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Google plans for-sale homes in North Bayshore

NEW PLANS INCLUDE ABOUT 2,000 UNITS OF OWNERSHIP HOUSING

By Mark Noack

Want to own a home in Mountain View's North Bayshore? If things play out according to Google's plans, there could be about 2,000 new for-sale homes going up in the city's priciest area in the coming years.

A new promotional website charting Google's expansion plans reveals for the first time that the company aims to go heavy on ownership housing. Google is laying out the groundwork to build up to 6,600 new homes in North Bayshore, which up until now have been described as rental apartments. In the new materials, Google officials now indicate they intend for at least 30 percent of the housing to provide "ownership opportunities."

That turn of phrase will be music to the ears of Mountain View officials, who have promoted for-sale housing as a key component of the city's future residential growth. Google's development plans also include setting aside 20 percent as affordable housing, which if fully built would double the amount of subsidized housing

in Mountain View. It is not clear if this affordable housing will be excluded from the ownership portion.

The proposed housing comprises the lion's share of the 9,850 homes envisioned in the city's precise plan, approved about a year ago. The 6,600 homes would be focused in Shorebird and Joaquin, two new neighborhoods envisioned in the city's precise plan. Google first laid out its plans for building out these neighborhoods in a series of proposed master plans submitted to the city in December.

As part of building these neighborhoods, Google says it will provide 7.5 miles of new hiking and biking trails and up to 35 acres of public open space. If all goes according to plan, Google officials say they believe they can fully build 6,600 new homes in North Bayshore by 2030.

But plenty of components in the plan remain unresolved. To provide a school for children in the new neighborhoods, Google is offering the Mountain View Whisman School District a 3.5-acre site near San Antonio Road at Casey Avenue. The site is

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Dolores Huerta, a civil rights activist who co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Cesar Chavez, encourages students and parents at Graham Middle School on Tuesday to speak up for education.

Civil rights leader sets sights on childhood education

DOLORES HUERTA ADVOCATES FOR ACCOUNTABLE SCHOOL BOARDS, MORE EDUCATION FUNDING

By Kevin Forestieri

Dolores Huerta had a whole lot of advice for young Mountain View Whisman students looking to make a difference in the world.

Kids ought to fight to save the planet from climate change, encourage their parents to

reduce wasteful use of limited resources and quit polluting the planet. It's critical that they attend rallies, marches and important meetings that set public policy at a young age. Oh — and don't forget to study, too, she said.

That was the tenor of the keynote speech by the longtime

civil rights activist Tuesday night, as a full house of close to 400 parents and children skipped the State of the Union address to hear from Huerta at Graham Middle School. Although best known for her work with Cesar Chavez in

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New coding curriculum ahead for MV Whisman schools

DISTRICT RECEIVES \$100K FROM GOOGLE TO ROLL OUT COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASSES AT FOUR SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

Fueled by a \$100,000 grant from Google to introduce computer science into local classrooms, the Mountain View Whisman School District is preparing to launch an ambitious

coding curriculum that would reach 1,800 students.

District officials unveiled the plans last month to adopt the new program, called TechSmart, into four schools as a means to turn computer science into a regular, core subject. Two lessons

each week would be focused on coding, computational thinking and "algorithmic processes," each one with an adjustable level of difficulty depending on the student's proficiency.

The plan is to "pilot" the program at Theuerkauf and Castro elementary schools as well as Graham and Crittenden middle schools, for students in grades

three through eight — more than 1,800 students in all, according to a district staff report. The far-reaching scope of the grant and the length — a full year — exceeds what typically qualifies as a pilot for new instructional materials, but Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said it's needed in order to take advantage of the six-figure grant.

"This is a part of just understanding that this is not a usual grant or a usual pilot that comes to us," Rudolph said.

TechSmart CEO and founder Bruce Levin, speaking to Mountain View Whisman trustees on Jan. 24, touted the program as a "seamless progression" of rigorous courses designed to build computer science mastery from children as young as second grade through senior year of high

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Dan Kaiser, Mountain View



“If there is (a) more accessible ... entrance that I can take near my house or near my work location.”

Janice Huang, Cupertino



“Parking is (a) big issue because there’s always some kind of permit that’s very hard to get. (For Caltrain), the schedule is not frequent enough ... There’s not enough seats. Also, it got delayed all the time.”

Hedger Wang, Mountain View



“Transportation around here is good. It’s just that the bus fare is going up a lot.”

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CRIME BRIEFS

MAN SHOT IN CARJACKING

A tire store employee was shot and injured Saturday morning in a carjacking in Mountain View, police said.

Shortly before 11:30 a.m. Saturday, a man approached two employees at the America's Tire store on El Camino Real at the State Highway 237 interchange, and carjacked at gunpoint a sedan at the business.

The carjacker shot one of the tire store employee in the leg. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where police spokeswoman Katie Nelson said the victim was listed in stable condition Saturday night.

—Bay City News Service

ARREST IN LAPTOP THEFT

Police arrested a Martinez man last week after laptop-tracking software led officers to a suspect in the Waverly Park neighborhood who had a number of devices suspected of being stolen.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

KEN GRAHAM NAMED CEO OF MAYVIEW

After serving a stint as interim CEO during some of the clinic's most trying times, MayView Community Health Center announced last week that Ken Graham has accepted a permanent position as CEO.

Graham is the former CEO and president of El Camino Hospital, and spent four years in leadership positions at the The Queen's Health Systems in Hawaii before returning to the Bay Area in 2016. He took the interim job with MayView in January

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CORRECTION

In the Jan. 11 article "A balancing act" in the Weekend section, Robin Martin's email address was missing a letter. The correct address is robin@jointventure.org.

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Michaels at Shoreline, the city-owned restaurant at Shoreline Park, offers indoor and outdoor dining with a view of Shoreline Lake. The restaurant reopened last week under new ownership after being closed for about a month.

Michaels reopens amid changes

CITY HIRES NEW MANAGEMENT, WILL PAY FOR \$1.1M IN UPGRADES

By Mark Noack

Closed since the end of December, Michaels at Shoreline, the bar, restaurant and banquet space, reopened last week under a new deal between the city of Mountain View and Touchstone Golf, the firm that manages Shoreline Golf Links. Touchstone is taking over the restaurant from its prior owner, and the city will begin a \$1.1 million package of repairs and upgrades to the building.

Like the rest of Shoreline Park, Michaels at Shoreline is owned by Mountain View, but

the city does not have a hand in the day-to-day operations at the restaurant.

For the last 25 years, the city has leased out the restaurant to Ted and Carol Faravelli, and the couple was supposed to continue running the business through 2021. But city officials say the Faravellis notified them last year that they wanted to retire, and they asked if they could get out of the lease early. Technically, the lease contract didn't permit an early severance, but city officials say they wanted to find a way to make it work.

"We could have held their feet

to the fire, and not let them out of the lease," said Dennis Dremman, city real estate manager. "But that's not the way we play."

Through the year, the Faravellis started discussions with Touchstone representatives to see if they were interested in taking over the restaurant. It was described as a natural fit, since Touchstone manages numerous other dining establishments affiliated with golf courses. The company agreed to rehire all 32 employees at the restaurant.

But the deal with Touchstone

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Police blame court's database for lost records, putting officers at risk

By Mark Noack

A coalition of Santa Clara County police agencies is publicly blasting a new criminal records database, alleging a string of software glitches is putting officers' safety at risk and eroding confidence in the local justice system.

Describing the matter as a clear public danger, police officials say they are requesting the state

Auditor's Office to investigate why local court administrators installed a faulty database across the local justice system. The court records system at the center of the controversy is Odyssey, produced by the Texas-based company Tyler Technologies.

Police officials say the Odyssey system has failed to properly disclose "thousands" of records uploaded by court staff. Of

particular concern, bench warrants issued by judges are allegedly not appearing when police officers are running an identity check on suspects. This situation would leave officers unaware of a potentially dangerous suspect or fugitive during a traffic stop, said Paul Kelly, president of the San Jose Police Officers' Association.

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Bullis raises red flags over plan for three-way charter school split

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Charter School's board of directors raised a lot of concerns Monday night over the Los Altos School District's plan to split charter school students across three sites, further fracturing a school community that has long sought a single campus.

The plan, voted on by the district's board of trustees last week, called for Bullis Charter School's 2019-20 students to be housed in portable buildings divided between Egan Junior High School, Blach Intermediate School and Loyola Elementary School. Bullis Charter School is planning for an enrollment spurt over the next three years, and district board members concluded it was infeasible to house as many as 1,200 of its students on the junior high campuses.

