling back the plastic cover, the dish displayed all the hallmarks of ramen: chewy noodles, savory broth, nori, sliced pork and even fish cakes.

It's fair to say this Yo-Kai ramen machine is a far cry from the \$1 instant Cup Noodles, and it's priced accordingly. The latest selections include an \$11 black garlic tonkatsu, \$12 shrimp tempura, and a \$16 wagyu beef bowl.

The new Yo-Kai machine is already quite the popular lunchtime spot among the workforce. When it first debuted, the machine reportedly had dozens of employees queuing up for a taste. About every other day, the Pure Storage ramen machine needs to be restocked, and employees say its most popular flavors always seem to be running out.

Yes, the taste doesn't quite compare to a ramen bowl made the old-fashioned way (by humans), but Pure Storage employees regard it as a surprisingly good attempt. And on a busy workday, the convenience is unmatched, Do said.

"Being able to just order something and get it in 45 seconds? That's a huge benefit," Do said. "No one has the time to go out to eat at a place anymore, because they're too busy."

You might say the irony here is as thick as a rich miso broth. From Pure Storage's offices in downtown Mountain View, it's only a five-minute walk to get to four different Japanese ramen houses, not counting about a half-dozen nearby sushi restaurants that also serve noodle bowls. Yet Pure Storage company officials say their own engineering staff was requesting the ramen vending machine, and they were willing to give it a try.

The quaint comfort of brothy noodles appears to be the latest frontier in Silicon Valley's rush to automate every step of the food system. For tech employers in particular, the Yo-Kai ramen machines appear to have a growing following. Yo-Kai already has 11 ramen machines in the Bay Area, including two at Tesla's Fremont factory and another pair that soon will be installed at Netflix's Los Gatos headquarters.

In his pitch to corporate customers, Yo-Kai's founder Andy Lin says he highlights that his ramen machines are an easy

workaround to the cost and labor challenges of setting up a company cafeteria. With one machine, companies have an easy way to feed workers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he said.

"In the modern city, rents are going up like crazy and you can't find labor or chefs. But for us, all you need is just a power outlet and some maintenance staff," he said. "For the company, you don't have to waste time by having your employees going out to eat."

Lin met for an interview at his company's headquarters at the Plug and Play Tech Center in Sunnyvale. A trained electrical engineer, he worked for nearly a decade in the semiconductor industry before setting out on his own. His inspiration came in 2015 when he got off a 3 a.m. work call and was hungry for some hot soup, but the only nearby restaurant that was open was a Denny's. He began pondering why no one had invented an automated soup stand.

About six months later, Lin finished his first Yo-Kai Express prototype — a giant, unwieldy contraption about the size of a minivan. Since then his ramen-makers have gotten smaller and more refined. His fourth-generation machine is roughly the size of two refrigerators.

In Japan, it is relatively common to order ramen or udon from an automated kiosk. Yo-Kai's chief operations officer, Amanda Tsung, said that these devices are typically food-ticket stations where customers' orders are actually prepared in a back kitchen. She boasted that Yo-Kai is the first truly automated restaurant. The technology could easily be re-engineered to make rice bowls, risotto, paella or any number of other dishes, she said as Lin nodded along.

"All we have to do is engineer the process for each type of food to get it to restaurant quality," Lin said. "Any food can be automated, but it's just a matter of keeping it healthy and safe."

Naturally, many professional

ramen chefs would beg to differ. Clint Tan, owner of the ramen pop-up Noodle in a Haystack, disputed that a vending machine could get noodles cooked to the right consistency without bloating or thickening the broth.

"When they say their ramen is as good as any restaurant that could be true ... since there are a lot of mediocre and terrible restaurants that serve ramen using concentrate soup stock," Tan said. "But if you compared what these Yo-Kai machines serve versus a legitimate ramen shop, I would definitely disagree."

