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After resisting buyout offers, the **Milk Pail Market's** owner says he's selling the tiny, beloved store property.

Milk Pail Market to close after 45 years

FAMILY-RUN GROCERY STORE TAKES BUYOUT AMID SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT

By Mark Noack

After 45 years in Mountain View, the popular Milk Pail Market will be closing its doors permanently. Renowned for its selection of cheeses, frozen croissants and crowded aisles, the San Antonio grocer persevered amid intense competition with a loyal customer base, but owner Steve Rasmussen, 68, said the hardships of running a small business were

becoming too great.

In a Tuesday interview, Rasmussen said he had accepted a buyout for his store property at the corner of San Antonio Road and California Street and would be closing in the next few months, likely in July. He did not disclose the buyer or the purchase price.

"The wave of development in Silicon Valley has brought many changes. It was inevitable that one day we, too, would be part of

that change," Rasmussen wrote in a Facebook post. "Although the closure of the Milk Pail will be bittersweet, we leave with fond memories and immense gratitude for the community that built us."

Explaining his decision, Rasmussen said it was becoming more challenging to maintain a business that is open year-round, especially amid tighter

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Union's ballot measure would force voter approval of El Camino Hospital expansions

By Kevin Forestieri

Health care union members filed a ballot initiative Monday that would force El Camino Hospital officials to ask for voter approval each time they try to expand outside of the boundaries of the

El Camino Healthcare District. Members of the Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) announced Tuesday that they filed the initiative with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters and plan to have the

measure on the November 2020 ballot. It would require 10,500 signatures in order to qualify, SEIU officials said.

The initiative places a new requirement on the El Camino Healthcare District and all

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Council votes to ban parking RVs, trailers on streets

HOMELESS ADVOCATES SAY CITY IS PUNISHING POOREST CITIZENS

By Mark Noack

Mountain View city officials will begin preparing a citywide ban on large vehicles in an effort to eventually remove the nearly 200 inhabited motor homes and trailers parked on city streets. The action on Tuesday night was the latest sign that a majority of the City Council has lost patience with a hands-off approach to people living on the streets, which police officials say has led neighboring towns to offload their homeless populations onto Mountain View.

In a 5-2 vote, with council members Chris Clark and Alison Hicks opposed, the City Council directed staff to begin working on a citywide prohibition on parking vehicles more than 6 or 7 feet tall curbside on city streets. The ban will take effect no earlier than late 2020 in order to give city officials and aid groups time to expand a safe parking program that currently offers only eight nightly spots to cars and vans, but none to RVs.

While a variety of measures

were included to cushion the blow, the move was denounced by homeless advocates as a sign that Mountain View is criminalizing poverty. Members of the Mountain View Vehicle Residents group described the parking ban as a punishment for the city's working poor who can't afford housing.

"A citywide ban on oversize vehicles would destroy the last safe affordable housing option available to many of my neighbors," said Blaine Dzwonczyk, a teacher who co-founded the Vehicle Residents advocacy group. "A handful of temporary safe parking spaces for a fraction of the current vehicle residents is not a comprehensive solution."

In recent years, the vehicle encampments scattered around the city have become the most visible sign of the hardships afflicting the city's poorest residents. The vehicle dwellers have been a divisive issue as city officials avoided creating new parking restrictions for nearly three years even as neighboring cities

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Members of the Mountain View Vehicle Residents group gathered in the City Council Chambers Tuesday night, asking for tolerance for those with no place else to live, but the council voted in favor of a ban on parking RVs on city streets.

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BROADWAY BY THE BAY

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is playing at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City through March 31.