School districts are required by law to provide facilities for charter school students who reside in the district under a process laid out in California's Proposition 39 law. It's been a source of contention between Los Altos School District and Bullis for years, prompting legal battles over what qualifies as "reasonably equivalent" facilities.

Echoing those past concerns, Bullis board member Andrea Eyring laid out a myriad of places where the district's facilities offer for the 2019-20 school year appears to fall short of the equity guaranteed under state law. At the Feb. 4 charter school board meeting, she pointed out that Bullis was allocated 960 square feet per classroom, a sort of bare-bones approach without regard for the larger kindergarten and middle-school classrooms typically available at other schools.

Other deficiencies cited by the charter school include a lack of so-called STEM rooms, which are available at Los Altos School District's elementary school sites but not for the charter school, and an under-allocation of space available for special education and flexible uses, she said. The newly added Bullis site, Loyola, doesn't include facilities for a computer lab, science room or art room, nor does it include

custodial space, storage space or a place to serve student meals, Eyring said.

But above all, Eyring said the district did not clearly demonstrate why the increased charter school enrollment couldn't be handled at Egan and Blach, without Loyola. She said the district has excess capacity on the school sites, claiming the combined enrollment across Egan and Blach will decline by between 157 and 199 students compared to "previous years." Adding a third site is disruptive to both district and Bullis families and requires redundant facilities.

"LASD can fully accommodate all the students at Egan and Blach," she said. "A third site is really unnecessary."

In coming up with the 199-student number, Bullis officials told the *Voice* they took the highest enrollment reached at Blach and Egan, which actually fell on separate years, and matched that combined amount against their own projections for junior high school enrollment for the 2019-20 school year. The actual delta between peak junior high enrollment and current enrollment is 98 students, according to state data.

Several parents at the meeting urged the charter school's leadership to find some kind of middle ground with the school district and reach a compromise on both facilities and future enrollment growth. Almond Elementary parent Jon Winny said he worries that Bullis' leadership is focused more on larger motives related to the charter school movement, rather than meeting the needs of the parents Bullis already has, some of whom are shocked and dismayed that the two parties are constantly embattled.

"Both sides are taking a willful position to bury their heads in the sand, throw bombs over the fence and wait for what comes back," he said.

Other parents laid more of the blame on Bullis, criticizing the charter school's opaque plans to expand its presence in Los Altos without an obvious place to put the extra students. Oak parent Tara Williamson said

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MICHAELS

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will be a different arrangement for the city. In taking over the restaurant, Touchstone will manage but not lease the property, which was previously being rented out for about \$10,000 a month. Under the new deal, the city will receive all the revenues from running Michaels, but the city will also be on the hook for all the restaurant's expenses. For the next months through June, city officials have budgeted \$825,000 to pay the restaurant's labor and upkeep costs.

In return for its management services, Touchstone will be paid \$9,000 a month if it meets its financial targets, with additional profit-sharing incentives for higher revenues.

Last year was a rocky time for Michaels in other ways. Nearly a year ago, the restaurant's front doors were destroyed as part of a smash-and-grab theft. Someone reportedly rammed a flatbed truck into the restaurant lobby to steal an ATM. Mountain View police officials could not immediately provide an update on their investigation.

Michaels was able to reopen relatively quickly, but city officials say it took about six months to fully repair the structural

damage caused by the burglary. Dremman acknowledged the crime probably caused a hit to the business for the year.

As part of the overhaul to the restaurant, city officials also acknowledged they should repair and upgrade the space in the hopes of attracting more business. These improvements would include new paint, carpet, landscaping and a new bar counter. The city will also be installing new equipment for stereo, internet and lighting, which officials believe will attract more corporate golf events and conferences.

Business at Michaels has already rebounded in one big way — weddings and corporate events. Since reopening on Jan. 24, the restaurant's banquet space has been fully booked, and it reportedly remains reserved through the end of February, Dremman said.

Touchstone officials laid out a plan to city officials to steadily grow the business at Michaels over the coming years.

"We're very excited to be operating this restaurant for the city of Mountain View," said Steve Janisch, general manager of Shoreline Golf Links. "We have a lot of plans to take this place to the next level." ▀

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OBITUARY

Patricia De La Ossa dies at 82

Longtime Mountain View resident Patricia Ann De La Ossa died on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the age of 82.

Born in Athens, Ohio, to Michael and Anna Mae Whalen on Jan. 12, 1937, De La Ossa spent the majority of her childhood in Point Pleasant, West Virginia. While working in the engineering secretary pool at the Sylvania Electric offices in Mountain View in 1961, she met a junior engineer named Pete De La Ossa. They married at St. Joseph's Church in August 1963 and raised five children in Mountain View.

De La Ossa worked in the career counseling department at Stanford University. With a

lifelong dedication to advocating for children and education, De La Ossa was a tireless parent volunteer, serving on committees and in leadership roles in the PTAs at Bubb Elementary and Graham Middle schools and helping out with the Awalt High School choir program. She also co-founded the Cuesta Park block parent program.

De La Ossa's family and friends remember her as a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother who had a feisty internal strength and strong belief in dedicating time and energy to building a strong community. She passed this value on to her children, who have each committed their adult lives to

becoming active community volunteers.

De La Ossa was preceded in death by her husband Pete. She is survived by sons Gregory (Michelle) De La Ossa, Joseph De La Ossa, Peter (Tina) De La Ossa, and Christopher (Isabel) De La Ossa; daughter Anna (Joseph) Torres; and grandchildren Austin De La Ossa, Brianne De La Ossa, Shelby De La Ossa, Nicholas De La Ossa, Kelsie De La Ossa, Ava De La Ossa, Lyla De La Ossa, John Lund, Steven Skavdahl, Alexander Torres, Anthony Torres and Gabrianna Torres.

Services were held Jan. 30 and 31.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to a charity benefiting children.

BULLIS

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Bullis' uncontrolled growth is of "great concern" to the whole district community, and that the school district needs some kind of agreed-upon cap on enrollment in order to reliably plan for the future. Loyola parent Nina Hinrichs said the charter school needs to be more publicly transparent about its growth plans, and that the disclosure that the school would expand from 900 students to 1,200 in just a few short years — first revealed to the district's hired demographer last year — wasn't adequate for planning facilities.

Bullis parent Jill Jene said the numbers shouldn't have come

as a total surprise, and that district leaders knew about the 1,200-student projection over the summer when considering what to do with a tenth school site in Mountain View. Jene said her worry is that the facilities provided by the school district could shortchange Bullis students, leaving them with less space to learn compared to the rest of the district. Compared to schools like Covington or Loyola, she said, there's a big equity gap for Bullis Charter School.

Linda Lukas, a manager at the Bullis campus at Blach Intermediate, said it's difficult to hear all the animosity in the district against Bullis, most of which she said is unwarranted, and that the further separation of the charter school

onto three campuses is unfair.

"I believe that as a public school — and we are a public school, that was started by public school parents — that we are all entitled to equal facilities," she said. "That no school should be forced to fragment themselves, because that is not good for the community or the students."

Few members of Bullis' board of directors weighed in after the comments, in part because of an upcoming closed-door negotiations with the school district scheduled for Feb. 5, the day after the board meeting. Bullis board chair Joe Hurd said the mediated discussions could bring both parties to a resolution outside of the Proposition 39 process, and that the charter school's leadership may be reticent to speak in order to avoid inflaming tensions.

Talks on a facilities agreement began over a year ago as leaders from both the district and the charter school attempted to craft a successor to the five-year facilities use agreement, which spelled out enrollment growth each year and shared use of facilities at both junior high schools from 2014 to 2019. The closed-door talks reportedly went nowhere fast, later relied on a mediator and had ceased at some point during 2018.

But the latest round of talks could be a glimmer of hope. In a joint message Wednesday morning, representatives from both the district and Bullis stated that the talks Tuesday were productive and that there can be some kind of resolution, "albeit with difficult compromises on both sides." The upcoming Proposition 39 deadlines have been extended by two weeks to focus on continued negotiations, according to the statement. ▀

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

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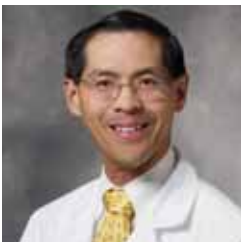
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Paul J. Wang, MD

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Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery (Adult Cardiac Surgery), Stanford University School of Medicine

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This event is free and open to the public, though seating is limited. If you plan to attend, please register at stanfordhealthcare.org/events or by calling **650.736.6555**.