The idea of a vending machine is actually an incredibly old concept. The first such device is believed to have been invented roughly 2,000 years ago by the ancient mathematician Hero of Alexandria. His machine dispensed holy water when a coin was inserted into a slot. The technology didn't really take off until the 19th century, when vending machines were designed to sell tobacco, stamps, gumballs and beverages. Selling food — especially freshly prepared food — via a vending machine has always been a much more challenging proposition.

In that sense, the Yo-Kai ramen machine is riding a growing wave of companies that are applying automation to other popular dishes, although not necessarily to be sold out of a vending machine. For example, San Francisco-based Momentum Machines has produced an automatic cheeseburger maker that can churn out 360 sandwiches per hour. A recent National Restaurant Association Show also featured similar bots designed to produce sushi, french fries and salads. In Mountain View, Zume Pizza has an assembly line of robots designed to make a margarita pie just as good as a human chef.

Like Yo-Kai, these companies are convinced that labor demands will require the food

industry to adopt automation. Lin is secretive about exactly how his machine works, declining to let a *Voice* reporter take a peek inside. Most ingredients are prepared off-site and flash frozen, he said. When a customer makes an order, the machine quickly heats up the broth and cooks the rest of the meal.

Yo-Kai operates by charging companies \$250 a month to maintain a ramen machine on site, and also keeps the revenues from its food sales. Lin's company has been financed primarily by friends and family, but he expects it will soon begin taking in formal venture capital. Eyeing the future, he said he expected to someday have self-driving ramen food trucks and artificial intelligence algorithms to predict demand patterns.

"We're not a restaurant company, we're more of an internet of things company," he said.

Just a few blocks from the Pure

Storage headquarters and its Yo-Kai ramen-maker, the traditional sit-down noodle shop Ramen Izakaya Yu-Gen was preparing for the dinner rush. Owner Kotaro Komori said he had heard about the new ramen vending machine, but he still didn't have a chance to try it out.

He had plenty of questions: How did they avoid overcooking their noodles? Did every bowl taste exactly the same?

But his biggest question was what the big appeal is for customers. If it's a matter of convenience, his restaurant can make a bowl of ramen in two minutes, he said.

"(I thought that) customers attach special importance to the ambiance of a restaurant," he said. "If a customer just wants to eat a quick ramen bowl, there's some good Cup Noodles at the Japanese stores." ■

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■ RESTAURANT REVIEW



Passionate about pastries

MAISON ALYZÉE INSPIRES WITH AUTHENTIC FRENCH FARE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Story by Monica Schreiber
Photos by Magali Gauthier

Laurent Pellet says he interviewed more than 40 of France's most pedigreed pastry chefs in his quest to find three who were eager to trade Paris' grand boulevards for Mountain View's Castro Street, home to his 7-month-old Maison Alyzée.

In luring these young guns away from their Michelin-starred restaurants, his goal, he said, was to find partners who share his passion for pastry perfection.

"We want to bring to the Bay Area the most refined French pastries and food, crafted with the best European-style ingredients," the Menlo Park resident said. "Maison Alyzée is also about creating for our customers a sense of intimacy, elegance and style."

Named for his 4-year-old daughter, the

chic and sunny patisserie-boulangerie is indeed turning out gorgeous, authentic French pastries, creamy, dreamy works of culinary art. Maison Alyzée's Gallic breakfast and lunch standards—omelets, croques monsieurs, salads Nicoises and the like—rival anything I've enjoyed in France.

With chefs in place and ingredients, from flour to coffee, having been painstakingly sourced, the kitchen appears to have hit its stride. However, my three visits to Maison Alyzée would suggest that Pellet, a first-time restaurateur, is still working through some front-of-house challenges. During a phone interview, he admitted as much without my even asking. The former Sony executive, who also once ran a food distribution company in Eastern Europe, appears laser-focused on "building the

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Above: Pastry sous chef Xan Billiotte, owner Laurent Pellet and executive pastry chef Jean-Victor Bellaye in Maison Alyzée, which opened in downtown Mountain View last year. **Top:** Maison Alyzée's pink lady, which is a raspberry jam-filled choux pastry topped with pistachio cream.