GO, GO TO 'JOSEPH'

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," when done well, is a ridiculously colorful, humorous and melodic spectacular that retells the biblical story of Joseph as a gleeful pop-rock opera. Broadway By the Bay's current production fits the bill to perfection.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice musical covers how, in ancient Canaan, shepherd/patriarch Jacob (Chris Fernandez) favors golden boy Joseph (Matt Ono) above all his other 11 sons. They're annoyed when dad presents him with a fancy coat of many colors but they're furious when Joseph blithely recounts his dreams, which seem to clairvoyantly reinforce his familial superiority. "The dreamer has to go," they declare, and soon they're selling him into Egyptian slavery. Though his journey takes him from slavery to prison, Joseph remains steadfast and hopeful, and eventually his skills at dream interpretation lead him to a plum position in the court of the Pharaoh (Manuel Caneri). Joseph is able to help save Egypt from famine while back in Canaan his family faces starvation. They travel to Egypt to beg for help. A family reunion/disco dance party ensues.

The end result is a musical that's somehow family-friendly and heartwarming despite its themes, with one of the catchiest scores ever.

The show runs Saturdays and Sundays through March 31 at the Fox Theatre, 2215 Broadway St., Redwood City. Tickets are \$44-\$66. Go to broadwaybythebay.org.

—Karla Kane

SAY HALLELUJAH WITH 'MARIE AND ROSETTA'

Musical icons abound in the pantheon of rock 'n' roll, but like so many brilliant African-American trailblazers in the roots of American music, Sister Rosetta Tharpe has been forgotten by many. Until now.

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley's West Coast premiere of "Marie and Rosetta," a rollicking one-act musical play, is an 'amen' to one of the 20th century's greats: a woman who influenced the likes of Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard and Ray Charles.

In 1946, Tharpe is beginning to be eclipsed by other gospel luminaries such as Mahalia Jackson. She is trying to make a comeback to the church but is still being branded by her secular forays. That year, she spotted Marie Knight performing on a bill with Jackson and invited the younger performer to join her tour.

Tharpe (Michelle E. Jordan) is big and brassy, a veteran of the road. Knight (Marissa Rudd) is a proper church lady and relative newcomer. As the two formulate their repertoire, Knight loosens her hips and her voice.

I don't want to spoil the surprise ending but it will bring the audience to tears and to their feet. Don't be afraid to clap and lift your hands in joy, praise and surrender.

The show runs through March 31 (performance times vary) at Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tickets are \$40-\$100. Go to theatreworks.org.

—Sue Dremann

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A draft copy of the City's Action Plan will be available for review and public comment for the period beginning March 22, 2019 through April 22, 2019.

The Action Plan describes the programs, projects and specific activities that the City will assist with its federal CDBG and HOME funds for the coming 2019-20 fiscal year (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). The City Council will consider approval of the Action Plan at the April 23, 2019 Meeting. The Council Meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain View City Hall located at 500 Castro Street.

The City welcomes your comments on the Action Plan during this public review period. To obtain a copy of the 2019-20 Action Plan:

1. Visit the City's website at www.mountainview.gov/cdbg;
2. Come to the Community Development Department at City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041; or
3. Call the City's Housing & Neighborhoods Division at (650) 903-6379.

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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

DRIVER HURT IN FIERY COLLISION

Six emergency-response units were called out to rescue a driver whose car rolled over on Central Expressway in Mountain View and caught fire shortly before 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16.

The vehicle came to rest in the fast lane of Central heading southeast, between North Whisman Road and Ferguson Drive. Emergency crews had to extricate the driver, who suffered minor injuries and, according to Mountain View Police spokesperson Katie Nelson, was taken to a hospital. There were no passengers in the car.

The vehicle collided with an evergreen tree in the median strip during the incident, and police had to shut down lanes of Central as crews cleared the fallen tree and the car. Traffic was diverted for a few hours, police stated on Twitter.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, Nelson said in an email.

—*Jocelyn Dong*

CAR BURGLARY SUSPECT ARRESTED

A 47-year-old Palo Alto man was arrested Monday after he was allegedly seen checking door handles on vehicles in the San Antonio shopping center area. The suspect also opened the door of a parked RV, and tried to take a wallet from the employee-only section of a store in the shopping center, according to witnesses.