Audrey Theresa Dragony Jehning

January 31, 1931 – January 28, 2019

Our beautiful, caring, and loving Audrey Theresa Jehning passed away peacefully on Monday, January 28, 2019. Her children and friends were by her side. What she loved most in life is having her family and friends at her home. She was an uplifting person that looked for the best in others.

She is survived by six children- Cindy, Bruce, Dale, Leslie, Kurt and Neil along with seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She loved the honor of being a mom, grandma and great grandma.

Audrey was born in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1949 she graduated from West High School in Cleveland. She was a national honor student.

After graduation, Audrey, her mom Elizabeth Ella and her dad Barney Martin Dragony moved to Redwood City, CA.

Audrey graduated from San Mateo Junior College and University of California- San Francisco in 1953 with a Bachelor's Degree- Science in Nursing.

While in college she met her soon to be husband, Albert Robert Jehning- who was in the Navy amphibious base in San Diego, CA. Due to a random phone call- the two met and dated. They fell in love quickly. They were married on May 16, 1953 at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redwood City, CA.

The couple lived in San Francisco for two years while Audrey worked as a Registered Nurse. Two of their six children were born in San Francisco. They moved to their final home in Mountain View, CA in November 1956. Due to the land being a former orchard- the yard had 13 prune trees, a lemon tree and later planted a peach tree and a cherry tree. Along came four more children and all eight people lived in the three-bedroom, two bath house on a cul-de-sac. There were life-long friendships made at this cozy court.

Audrey worked as a Registered Nurse Pediatrics at El Camino Hospital from 1961 until 1972. In 1972 Audrey and Al bought a family owned locksmith business in downtown Mountain View. After retiring from there, in 1982- Audrey opened "Gourmet Galley" in Sunnyvale. She got up at 5 a.m. each morning to prepare all the food from scratch. She was famous for her homemade soup and 'knots' which were rolls that were twisted individually to look like a knot.

Off to her next adventure- back to school where she studied Music at Hayward State (now Cal State East Bay). She was an accomplished singer- a soprano. She sang with Schola Cantorum at De Anza Community College. She also played the piano, the organ and played bells at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto.

Audrey and Al loved to play tennis and to watch tennis. Together at Cuesta Park they played mixed doubles against her brother Barney Dragony and his wife Carol for about twenty-five years. She took a liking to morning water exercise classes- at Eagle or Rengstorff pool. She was part of the Eagle Park Bathing Beauties: Annie, Betty, Catherine, Cherril, Dona, Doris, Esther, Erma, Eva, Fran, Jackie, Jean, Joy, Judy, Liana, Margaret,

Marybeth, Pauline, Peggy, Roxanne, Sachi, Shirley, Sussane, Valda, Vickie, Wilma AND Louis. This was a terrific group of friends that socialized in and out of the pool. Friends forever!!!

She taught piano lessons to people young and old. For years she volunteered to take blood pressure readings at Avenidas Adult Day Health Program in Palo Alto. During after school hours at local grade schools she helped students with English by reading to them and having them read to her.

Audrey loved to read. Once she started a good book- she could not put it down.

She loved the beach. They were lucky to own a condo at Pajaro Dunes for several years. Sitting in the chair facing the picture window that looked out on to the ocean was a favorite place for relaxation.

With their children they camped and drove across the country to visit family in Ohio and Connecticut. Audrey and Al traveled to: Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, and Switzerland. They took a cruise to Hawaii with Sandy and Oded and to Alaska with Dot and Andy.

Audrey loved to cook. Birthday cakes made to look like animals when her children were young and then later- seven-layer chocolate cake and delicious peach cobbler made with the peaches from the tree in the yard- with ice cream.

With such a great 'party' house she loved to have everyone over for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and wedding receptions. These events included great food and games- such as Pictionary, UNO, Scrabble and thanks to a pool in the backyard- summer months especially made this the place to be. For years Audrey and Al hosted an annual party and pot luck for the water exercise friends.

Like her mother, Audrey was a great seamstress. She used to sew jackets for her sons and dresses for her daughters. She also knit sweaters, vests and tiny outfits for her daughter's dolls.

She loved to garden. She planted vegetables including tomatoes and lettuce. She loved her gardenias and roses- just like her dad loved his roses!

Bringing their own brand of kindness to Audrey: Sandy- her best friend of 68 years- a loyal sister- friend; her children; Kathy- fellow nurse; Louis- bringing flowers weekly; Debbie- thoughtfully sending weekly cards with quotes of inspiration; Bobbi- reading to her each Tuesday; Pam and Shirley who loved her dearly; Gus- Sunday phone calls to check in; Lisa LS- providing speech improvement and friendship; Long, Ronnie, Amy- her physical therapists who adored her 'can do' spirit; Drs. at Zhu's Acupuncture; Dr. Jay- acupuncturist who helped with her pain management; Jay and Josh at Friendly Care who cared and made her laugh...

A birthday party and celebration of her life will be on Saturday, February 9, 2019. Memorial donations can be made to: UCSF or a charity of your choice.



GOOGLE

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located about 2 miles away from where most of the North Bay-shore residential development is planned.

The Mountain View Whisman School District is scheduled to discuss the proposed Casey Avenue site at a board meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7.

In addition, a conflict remains unresolved between Google and the development firm SyWest, which owns about 16 acres along the Shoreline Boulevard, near Highway 101. SyWest has

declined to partner with Google on building out the Joaquin neighborhood, and the firm submitted its own development plans to the city.

Google is publicizing its housing ambitions in anticipation of a Feb. 26 City Council meeting to review the precise plan. On Saturday, Feb. 9, the company will showcase its future plan for the public by hosting a walk through the future Shorebird neighborhood. Anyone interested can RSVP at goo.gl/PAFDDh. ■

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Albert Robert Jehning

September 3, 1929 – February 25, 2018

Albert Robert 'Al of Mountain View' Jehning died unexpectedly on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the age of 88 years young.

Surviving family to Al: his beautiful wife Audrey, their six children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Al was born on September 3, 1929 to Lucille Helen Hanzel and Gustove Jehning in Plainville, CT.

He was in the United States Navy starting with basic training in 1948 at Great Lakes, NTC, IL. After that he went to Korea to transport U.S. Army troops on the LST-1089 Tank Landing Ship.

Audrey and Al were married at the Church of our Lady of Mount Carmel in Redwood City on May 16, 1953.

After the Navy he built a pyramid of experience in different areas by attending Heald College of Engineering-Drafting, worked at Vicon CCTV, started at Varian Associates in Palo Alto in 1966 where he rode his gold Schwinn bicycle every day - rain or shine.

In 1972 Audrey and Al bought a family owned business - Mountain View Door Closer, Key and Lock service in 1972 in downtown. He remained the owner until 1999. After retiring Audrey and Al kept their passion for keys, antique locks, and safes by opening the 'The Jehning Family Lock Museum' in 2003. He was very proud to give tours at the museum where he enjoyed meeting people and hearing how far they traveled to visit.

He was "Mr. Downtown Mountain View," loved being in the downtown and always promoted downtown Mountain View.

He was an accomplished athlete in high school in pole vaulting, football and running. He ran numerous 10Ks and completed the Oakland marathon at age 56. He loved his tennis and he played doubles every weekend with Audrey for 25 years at Cuesta.

Al will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial donations can be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society or the Salvation Army.



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Sobrato couple donates \$5M to El Camino Hospital

By Kevin Forestieri

In one of the largest single philanthropic contributions in the hospital's history, El Camino Hospital announced last Wednesday that it had received \$5 million from John and Susan Sobrato.

The major donation was received in exchange for naming rights to the new medical office building currently under construction in the heart of the Mountain View campus, which is slated to open in the fall.

The couple holds leadership positions at the Sobrato Organization, a real estate developer with projects underway in downtown Mountain View and North Bayshore. The company's philanthropic arm, the Sobrato Family Foundation, touts having made 616 grants to Bay Area nonprofits totaling \$55 million.

The donation to the hospital was made to support El Camino's "continued development" as a state-of-the-art medical center to serve all residents in Silicon Valley and boost the population's health, according to a statement by John Sobrato.

"We recognize the significant contributions El Camino Hospital and its caring staff, doctors and volunteers have on the health of our community," John Sobrato said in a statement.

The seven-story, 265,000-square-foot medical office building will be named the Sobrato Pavilion, and will house both new and existing medical offices that, up until this point, have been spread out in places like the second floor of the Women's Hospital building.

The medical office building is the largest in a series of campus upgrades completed or underway, which will boost available parking, provide an upgraded facility for mental health services and essentially build out the campus to the limits set forth under the city's "El Camino Medical Park Precise Plan."