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brand” and elevating the customer service at his order-at-the-counter establishment.

This passion feels evident when Pellet is the one proudly bringing your order to your table. A Friday afternoon lunch was delightful, with Pellet checking back to be sure we were happy with our selections and refilling water glasses. Crisp white walls, a rustic wood-and-tile floor, elegant pendant lights and pastries displayed like jewels behind the glass counter invited happy memories of la belle France.

My croque madame (\$15) was the full expression of France’s version of comfort food: smoked ham, gruyere and a luxurious mornay sauce enfolded in house-baked pain de mie, baked to the melting point and topped with a sunny side up egg. A lightly dressed, simple green salad was an appropriate counterpoint to this iconic and decadent sandwich (fork and knife required).

The Club Nordique (\$15), also served on pain de mie, was piled high with smoked salmon, cucumber, iceberg lettuce, hard-boiled egg, avocado mashed with chives and a slather of mayonnaise. At once crunchy and creamy, with the soft, sandwich

bread yielding gently to the teeth, the Nordique embodied everything that makes a sandwich satisfying.

The omelette Parisienne (\$13) was a pretty yellow pillow stuffed with mushrooms, Emmental cheese, ham, tomatoes, onion and fines herbes. The omelette also came with a green salad, but we thought a hunk of Maison Alyzée’s baguette (\$4), dark and crusty outside with a tender, slightly chewy interior, also would have made a nice addition to the plate.

Unfortunately, breakfast was less enjoyable on a moderately busy Friday morning. It wasn’t just me. I could see other patrons were experiencing the same issues — forgotten items, lukewarm coffee, un-bussed tables — most of which appeared to be the result of understaffing. I’m sympathetic, and I see the “help wanted” signs in virtually every window of every restaurant in the Bay Area. But at Maison Alyzée’s price point, and given Pellet’s vision for a best-of-France experience, one is inclined to point out a few missteps.

I ordered the Vendome breakfast (\$15.50) which comes with a choice of two viennoiseries (sweet breakfast breads), a specialty

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The bakery’s chocolate tart is made up of cocoa biscuit, dark chocolate ganache and chocolate mousse on a crunchy chocolate sable.

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coffee and a glass of orange juice. I selected a croissant (buttery, crispy layers of perfection) and a kougin amman, an extra-buttery, puff pastry from Brittany made slightly sweet with a crust of caramelized sugar. A good kougin amman makes a croissant seem like diet food in comparison. But no complaints here.

However, my orange juice was forgotten. We were initially brought the wrong coffees. The correct cups were eventually forthcoming, but my vanilla latte (\$5) was barely warm. Patrons had to crowd around a single menu displayed on the countertop, jostling for space to read the offerings. Tables remained dirty and the bathroom was not in an acceptable state, also the situation on a later visit when Maison Alyzée was

not at all busy.

I asked for jam to accompany my croissant (\$4.50) and was told it would be \$1.50 extra “because the jam is from France.” Mon dieu, if memory serves, a small terrine of jam would be standard issue in France when you order a croissant at a sit-down breakfast. My dining companion’s fruit salad (\$6.50) was 75 percent chopped pineapple covered with a handful of berries.

I bought some of the almost-too-pretty-to-eat pastries to take with me, and that lifted my spirits. The wheel-shaped Paris-Brest (\$10.50), named for a famous bicycle race between the two cities, has always been one of my favorite indulgences. Maison Alyzée’s was *magnifique*, a choux pastry filled almost five inches high with a praline cream that was nutty but not overly sweet, as too many American confections tend to be. I brought

a box of mille-feuilles (\$9.50) to a soiree with some French friends and asked for their opinion. Delicious, if a little “flat” was the verdict, and I have to agree. They were delightfully creamy and flaky, but lacking depth of flavor.