An officer reported seeing the suspect checking door handles and tampering with gas caps on vehicles in the parking lot at the 600 block of Showers Drive around 9:45 p.m. on Monday, March 18, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. While the officer stopped the man to ask questions, multiple reports came streaming in alleging that a man, matching the suspect's description, had been tampering with vehicles in the area and illicitly entered a business.

One witness told police that the suspect has tampered with

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■ **POLICE LOG**

AUTO BURGLARY

- 400 block Hope St., 3/11
- 400 block Bryant Av., 3/11
- 400 block Bryant St., 3/11
- 400 block Bryant St., 3/11
- 400 block Mariposa Av., 3/12
- 100 block Hope St., 3/12
- 1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/12
- 200 block Palo Alto Av., 3/12
- 100 block Hope St., 3/13
- 1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/13
- 800 block W. Evelyn Av., 3/13
- 600 block Walker Dr., 3/13
- 1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/13
- 1200 block Pear Av., 3/13
- 1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/13
- 1300 block Shorebird Way, 3/13
- 400 block Moffett Blvd., 3/13
- 2500 block California St., 3/13
- 1000 block Joaquin Rd., 3/14
- 2300 block W. El Camino Real, 3/14
- 400 block Del Medio Av., 3/15
- 1300 block Grant Rd., 3/16
- 600 block Willowgate St., 3/18
- 800 block California St., 3/18
- 400 block Hope St., 3/18
- 1900 block W. El Camino Real, 3/18
- 1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/18
- 300 block Tyrella Av., 3/18

BATTERY

- 500 block Showers Dr., 3/12

- 700 block Farley St., 3/12
- E. Middlefield Rd. & N. Whisman Rd., 3/13
- 1900 block Grant Rd., 3/15
- 200 block Castro St., 3/17

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

- 1600 block Plymouth St., 3/12
- 600 block Showers Dr., 3/18

GRAND THEFT

- 700 block Continental Cir., 3/18

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

- 2100 block California St., 3/11
- 800 block Sycamore Loop, 3/12
- 1900 block Montecito Av., 3/12

RESISTING ARREST

- Castro St. & Mercy St., 3/12
- Hwy. 85 & Moffett Blvd., 3/17

ROBBERY

- 500 block Showers Dr., 3/16

STOLEN VEHICLE

- 400 block Del Medio Av., 3/11
- 1200 block Terra Bella Av., 3/13

TRESPASSING

- 2500 block California St., 3/17

VANDALISM

- 300 block Moffett Blvd., 3/11
- 300 block Castro St., 3/16
- 1300 block Montecito Av., 3/16

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Montserrat Mendez, a junior at Los Altos High School, cheers with her classmates during last Friday's student demonstration protesting the government's lack of action to address climate change.

LAHS students walk out to protest inaction on climate change

By Kevin Forestieri

Close to 100 Los Altos High School students took to the streets Friday, March 15, to protest the Trump administration and federal legislators for inaction on climate change, describing it as an existential threat to the planet that will deeply affect younger generations.

Marching down San Antonio Road to the corner of El Camino Real, students chanted for climate justice and against public support for fossil-fuel industries, directly calling out

Democratic leaders like Sen. Dianne Feinstein for her failure to support ambitious climate change legislation.

"We're out here because not enough is being done by the people with the power to make change," said Henry Lai, a Los Altos High senior.

To Lai, inaction is unacceptable in the face of new climate research and projected increases in temperature. Referring to a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, he said countries like the U.S. really only have 11 years to bring down emissions

before global warming trends cause catastrophic problems.

In a statement ahead of the walkout, student leaders released a statement calling out the "failure" of governments around the world — including the United States — to take effective steps to address climate change. Calling it an impending catastrophe, students called on government officials to sever ties with the fossil fuels industry and instead invest in a "Green New Deal."

"We are at one of the most

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New tech at El Camino helps patients breathe easy

VALVES BRING RELIEF TO THOSE STRUGGLING WITH IRREVERSIBLE LUNG DAMAGE

By Kevin Forestieri

For millions of Americans, lung disease is an ever-present source of discomfort and pain, making it hard to breathe during everyday activities. And while there is no way to repair destroyed lung tissue, new technology debuting at

El Camino Hospital is giving patients some much-needed relief.