Although the Sobrato Family Foundation provides grants to a myriad of nonprofits, this particular donation comes from John and Susan Sobrato, according to hospital officials. The \$5 million donation is the second largest donation ever received by the hospital's foundation, and its uses will be restricted to the campus development construction project.

"We are extremely grateful to John and Susan for their transformational gift in support of El Camino Hospital," said Jodi Barnard, El Camino's foundation president. "As the building is completed, it will be a great honor to formally name the new structure after this respected and well-known family." ▣

HUERTA

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co-founding the National Farm Workers Association (formerly the United Farm Workers) in the 1960s and fighting for the rights of migrant workers in California, she remains active.

She and her foundation have taken a particular interest in making sure the state's schools receive enough funding to compete with the rest of the country, and that school boards and district administrators are spending money appropriately and engaging the broader community, regardless of income, language and ethnicity.

What that looks like in practice is an intimate, grassroots effort to organize parents at the local level, meeting in families' homes to talk about how the education system and disciplinary system works in the U.S. Many immigrant families take a hands-off approach to education and opt not to interfere with teachers, she said, but parents need to get involved to make sure their children are represented.

"We need the parents to also be there to support the teachers, and to help them," she said. "The parents have a big responsibility to make sure the students get all the help that they need."

Taking a passive approach to childhood education could mean missing out on resources. Huerta pointed out that California's framework for education funding sets aside extra money for students who don't speak English or come from low-income families, but the money isn't always spent for those purposes by local school boards. The process is supposed to include families from all walks of life in a community engagement process, but that doesn't always happen, she said.

When asked by Crittenden student Sofia Munoz Cruz about her foundation's work, Huerta said they recently discovered one school district in the Central Valley had an absurdly high rate of suspensions and expulsions

that appeared to disproportionately target African American and Latino students. The foundation took part in a lawsuit against the district, which ultimately ended in a settlement in 2017.

Huerta repeatedly emphasized to parents that education is the foundation of a functional democracy, and that an uneducated and uneducated public will inevitably lead to a society run by the powerful, the greedy and the corrupt. Similar to organizing farmworkers, she said families need to make their voices heard through public demonstrations, but it needs to lead to real results — voting in the right people and getting the right legislation passed. She mentioned her recent participation in the teacher strikes last month in the Los Angeles Unified School District, where teachers reported getting stuck with classes of 40 students, which led to a historic deal aimed at class size reductions, raises and other improvements.

"We the people have the power to make the changes, and the things that we're talking about — passing the laws — that's what we did," she said. "We did the marching, we did the strikes, but ultimately we passed the laws."

Huerta's talk was part of the Mountain View Whisman School District's ongoing series of events called the Mountain View Parent University, which provides parenting- and school-focused workshops in both English and Spanish — along with child care and transportation — to families in the district. While Huerta focused on the importance of education and parent involvement, her rich history as a community organizer for labor rights was hard to leave out.

While Chavez was working with the Community Services Organization in San Jose in the 1960s, Huerta said she was busy working with the same organization in Stockton fighting to make it legal for green card holders to access public

assistance, including disability and health care benefits that today reach 15 million people. She said she helped successfully push legislation extending unemployment insurance to farmworkers through the state Legislature three times — only to have it vetoed by then-Gov. Ronald Reagan — and it took a change in leadership under Jerry Brown in the 1970s to finally get it signed into law.

More recently, she said the state won a big victory in Proposition 30, which boosted state funding for schools and was extended in 2016 through Proposition 55. The next frontier, she said, is scaling back Proposition 13 protections for commercial and industrial properties under a voter initiative called the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act, which is expected to be on the ballot in 2020. The bill could bring as much as \$11 billion in extra funding for education, she said.

"We're at the bottom of all of the states in the amount of money that we spend for every student, that we spend in our school system, and that is wrong," she said. "We all have to work very hard that we make sure to pass those initiatives."

Closing out the evening was a chant of Huerta and Chavez's most well-known slogan, "si se puede," which was later adopted in English as "yes we can" for former President Barack Obama's campaign in 2008. She recalled how she was fighting to rally Latino support in Arizona against a law that jailed farmworkers on strike, and how it was difficult to get the so-called "professional Latinos," like attorneys, to join in. They would tell her they couldn't do that — no se puede — but she refused to take no for an answer.

"They would say you can do that (protest) in California, but you can't do that in Arizona — no se puede — and I would say yes you can! Si se puede!" she said. ▣

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VTA plans service cuts

By Mark Noack

Some bus routes serving Mountain View could be reduced or eliminated as part of a new service plan proposed by the Valley Transportation Authority. The transit agency held a special meeting in Mountain View on Wednesday evening, at the Voice's press deadline, to gauge public reaction to the plan.

Public comments are being accepted until Feb. 28 and may be submitted online at newtransitplan.vta.org.

Among the modifications, VTA would eliminate Express Route 185, which runs from the Gilroy Transit Center to Mountain View's North Bayshore, due to low ridership. The route had about 45 riders per weekday on

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ODYSSEY

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"On behalf of every law enforcement association in Santa Clara County, I want to express my outrage at the Superior Court administration," Kelly said. "We're in danger because of a flawed court management system."

In a statement on Friday, Jan. 25, the Santa Clara County Superior Court administration emphatically denied the existence of any software glitch behind the problems, although they acknowledged they had

a backlog for uploading some records.

"A systemic change such as this through all case types is difficult for all involved, including process and cultural changes," the court statement explained. "The court has worked to address and resolve all critical issues raised."

The Odyssey system is used in about 25 local court systems across California as well as countless others in other states. Locally, the most widely reported problems are in Alameda County, where public defenders have said the system is to blame for false arrests, extended jail stays

and suspects being falsely tagged as sex offenders.

Reached for comment, Tyler Technologies representatives described the complaints as nothing new, and they pointed to prior responses issued last year. In Alameda County, Tyler officials say the faulty record-keeping was due to a heedlessly quick timeline demanded by the county. As of last year, Alameda County is in the process of severing its civil courts from the Odyssey system.

In 2014, Santa Clara County signed a deal to integrate the Odyssey system as part of a

joint contract with Napa and Monterey counties. The full contract includes a \$2.1 million in software license fees and an additional \$440,000 in annual maintenance costs. The contract also stipulates an additional \$3.3 million in professional services, of which Santa Clara County was obligated to pay \$2.2 million.

For about three years, the Santa Clara County Superior Court has used the Odyssey software for civil, family law, juvenile and probate cases. The system was adopted for criminal cases in November.

Officials from several police

officers' associations in Santa Clara County say they discovered the extent of the Odyssey system's problems late last month. Court records uploaded by clerical staff were disappearing in the database system, they claimed. At one point, the number of records lost due to software errors totaled more than 17,000, Kelly said. He now believes that number has been reduced, but still remains significant.

Kelly urged the county to return to its older police records database. ▣

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CODING

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school. It starts with simplified “block” coding and gradually transitions into syntactical lines of code, with a focus on the coding language Python in middle school.

But the secret to success, Levin said, is really in the program’s focus on teachers, who need to go beyond just being a classroom monitor and facilitator — they too need to learn to code. TechSmart essentially creates a new computer science department for the district, along with a teacher training “bootcamp” that transforms teachers into coding instructors.

“Our focus is really on teachers,” he said. “How do you take a teacher of any background and give them rigorous professional development, give them tools, support, curriculum to enable them to teach computer science with the fidelity and the confidence of a software engineer? That’s what we’re trying to do.”

Levin did not respond to multiple requests from the *Voice* for an interview over the course of two weeks. He launched the Seattle-based company in 2012, and the TechSmart curriculum has since been picked up by more than 30 school districts, primarily in California and Washington. Although the pilot has yet to begin, Mountain View Whisman is already listed on the company’s website as a partner.

The earliest mention of TechSmart from the district came late last year, when it was announced that the Mountain View Education Foundation received the one-time \$100,000 grant from Google to provide coding to students in Mountain View. Mountain View Whisman chose to partner with TechSmart to make use of the available funding, according to the December press release.

The decision to launch the program at Castro and Theuerkauf is twofold, Rudolph said. The principals and teachers at both schools largely agreed to pilot TechSmart and were willing participants, and it benefits children at the schools with the highest concentration of low-income and minority students, who might otherwise miss out on extracurricular STEM activities.

Local tech companies, whom are seen as potential partners for future funding of the program, also have an interest in boosting diversity in the field computer science.