Despite some quibbles and the breakfast that was less than perfect, I appreciate Maison Alyzée’s spirit and Pellet’s enthusiasm for bringing not just French pastries but the full French experience to Mountain View. If you can create pastry art, you certainly can sort out a few service missteps. I have a lot of faith in Maison Alyzée. Bienvenue a Mountain View. ▣



Pastry assistant **Minako Armitage** rolls dough into croissants with pastry sous chef **Xan Billiotte** in Maison Alyzée’s kitchen.



Maison Alyzée serves Gallic breakfast and lunch dishes like omelets and croques monsieurs in addition to its pastry offerings.

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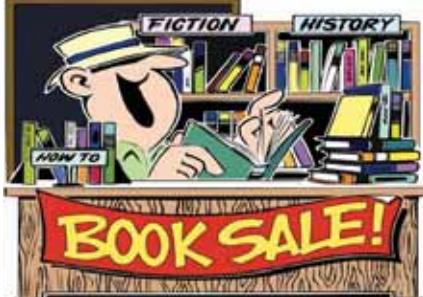
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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Another fine mess for 'Stan & Ollie'

STEVE COOGAN AND JOHN C. REILLY REVIVE A CLASSIC COMEDY TEAM

★★★ (Century 20)

Fame is a fickle mistress. The long-dead superstars of yesteryear mostly elicit blank stares today. Even within their lifetimes, most celebrities live long enough to see their stars dim and their careers fizzle. And so it is that many moviegoers today will have no reference point for Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy — a classic comedy team that drew crowds to 23 feature films (and 72 short films) between 1927 and 1951 — but that shouldn't stop them from checking out "Stan & Ollie," an affectionate tribute starring Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly.

"Stan & Ollie" focuses on the duo's tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland in the early 1950s during a time when their fame is in decline. Jeff Pope's script wisely begins by introducing beanpole Laurel (Coogan) and portly Hardy (Reilly) in their prime, on the set of 1937's "Way Out West." Friendly banter about their social lives and their contract negotiations with Hal Roach (Danny Huston) carry the pair in front

of the cameras, where they knock out a celebrated dance routine with professional aplomb. It's a precipitous drop to 1953, which finds the team playing live to dispiritingly small houses as Laurel attempts to will into existence another film project (a Robin Hood parody).

Director Jon S. Baird ("Filth") cultivates what's evident in the script and the leading performances: a deep respect for Laurel and Hardy as craftsmen and as flawed but caring individuals who made each other better. Even in the last days of his stardom, Laurel remains creatively fertile, constantly brainstorming new bits for the stage show and the prospective film, and bouncing them off his partner to keep Hardy's tenuous hope and verve alive as his health begins noticeably to decline. One has to wear down a lot of shoe leather to stay in the game, and not just hoofing it on the stage. Promotional appearances, though draining, prove the key to the sudden resurgence



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Steve Coogan, left, and John C. Reilly portray the comedy team Laurel and Hardy as the two attempt to reignite their film careers in "Stan & Ollie."

that makes Laurel and Hardy a hot ticket again.

Primarily, "Stan & Ollie" will appeal to comedy nerds, especially those with at least a passing familiarity with Laurel & Hardy (perhaps best known today for starring in 1934's "March of the Wooden Soldiers"). Coogan and Reilly convincingly channel their comedy counterparts (while aging themselves up by about a decade), with Reilly getting an assist from excellent prosthetics, hair, and makeup. The recreated routines are a joy to behold, but the actors also evince a soulful connection to their forebears when not under the lights. Pope's script understands that true comedians see comic potential everywhere they go, cracking jokes and conjuring bits to entertain their favorite audience: each other.

"Stan & Ollie" also introduces us to the

actors' respective spouses, Ida Kitaeva Laurel (Nina Arianda) and Lucille Hardy (Shirley Henderson), who visit their husbands on the road. There's tenderness there, along with a pressure to keep up appearances and maintain lifestyles, but clearly the most important marriage is between Stan and Ollie, who bicker like an old married couple but demonstrate an abiding platonic love, even a desperate emotional co-dependence. Pope labors a bit to create drama from what's essentially a gentle, wistful story of two artists together eking out a last hurrah, but there's a refreshing warmth to a family-friendly show business tale, one not about backbiting but about love — of craft, of spouses, of friends.

Rated PG for some language, and for smoking. One hour, 37 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

★★★ 1/2

"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 and obligations and choices, manifest in cruel gestures and devastating arguments. "Cold War" is a love story that turns bitter early and often, and is rewarding for those hardy enough to handle it. Rated R for some sexual content, nudity and language. One hour, 29 minutes. — P.C.

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'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

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. \$31-\$46. 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 kicks off the new year with 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. theatreworks.org/201819-season/201819-season/frostnixon/

'Family Secrets' Los Angeles-based Jewish Women's Theatre presents "Family Secrets,"

which explores youthful indiscretions, missteps, dishonest acts and naughty activities. Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$30, discounts for members and J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, Conference Room F401 (fourth floor above the theater), 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/jwtheatre

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

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. Free. Cafe Zoe, 1929 Menalto Ave., Menlo Park. cafezoe.com

An Evening with Moscow String Quartet Members and Pianist Mutsuko Dohi K Piano Music Foundation presents an evening of piano trio performances featuring members of Moscow Quartet and Mutsuko Dohi on piano. Each paid order includes a free child's ticket. Special \$49 ticket for two adults and one child. Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m. \$10-34, children at \$10, discounts for seniors and students. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Glen Phillips Glen Phillips, songwriter and frontman for Toad The Wet Sprocket, performs a solo set. Feb. 9, 7-11 p.m. \$30. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/live-music/2019/2/9/glen-phillips-at-red-rock-coffee

Leyla McCalla Cellist Leyla McCalla performs soulful music, influenced by traditional Creole, Cajun and Haitian music as well as American jazz and folk. Feb. 8, 7-8:30 p.m. \$10-\$40, discounts for students and employees. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu/calendar/february-2019/leyla-mccalla

Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee give 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. Monday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic/

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Piggy Parade Hidden Villa celebrates Chinese New Year with a piggy parade for the year of the pig. Attendees create Chinese New Year animal masks and listen to stories sharing the cultural significance of the pig. Feb. 3, 2-3:30 p.m. \$20. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/catalog/215-piggy-parade/region-HV/

TALKS & LECTURES

Alexandra Bracken and Tamara Ireland Stone Alexandra Bracken, author of the "Darkest Mind" series, and Tamara Ireland Stone, author of "Every Last Word," showcase their middle-grade sequels "The Last Life of Prince Alastor" and "Swap'd," respectively. RSVP requested. Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Barry Eisler Barry Eisler, author of the John Rain and Livia Lone series, shares his latest thriller, "The Killer Collective." RSVP requested. Feb. 7, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Devi S. Laskar Pushcart Prize nominee Devi S. Laskar shares her debut novel, "The Atlas of Reds and Blues," the inspired story of an American-born daughter of Bengali immigrants. Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/devi-s-laskar-books-inc-mountain-view

Gopi Kallayil: The Happy Human Gopi Kallayil, chief evangelist for brand marketing at Google, presents his book "The Happy Human: Being Real in an Artificially Intelligent World." Check-in begins at 6:30, all ticket sales final. Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. \$8-\$25, discounts for students at \$8 and members at \$15. Cubberley Community Theatre (near Montrose and Middlefield), 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Leigh Bardugo Fantasy-fiction author Leigh Bardugo, who recently published the novel "King of Scars," hosts a Q&A forum and book signing. A one-hour meet-up for fans of Bardugo's Grishaverse precedes her appearance. Feb. 5, 6-9 p.m. \$25, includes book. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Panel of Latina Leaders Los Altos History Museum, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy and Comerica Bank, will hold a panel discussion titled "Latina Business Leaders: Diverse Pathways to Success." Reception and special viewing of current museum exhibition available at 6:30 p.m. RSVP required. Feb. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Los Altos Library, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org/events/womens-entrepreneur-panel-latina-business-leaders-diverse-pathways-to-success/