“Here are two schools that have our highest population of Latino students, and it’s a great opportunity to expose them to things other schools within our district already have through parent volunteers and through after-school

programs,” he said.

The district has a policy for adopting new curriculum that includes convening what it calls a Pilot Assessment and Review Committee, or PARC, which gives teachers, parents and community members a chance to review the curriculum and weigh in on adopting the program. The process was created in 2017 as a direct response to Teach To One, an expensive digital math program that was implemented in 2016 without board approval and was largely criticized by parents as a flawed program that skirted or outright violated the norms of testing new curricula. District officials responded to the outcry by dropping the program five months into its implementation.

But district officials say TechSmart is a “supplemental” program and therefore does not require a PARC, exempting it from the process. Core curriculum changes to math, English language arts and science require a full review of the materials and involvement from the community, but the “add-on” of coding activities don’t require the same level of scrutiny. The board doesn’t even need to approve the program, but it will still come back to the board next month for a vote, district officials said.

Rudolph told board members that lessons learned from Teach to One are still in effect as the district looks to adopt TechSmart. Funding and community buy-in was sought long before rolling out the program, which is why the coding exercises won’t begin until fall 2019.

“In any other circumstance you get the grant, you start preparing and a couple months later you’re already into it,” Rudolph said. “And they (TechSmart) have been patient with us to know that the earliest we can start is next year, and part of that is because of our process.”

The TechSmart presentation gave lofty promises of how coding lessons would be woven into all subjects, including the arts, and Levin specifically flagged coding in core academic subjects as an important part of the program. But it was unclear how these goals would be achieved.

When asked twice by board member Ellen Wheeler to give an example of how coding could be used in either language arts or social studies, Levin did not directly answer the question, instead stating that the exercises are mapped to national standards including Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards. When pressed a third time, Levin said he would need to follow up with her at a later time.

The same question was asked by trustees ahead of the meeting in a staff Q&A, but again was not answered. District officials



COURTESY OF BARB JAARSMASMA

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

A double rainbow soars over Mountain View on Monday. *Voice* reader Barb Jaarsma says she took this photo from behind the old DMV building across from Walmart.

said that “content areas are built into the TechSmart platform,” and that a future platform demonstration will help the district “better understand the complete program.”

Also of concern is what would be lost in order to accommodate TechSmart. When asked in the Q&A what would be supplanted by the 30- to 45-minute coding lessons, district officials said each school would need to figure out how to fit the lessons into the schedule. Middle school will likely implement TechSmart as an elective class, Rudolph said at the board meeting.

Although Castro principal Terri Lambert and Theuerkauf principal Swati Dagar told trustees that teachers at both schools are on board with the decision to pilot TechSmart, it’s unclear how much of a time commitment it will take for teachers to prepare for the launch of the program. Assistant Superintendent Cathy Baur said a combination of end-of-year and summer days will likely be devoted to professional development — with compensation — but she said she did not know how many days would need to be devoted to the program’s “teacher training

bootcamp.”

Assuming the pilot goes well, Rudolph said the intent is to continue to seek funding from tech companies as a means to expand TechSmart to more schools in the district.

“We have a unique opportunity to try it out for a year and it’s our hope that, if it goes well through this piloting process, that through additional funding from some tech companies in our neighborhood we will be able to continue this and move it out to other schools too,” he said. ▣

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END OF AN ERA

Mountain View lost longtime resident Audrey Jehning last week. For more than 60 years, Jehning resided in Mountain View with her husband, Albert, who died last year. For much of that time, the couple operated the downtown locksmith shop on Castro Street. The couple's love for locks, tumblers and keys led to a collection they put on display at their own private museum — the Jehning Family Lock Museum of Mountain View — next door to their locksmith shop. The locksmith business is still in the family, but the museum's future is unknown; family members declined to return calls by the Voice's deadline.



MAGALI GAUTHIER

VTA

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average, according to VTA data from last year.

On the other side of the spectrum, VTA is also proposing reductions to Route 22. This 24-hour, seven-day-a-week bus line is known as the “Hotel 22” because homeless people often ride it continuously through the night, using it as a safe place to sleep. This route goes from Eastridge Transit Center in San Jose up to Palo Alto, running mostly along El Camino Real.

Route 22 has the highest ridership of all the bus lines in Santa Clara County with about 9,740 riders on an average weekday. The proposed VTA changes would eliminate Route 22 service from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. on all days

of the week.

VTA officials say about 40 to 45 people use Route 22 as a shelter between these hours. VTA officials say providing service during these early-morning hours is costly because it requires drivers, dispatch staff and security at the transit centers. Normally those labor costs are spread out between all the bus routes throughout the county, VTA spokeswoman Holly Perez told the Voice.

“We are certainly aware of the impact that this proposal could have on homeless riders and those who may rely on this service as transportation to get to and from work,” Perez said. “While we recognize that members of our community have used our buses as a safe haven, the cities and county

play a critical role in tackling homelessness.”

Other changes include reductions to Route 81, which runs from downtown San Jose to Moffett Field. That bus line will no longer make a special detour on weekday afternoons to pick up students at St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Despite the cuts, VTA officials say they will improve service levels on some highly trafficked bus lines. For example, the Rapid 522 express line that runs along El Camino Real, could see improved frequency, with buses arriving every 15 minutes during commute hours.

A full list proposed changes can be found on the VTA website newtransitplan.vta.org. ▣

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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2018 following reports that the nonprofit was in financial straits and hemorrhaging staff.

Since then, the network of three clinics — with locations in Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale — has reportedly rebounded. Under Graham's leadership, MayView underwent a “rebuilding year” with an eye towards better salaries and working conditions for physicians along with shaping up for accreditations and license recertifications that shows MayView meets all the requirements to be a Federal Qualified Health Center.

The dire finances and staff turnover threatened to shutter one of the three clinic locations, which would've been a blow for thousands of patients. A majority of those served by MayView are either on Medi-Cal or are uninsured, and the largest share of the patients reside in Mountain View. The health center is also largely seen as the successor to Mountain View's RotaCare clinic, which closed down in 2016 and diverted patients to MayView.

Graham told the Voice in December that he was technically pulled out of retirement by taking on his role as

Interim CEO. His decision to stick around in the permanent leadership role is a “significant development” for the clinic and the community, according to a statement by MayView officials, who credit him for doubling the medical staff while maintaining “superb financial performance.”

“We look forward to remarkable success as we expand our presence within the not for profit health care sector,” according to the statement.

POT BUSINESSES LINE UP TO OPEN IN CITY

Ten cannabis businesses have filed applications seeking to open up shop in Mountain View, most of them in the last moments leading up to the Feb. 1 deadline.

Last year the city adopted a framework for a total of four businesses selling cannabis products to be allowed in the city's limits. Two of those businesses can be traditional storefront locations, while two must be “non-storefront,” meaning they can operate in the city but cannot make retail sales on location.

The application process ran from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1, the first part of a lengthy review and approval process. Since there

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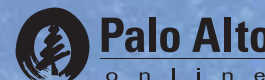
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are 10 applicants, a lottery will be held to pick which four businesses move forward.

Details in the applications, including addresses, businesses names and proposed building and site modifications, were not immediately available for public review. When asked by the *Voice* for details on the applicants, city officials disclosed the name of one business — Northern Erudite Ventures, which seeks to open a business on 278 Castro St.

Soon after the Adult Use of Marijuana Act passed in 2016, Mountain View City Council members made clear that they were willing to allow at least a few businesses to open in the city, voting on the zoning and permitting framework for the nascent industry in October. Neighboring cities have sought a permanent ban on pot businesses.

Although none of the applicants have been cleared to move forward — that process will take place in the coming months — Mountain View voters set the groundwork to make sure the city's future pot businesses pay local taxes. A 9 percent tax on all cannabis sales passed with more than 80 percent of the vote last November.

—Kevin Forestieri

HUD FUNDING TO HELP HOMELESS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on Jan. 26 awarded nearly \$149 million for 193 previously funded homeless assistance programs in the nine-county Bay Area.

The funds provided through HUD's Continuum of Care Program total \$381 million for 694 local programs in California.

San Jose, Santa Clara and Santa Clara County received \$38.4 million for 27 projects. San Francisco received \$40.7 million for 53 homeless projects, while Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda County received \$33.5 million for 38 projects.

Other Bay Area awards include \$15 million given to Richmond and Contra Costa County for 19 projects; \$11.4 million to Daly City and San Mateo County for 15 projects; \$4 million to Marin County for nine projects; \$3.4 million to Santa Rosa, Petaluma and Sonoma County for 14 projects; \$1.1 million to Vallejo and Solano County for 11 projects; and \$718,000 to Napa and Napa County for seven projects.

HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs awarded the funds immediately after the reopening of the federal government Friday, Jan. 25.

Continuum of Care funding supports interventions to assist homeless individuals and families living in areas not meant for habitation or who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

HUD has called for a shift in funds from underperforming projects to new ones that are based on the best practices to prevent and end homelessness.

HUD serves more than a million people a year through emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing programs, HUD's San Francisco Regional Office spokesman Eduardo Cabrera said.

In December, local communities reported homelessness in the country remained largely unchanged in 2018, with nearly 553,000 people enduring homelessness on a single night in 2018.

On Wednesday, Jan. 30, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa counties conducted their homeless counts.

The number of homeless veterans across the country has declined 5.4 percent since January 2017 and by 49 percent since 2010, HUD officials said.

VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT HOMELESS CENSUS

About 500 people gathered in Palo Alto and other cities within Santa Clara County last

week to conduct the biennial point-in-time count of homeless individuals.

The data is used to determine how much money the county needs to end a homelessness crisis in the region, and is organized by the county Office of Supportive Housing.

Continuum of Care manager Kathryn Kaminski said between 300 and 400 volunteers this year were joined by 100 guides, or individuals who work with homeless populations or have been recently homeless.

The count began at 4 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 29 and 30, in San Jose, Palo Alto, Gilroy and Mountain View. It's held early in the morning to include individuals in shelters before they are released for the day, and to ensure there isn't too much movement in and out of encampments.

Mayor Sam Liccardo attended the point-in-time count in San Jose and said the volunteer-based program is a vital census tool for determining resources throughout the year. According to Liccardo, law enforcement agencies stopped encampment sweeps in the recent weeks to ensure an accurate count.

"I'm grateful to the hundreds of volunteers who woke up before dawn to join us in this morning's biennial homeless count,"

Liccardo said in a Facebook post last Tuesday.

In late December, community members held a vigil for 157 homeless individuals who died in the county over the previous year. The numbers have steadily risen over the last decade, along with the homeless population. The 2017 point-in-time count found 7,394 unsheltered and sheltered homeless individuals.

This year's count will be combined with results from 900 surveys distributed by guides in the following weeks. The survey includes questions regarding how an individual became homeless, how long they've been living on the streets and the challenges they face in various settings.

Kaminski said the survey typically has a high response rate because it is distributed by paid volunteers who are either members of the homeless community, or those who conduct year-round outreach.

"They're already building those relationships," Kaminski said. "They're not just random volunteers who are doing the surveys."

The county will spend the next several months analyzing the data, ensuring there is no double-counting and will present the final report in late June.

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COURTESY OF MICHAEL CRAIG/PEAR THEATRE

Michelle Skinner and Tasi Alabastro (center) are flanked by coffee shop patrons **Tonya Duncan** and **Gwendolyn Wagner** in Pear Theatre's "Spending the End of the World on OK Cupid."

An OK 'Cupid'

PEAR PLAY PONDERES INTERNET DATING AT THE END OF THE WORLD

By Karla Kane

How would you spend your last 12 hours on Earth? With your loved ones, many of us would likely answer. But what if a mysterious "vanishing" event took away half the world's population, including your family, the day before? In local playwright Jeffrey Lo's "Spending the End of the World on OK Cupid," on stage now at the Pear Theatre, a 10-person cast of left-behind characters turn to the dating website OkCupid.com in a last-ditch attempt to form some new human connections before it's too late.

It's an engaging premise and a sometimes-engaging play, which could use some editing to sharpen its script and muster greater insights.

Theater Review

Framing the plot is the inexplicable "vanishing," which was correctly predicted by a bellowing prophet called Alfred Winters (Keith Larson). Enraged that no one believed his previous warning that many would disappear suddenly (although it's unclear why they would), he's making the media circuit repeating his rage-filled speech to any outlet that will have him, reiterating that the world will end at midnight.

The play was first commissioned by Ohlone College, where it was performed in 2016. At the time of its creation, OkCupid.com allowed users to take anonymous screen names, something

it no longer does, apparently. So, we get characters going by humorous monikers including AreYouMyMother, WarriorsGirl30 (Samantha Ricci), MsChanandlerBong (Michael Weiland) and more.

Two lead characters quickly do share their real identities and decide to meet up in person: Ben (Tasi Alabastro) and Caitlyn (Michelle Skinner). He's an outgoing bon vivant who wants to check items off his bucket list (plans range from setting off fireworks to getting a tattoo to "making a difference"). She's a nervous and mousy poet who dreams of sharing her work at an open mic and finds herself drawn to Ben's positive energy even as she's reluctant to trust him.

Ben and Caitlyn set off on an evening's worth of adventures, such as trying the exclusive \$20 cup of coffee that baristas customize personally to each customer's tastes (but generally recommend black). The line of surly coffee snobs, all decked out in similar knit caps, is one of the show's best visual gags. As they roam the town, Ben and Caitlyn also get to know each other, cramming what might normally be a long series of online conversations and casual dates into a quick-forming meaningful bond.

WarriorsGirl30 and MsChanandlerBong take it slower. He is eager to meet but she's (initially) insistent that they keep it confined to virtual chats.

Surrounding the vignettes depicting the interactions of the two main couples are interspersed snippets of many others reciting their OkCupid profiles, some poignant and sad, some comical.

Some characters appear only once, while others pop up repeatedly, such as television host Sage Cruz (Ivette Deltoro), who struggles to prioritize her family over her career. Director Michael Champlin gamely takes on the role of burger chef Louie, who, along with his sulky son Lou (Filip Hofman), encounters Ben and Caitlyn during Ben's quest to eat the fabled "Louie's 10-star burger," a "secret item on the secret menu" that no one has ever before been able to finish.

A nitpick: One wonders, firstly, why would "Louie's 10-star burger" be a secret item at a place literally called "Louie's 10-star?" Secondly, the burger in question turns out to just be 10 regular cheeseburgers stacked upon each other, with no "secret" or interesting ingredients, so it's hard to see why that would be worth

spending some of Ben's precious remaining hours on. Or perhaps that's the point? Maybe he just likes the challenge.

The fairly bland set and production design does the show few favors (photos from the original Ohlone production seem to suggest a much more visually compelling endeavor), although Megan Souther's lighting design is effective. Champlin, in the dual role of director and restaurateur, proves an entertaining host and perks things up before and between acts. And I have yet to see Alabastro give a performance that was less than delightful. His Ben is no exception: a schlubby, exasperating-but-charming soul with whom hijinks and smiles seem guaranteed. When he gormlessly breaks Caitlyn's fragile trust, it really, if briefly, hurts.

The idea of exploring how people present themselves online, as well as how they'd seek to spend the end of the world, is a good one. The results in this show are hit and miss, though, with too much repetition and ideas not developed deeply or far enough. Lo is a talented writer and worth paying attention to. In the case of Pear's "Spending the End of the World on OK Cupid," the show has potential but, like many an internet-dating experience, fails to fully click. ▣

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INFORMATION

What: "Spending the End of the World on OK Cupid."

Where: Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View.

When: Through Feb. 17, Thursday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.

Cost: \$28-\$32.

Info: Go to thepear.org.

CRIME BRIEFS

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The initial report came from a Menlo Park resident, who told Mountain View police that a laptop was stolen from a business near El Camino Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 31. The resident had enabled tracking of the device and told police the laptop was pinging at the 2700 block of Pavo Lane, located off of Grant Road near the Los Altos border, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The Menlo Park resident met

an officer in the area and spotted a vehicle with "obscured windows" close to where the laptop was pinging, Nelson said. The man inside appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and refused to answer questions about the laptop. He was detained and the laptop was recovered, along with "additional" laptops that did not belong to the suspect, Nelson said.

Drug paraphernalia was also located in the vehicle, as well as a "tan substance," according to police.

While being transported in the police car, the suspect allegedly kicked the plexiglass separating the front of the car, causing damage. He was arrested on suspicion of burglary, vandalism and possession of stolen property. He is also suspected of drug possession and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

BOTTLE-SWINGING SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 27-year-old Palo Alto man accused of being unruly inside a Mountain View Kohl's before

swinging a bottle of alcohol at a security guard was arrested last week, according to police.

A member of the store's security staff told police that the man was verbally harassing employees and customers inside the store on the 300 block of Showers Drive during the afternoon on Jan. 22.

The man eventually left the store, only to fall asleep outside along the side of the building. When asked to leave, the suspect began swearing at the security staffer, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The suspect reportedly swung a bottle of alcohol "a handful of times" at the store's security guard and also spat on him, Nelson said.