Dave Newhouse Menlo Park native and author Dave Newhouse discusses his

new book, "The Incredible Slip Madigan: The Flamboyant Coach Who Modernized Football." Includes wine and light refreshments. Cash only. Feb. 7, 7-8 p.m. \$0-\$10, free for MOAH members. The Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. moah.org/calendar.html

Sara B. Hart Local author Sara B. Hart discusses "The Upside of Downsizing: Getting to Enough," her guide that focuses on the emotional side of downsizing one's life and offers advice on how to get to the point of sufficiency and satisfaction. Feb. 5, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/sara-hart-books-inc-palo-alto

Stegner Fellow Reading First-year Stegner Fellows in fiction and poetry, Neha Chaudhary-Kamdar and Jay Deshpande, read and discuss their work. Feb. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Levinthal Hall, Stanford Humanities Center, 424 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

Storytime with Nidhi Chanani Local illustrator and writer Nidhi Chanani shares her book "Shubh Raatri Dost / Good Night Friend," a children's bedtime tale written in Hindi language script, Romanized Hindi and English. Feb. 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 74 Town & Country Village, Palo Alto. booksinc.net/event/storytime-nidhi-chanani-books-inc-palo-alto

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/

Martin Ford Martin Ford shares his book "Rise of the Robots" and discusses the effects of accelerating technology on economic prospects. Feb. 9, 4-5 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. keplers.org/upcoming-events/

FAMILY

Animal Valentines Attendees can create a card to read to a chicken, pig, goat, sheep or cow at Hidden Villa. Program covered by entrance fee. Feb. 9, 10, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org/programs/catalog/207-animal-valentines/region-HV/

Family Science Night A showcase of favorite hands-on activities from Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo science programs. Attendees meet zoo animals, chat with JMZ science teachers and learn how to support elementary school science. Feb. 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo, 1451 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

Nature Hunt, Crafts and More Gamble Garden Director Richard Hayden and volunteer guides lead young explorers on a nature hunt around the property. Attendees enjoy nature crafts and guided tours. Registration required. Feb. 9, 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event/february-2019-second-saturday-nature-hunt-crafts/

West Bay Model Railroad Open House Attendees watch long passenger and freight trains running on two levels while club members answer questions. Donations appreciated. Feb. 9, 1-4 p.m. Free. South end of Menlo Park Caltain station, 1090 Merrill St., Menlo Park. wbmra.ning.com

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Alphabété: The World Through the Eyes of Frederic Bruly Bouabre A display of an original pictographic alphabet as well as brightly colored postcard-size

illustrations from contemporary African artist and poet Frederic Bruly Bouabre. Through Feb. 25, times vary. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions

Kahlil Joseph: BLKNWS Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, 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 considers how nature was depicted by American artists in landscapes, portraits and still lifes from the 1880s to 1910, an era of unprecedented industrialization and urban development. 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!' An exhibition showing a variety of antique toys that belonged to children in the past. 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

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

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

GALLERIES

'Thoughts of Summer' Viewpoints Gallery presents watercolor artist Debbie Bakker's collection "Thoughts of Summer," which features paintings of florals and succulents. Through 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

Michael Richards: 'Winged' An exhibition of sculptures and drawings dedicated to late artist Michael Richards, who died on Sept. 11, 2001, while working in his studio on the 92nd floor of the World Trade Center, Tower One. Through March 24; Tuesdays-Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Free. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. Search events.stanford.edu for more info.

FOOD & DRINK

Chocolate Tasting Workshop attendees participate in a blind tasting and learn about the history, production and global impact of chocolate, as well as different styles on the market and how to distinguish between new producers. Adults only. Feb. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. \$35-\$45, discount for members. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org/event/chocolate-tasting/

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