The man had left the area by the time officers arrived, but was located at an apartment complex on the 400 block of Del Medio Avenue, a few blocks away from the shopping center.

The man was identified as the suspect and was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon and battery.

— Kevin Forestieri

■ FOOD FEATURE



Nothing but BABKA

STORY BY ELENA KADVANY | PHOTOS BY VERONICA WEBER

Ayélet Nuchi opened a bakery offering babka with fillings that include, from left, raspberry-cheese, cinnamon, halva and chocolate.

AYÉLET NUCHI TURNS HER CRAVING FOR FILLED, SWEET SWIRLED LOAVES INTO A NEW BAKERY

Babka was so ubiquitous during Ayélet Nuchi's childhood in Tel Aviv — in her mother's kitchen, on the shabbat table, at any Jewish celebration or event — that she almost took the pastry for granted.

Then, in 2000, she moved to the United States. Good babka was nowhere to be found, she said. She craved homemade, quality babka; procuring some from her favorite Tel Aviv bakery was always her first stop after landing at the airport for visits home.

In December, she opened Babka by Ayélet, a dedicated babka bakery at Town & Country Village in Palo Alto that pays homage to the tastes and traditions of her homeland, with her own twists.

Nuchi wasn't always a baker. She started baking out of boredom in a kitchen in

New York City. Alone for her first Christmas in the United States, she started flipping through her roommate's copy of Rose Levy Beranbaum's "The Pie and Pastry Bible" and decided to tackle tarts. She said she was "obsessed" with tarts, particularly one from a now-closed SoHo bakery made from chocolate ganache with pears and almonds on top. She recreated that tart, then brownies (another obsession of hers to this day) and was overtaken by a baking bug.

In 2002, Nuchi attended the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. She was constantly baking, sharing her goods with anyone who would take them — at baby showers, weddings, birthdays — which eventually grew into a catering



Ayélet Nuchi sits in her recently opened bakery, Babka by Ayélet, in Palo Alto..

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Babka, as spelled out by decorations on the wall (top photo), is the starring attraction at Babka by Ayélet at Town & Country Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

BABKA

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company. Her most popular item was always babka.

Nuchi's babka incorporates different sources of inspiration. She adds vanilla bean and orange zest to the dough, like her mother did, and has a heavier hand with butter than is traditional, like her favorite Tel Aviv bakery does. Her raspberry-cheese babka is inspired by a French clafoutis. She also riffs on the classic flavors, like adding homemade apricot jam and walnuts to the cinnamon babka.

Nuchi takes pride in a babka that is indulgently moist and cake-like, unlike the dry and crumbly more traditional

version. She lets her butter-laden dough — a combination of challah and babka dough — rest overnight in a refrigerator for at least eight hours. She also brushes the top of the finished babka with a sugar-water glaze to add even more moisture.

On a recent morning, Nuchi took out a large, rectangular tray of rested dough and methodically rolled it out until it was thin enough to her liking. The thinner the dough, the more layers there will be — one of the markers of a good babka, she believes. When you slice into a loaf of chocolate babka, for example, there should be ample swirls of chocolate throughout — it shouldn't be mostly dough with a small

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Chocolate swirls through buttery babka dough topped with a sugar glaze.

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Ayélet Nuchi sprinkles chocolate chips over Nutella filling on Feb. 5.



Babka dough filled with Nutella chocolate-hazelnut spread and chocolate chips is carefully rolled.



Ayélet Nuchi forms the twisted lengths of dough into babka at her Palo Alto bakery.

amount of chocolate, she said.

For the raspberry-cheese babka, Nuchi spread a mixture of creme fraiche, yogurt and cream cheese over the dough, sprinkled raspberries on top and then rolled it and cut it in half. She crossed the long stretches of dough over each other in an “X” shape and then twisted the dough onto itself several times to create more layers.

To keep up with demand — the bakery sells out daily by 2 p.m. — Nuchi has switched to making fewer flavors of small, single-serving babka (\$6 each) and taking special orders for full-sized loaves (\$25 each). Babka by Ayélet sells chocolate, cinnamon, Nutella, raspberry-cheese and halva babka (using halva from Tel Aviv). Daily specials have recently included blackberry-almond and pistachio-strawberry. Chocolate is the most popular flavor, followed closely by halva,

which Nuchi said surprised her.

While Nuchi is going to sell her babka at Four Barrel cafes and The Mill in San Francisco (she serves Four Barrel coffee at the bakery), expansion is not a priority. She turns her nose up at the thought of selling her babka to grocery stores because of its short shelf-life.

A large commercial mixer sits unused in a corner of the bakery’s small, open kitchen. After some early batches of dough came out tasting differently, she abandoned it in favor of two stand mixers, like the ones she’s used at home for years.

Dozens of times throughout the day, customers of all ages, from 8 to 107 years old, tell her that her babka “reminds me of my grandma.”

That, Nuchi says, is the ultimate compliment. ■

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Public Notices

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997 All Other Legals

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Case No.: 18PR184288
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■ MOVIE OPENINGS

Another brick in the wall

'LEGO MOVIE 2' BORDERS ON SAME FUN, WACKY, META JOKERY OF THE ORIGINAL

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

First things first: If you have a kid who loved "The Lego Movie," it's certain they'll like "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part." And not just because kids like most any movie you put in front of them. Care has gone into making this sequel a worthy direct follow-up to the 2014 film that kicked off Lego as a film franchise.

"The Lego Movie" creators Phil Lord and Christopher Miller return as producers and screenwriters (with a story assist from Matthew Fogel), and their ingenuity and witty DNA goes a long way to establishing a satisfying, stylish continuity for this sequel. Mike Mitchell ("Shrek Forever After," "Sky High") is the newly installed director.

The sequel continues the manic barrage of gags, running gags, pop culture references and meta jokery with a crack-comic cast. Chris Pratt continues to humorously undercut traditional heroism as loveably dopey Master Builder Emmet Brickowski, while Elizabeth Banks' Master Builder Lucy (a.k.a. "dark goth rebel" Wyldstyle) tries to keep him focused on reality. Reality makes for a slippery concept in this "Matrix"-inspired world (with unspoken apologies to

"Toy Story"), where the Legos are all toys in the home of two kids (Jadon Sand and Brooklynn Prince) being raised by Will Ferrell and (it turns out) Maya Rudolph.

As far as Emmet and Lucy know, Bricksburg has taken a bad turn to Apocalypseburg ever since "adorably destructive" DUPLO blocks arrived from outer space and began warring with the Lego people. Yes, it's all still an unapologetic feature-long advertisement for toys, but let's be honest — what isn't these days? The humorously self-serious Lego Batman (Will Arnett) is still in the picture, as are Master Builders Benny (Charlie Day), Princess Unikitty (Alison Brie), and MetalBeard (Nick Offerman). New on the scene is Queen Watevra Wa-Nabi (Tiffany Haddish) of the outer space Syster ("sister") System.

This "sister" system provides the backdrop for the larger workings of the plot, which proposes a sibling rivalry crisis between a big brother and his little sister that threatens to force Mom's hand and send all of the toys, Lego and DUPLO alike, into permanent storage, also known as toy oblivion. The higher-level



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The Lego people in Bricksburg find themselves at war with the DUPLO invaders from outer space in "The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part."

relatable human story gives extra heart to what's otherwise mostly a wackiness machine, but Lord and Miller also sneak in commentary on not giving up in bleak times that's relatable to the adults in the room. A major plot point involving a mysterious Snake Plissken-esque doppelganger to Emmet not only gives Pratt's performance a fun new dimension, but it forces a conversation about the ability to change

and the wisdom to know when to stay true to one's character.

So while adults will probably find somewhat diminishing returns in "The Second Part," its cheeky variations on all the constructions that worked so well the first time also work pretty darn well, and to a good end. That includes another delightful score by Mark Mothersbaugh and songs by Jon Lajoie (an end-credits collaboration between

Beck and The Lonely Island constitutes its own hilarious — and visually impressive — short film). Everything's not quite as "awesome" as it used to be, but the lyrics to "Catchy Song" are true on their face and as a comment on the movie that contains them: "This song's gonna get stuck inside your head."

Rated PG for some rude humor. One hour, 46 minutes.

— Peter Canavese

■ NOW SHOWING

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Cold Pursuit (R) Century 16: Fri.-Sun.
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Cold War (R) ★★1/2
Aquarius Theatre: Fri.-Sun. Century 20: Fri.-Sun.
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The Favourite (R) Century 20: Fri.-Sun.
Palo Alto Square: Fri.-Sun.
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Glass (PG-13)
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■ HIGHLIGHT

'THE GOOD DOCTOR'

The city of Mountain View's Performing Arts Committee presents the 2019 High School One-Act Play Festival, bringing professionally-produced vignettes directed by and starring students from playwright Neil Simon's musical "The Good Doctor." Through Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com/

THEATER

'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 Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.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 Theater, 1110 La Avenida, Mountain View. thepear.org

'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. theatrworks.org

'Babe the Sheep Pig' Peninsula Youth Theater presents "Babe the Sheep Pig," based on the book by Dick King Smith. Tickets and pre-visit guide available online. Feb. 15-16, various times. Final Sunday show will be an autism/sensory friendly performance. \$10. Peninsula Youth Theater, 2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View. pytnet.org/boxoffice/babe-the-sheep-pig/

'A Little Night Music' Lamplighters Music Theater presents "A Little Night Music," a story of three couples and their romantic machinations. Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, times vary. \$26-\$56; discounts for seniors, students, groups. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. lamplighters.org/productions-2018-2019/little-night-music/

CONCERTS

Azure Family Concert: Omer Quartet Stanford University's St. Lawrence String Quartet presents an Azure concert featuring the Omer Quartet. Waistlist requests can be sent to info.autismfunbayarea@gmail.com. Feb. 16, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall at Braun Music Center, 541 Lasuen Mall, Palo Alto. Search brownpapertickets.com for more information.

Ben Simon & the SF Chamber Orchestra All-Star String Trio SF Chamber Orchestra music director and violist Ben Simon joins his colleagues, concertmaster Kay Stern and principal cellist Hannah Addario-Berry, for an evening of music featuring Mozart's "Divertimento K. 563." Feb. 12, 7:30-9 p.m. \$25-\$35, discount for students. The Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. tickettailor.com/events/thewomansclubofpaloalto

MUSIC

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 pianist Mutsuko Dohi. Each order includes a free child's ticket. \$49 for two adults and one child. Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m. \$10-34, discounts for children, seniors and students. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more information.

Glen Phillips Glen Phillips, songwriter and front-man for rock band Toad the Wet Sprocket, performs a solo set. Feb. 9, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$30. Red Rock Coffee, 201

Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/calendar/

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 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. Feb. 11, 7 p.m. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org/open-mic/

'Arctic Souls' Palo Alto Philharmonic performs with guest conductor Lara Webber and cellist Evan Kahn. Pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 16, 8-10 p.m. \$10-\$22 discounts for seniors and students. Cubberley Theater, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paphil.org/performances/2019/2/16/arctic-souls

Verdi's 'I due Foscari' West Bay Opera presents a fully-staged production of Verdi's early masterpiece "I due Foscari" with a Venetian carnival ballet, period costumes, orchestra and chorus. Feb. 15, 17, 23, 24, times vary. \$35-\$85 with senior, student and group discounts. Lucie Stern Theater, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wbopera.org/foscari

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 information.

Big Ideas Reading Group A literary discussion of Martin Ford's book "Rise of the Robots," where participants discuss 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/literary-discussions/

Yangsze Choo Local author Yangsze Choo launches "The Night Tiger," her debut novel set in 1930s Malaysia. Feb. 12, 7-9 p.m. Free. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net/event/book-launch-yangsze-choo-books-inc-mountain-view

Dr. Vandana Shiva Dr. Vandana Shiva, an advocate of a more equitable and sustainable food system, talks about natural and organic methods of farming as a solution for both food insecurity and climate change. Part of the annual Wallace Stegner Lecture Series organized by Peninsula Open Space Trust. Feb. 12, 8-10 p.m. \$20-\$40, discounts for students. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. openspacetrust.org/wsls-vandana-shiva/

Susan Dennard Author Susan Dennard discusses her latest epic fantasy novel, "Bloodwitch." RSVP requested. Feb. 13, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more information.

Robin LaFevres Robin LaFevres celebrates her new book "Courting Darkness" in conversation with author Sabaa Tahir. RSVP requested. Feb. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more information.

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/

Nature Hunt, Crafts and More Gamble Garden Director Richard Hayden and volunteer guides lead young explorers on a nature hunt around the property. Attendees may 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. wbmrra.ning.com

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Alphabete: The World Through the Eyes of Frederic Bruly Bouabre The exhibit displays an original pictographic alphabet as well as postcard-size illustrations from contemporary African artist and poet Frederic Bruly Bouabre. Through March 3 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/alphabete-world-through-eyes-frederic-bruly-bouabre

The Dancing Sowe: Performing Beauty in Sierra Leone This exhibition focuses on one spectacular work in the Cantor Art Center's collection — a sowe mask, used by the women-only Sande Society that is unique to Sierra Leone. Through April 29; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/dancing-sowe-performing-beauty-sierra-leone

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 May 27; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/do-ho-suh-spaces-between

Kahlil Joseph: BLKNWS Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work BLKNWS, a two-channel video projection blurring the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/kahlil-joseph-blknws

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; Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays-Sundays 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu/exhibitions/painting-nature-american-gilded-age

Vintage Toys: It's Child's Play! This exhibition of a variety of antique toys covers the origins of playtime, toy factories, toy

trains, builder toys and more. Through Feb. 17, Fridays-Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 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. Mondays-Fridays, through Feb. 28, 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. Through Feb. 23, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Free. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

GALLERIES

Michael Richards: 'Winged' An exhibition of sculpture and drawing dedicated to late artist Michael Richards, who died on Sept. 11, 2001 while working in his studio on the 92nd floor of 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.

COMEDY

Paul Ollinger Entertainment by comedian, author, and speaker Paul Ollinger. Experience includes tasting flight plus one glass of wine, comedy show and one raffle ticket. Space is limited. Feb. 13, 7-9 p.m. \$40. Los Altos Tasting Room, 366 Main St., Los Altos. Search bookeo.com/byington for more information.

FILM

Freestyle Academy Exhibition Students from Freestyle Academy exhibit films, animations, photography, illustration, music and websites. Feb. 15, 5-8:30 p.m. Free. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. freestyleacademy.rocks/exhibitions.php

FOOD & DRINK

Chocolate Tasting Food writer Corinne DeBra leads a chocolate tasting. Includes a complimentary tour of The Foster featuring paintings by artist-explorer Tony Foster. For ages 16 and older. Feb. 16, 10-11:45 a.m. \$15. The Foster, 940 Commercial St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more information.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Beginner/Refresher Bird Walk Friends of Bedwell Bayfront Park & Sequoia Audubon Society host a one- to two-hour beginner bird walk. Attendees may see wintering ducks, shorebirds, egrets and hawks, and are encouraged to bring binoculars. The walk begins at the restrooms in the parking lot. Heavy rain cancels the event. Feb. 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Bedwell Bayfront Park, 1600 Marsh Road, Menlo Park. friendsobayfrontpark.org

Farm and Wilderness Exploration Hidden Villa holds a children's tour of its farm and surrounding acres. Participants meet farm animals, learn how food grows and hike a wilderness trail. For ages 6 and older. Feb. 16, 2-4 p.m. \$15. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

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. Feb. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberley Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

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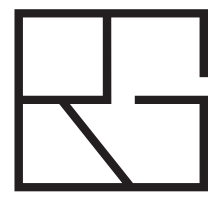
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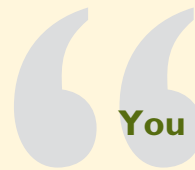


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Originally built in 2008, this Midtown modern Craftsman-style home was expanded & remodeled in 2014. Two-story optimized floor plan with 5br/4ba, over 2,800 sqft on an approx. 7,800 sqft lot w/open kitchen and great room concept. Fabulous chef's kitchen with modern amenities and top-of-the-line appliances. Sparkling pool and sun-swept patio. www.853Fielding.com

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Menlo Park | \$2,249,000

Lovingly designed by a local Menlo Park mom, this 3br/2ba home has been extensively updated. The efficient floor plan includes sight lines from the kitchen to the FR & the front & back yards. Open concept with newly installed quartz countertops & high-end stainless steel appliances. Enjoy entertaining in the landscaped backyard under the beautiful oak tree. Located within the award-winning Las Lomas SD.

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Palo Alto | \$2,890,000

This College Terrace four bedroom, two bath hidden gem has been remodeled and is ready for new owners. It features a studio above the detached garage.

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Palo Alto | \$2,495,000

Stunning mid-century modern three bedroom, three bath plus office. Original Eichler home with a pool on large lot.

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