Last week, the hospital announced it was the first in California to perform a new treatment where specialized valves, surgically inserted into the lungs, divert air flow away from irreparably damaged parts of the lungs.

The alternative, up until now, has been to surgically remove these problematic parts of the lungs, but it came with high morbidity and a host of complications that only got worse with age.

The problem with emphysema is that destroyed lung tissue is

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A cure-all for housing — but cities hate it

CASA COMPACT'S AMBITIOUS PACKAGE OF HOUSING LEGISLATION HITS RESISTANCE AROUND THE STATE

By Mark Noack

California lawmakers are taking aggressive action to address the state's crippling housing shortage in 2019. But despite political momentum and popular support, the state's campaign to fix the broken housing market is facing a growing backlash from cities on the Peninsula.

As of last month's deadline, more than 200 bills pertaining to housing have been filed in the state Legislature, and the sheer scope and severity of proposals is leaving local officials bewildered and nervous. Many critics say a power grab is in the works, alleging that a new state bureaucracy will rescind local control, replacing it with a top-down plan for where and how housing should be built.

While Peninsula cities have a long history of constraining housing growth, local officials say that they are beginning to act more responsibly. Like other elected officials interviewed for this story, former Palo Alto Councilman Greg Scharff balked at the notion of state officials overriding land-use decisions on behalf of cities.

"I think most elected city council members recognize there's a housing crisis," he said. "But if your solution is putting a 50-foot-high apartment building in a single-family neighborhood, that's just too disruptive."

Housing advocates say the city-led status quo is insufficient

and unsustainable. Left to their own devices, California cities for the most part have been digging the state deeper into a housing crisis, often by making decisions that seem sensible locally but end up shifting the burden elsewhere. At current rates, it will be centuries before more than one-third of Bay Area cities are expected to reach their affordable housing goals.

Any true solution to the housing crisis means some of California's vaunted ideals of local autonomy may need to be sacrificed, said Amie Fishman, executive director of the Non-profit Housing Association of Northern California.

"This impacts our children, our education system, our economy, even the climate. Every single aspect of our lives is affected by this housing crisis," she said. "It's been really easy to say no, and that's why we're in such a crisis today."

The centerpiece of this conflict is the so-called Casa Compact, a 10-point set of actions designed to spur substantial housing growth while preventing gentrification or mass displacement. The Casa package was drafted by a special committee at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission over the course of about two years, but it has recently become a lightning rod of controversy. This year, most of

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Dr. Ganesh Krishna, medical director of El Camino Hospital's interventional pulmonology program, is performing a new procedure using tiny valves to relieve symptoms from lung disease.

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sales and competition. Today, there are at least five chain supermarkets within a block of the Milk Pail.

In recent years, the Milk Pail seemed to be Mountain View's version of the David and Goliath story. Beginning in 2013, Rasmussen was the lone holdout on that side of the San Antonio shopping center, refusing to sell his small corner lot even as the development firm Merlone Geier restricted the market's access to parking and rebuilt everything around it. The plucky grocer's battle with the corporate developer became a local *cause celebre*, drawing crowds to City Hall, demanding that the Milk Pail be saved.

The Milk Pail emerged from that feud with a promise of parking and an outpouring of community support, but its business still suffered. Rasmussen said the intense nearby construction impeded access to his store and sometimes sent dust in the air. His customers went elsewhere, and Rasmussen said his business had suffered roughly a 40 percent drop in sales from just five years earlier.

Today the rustic, old-style Milk Pail stands in stark contrast to the multi-story offices occupied by Facebook and a luxury megaplex



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Erika Rasmussen, whose father Steve owns the Milk Pail Market, rings up a customer on March 19. Staffers were told of the store's impending closure a couple of weeks ago.

crowding its sides. For a period last year, the Milk Pail employees attempted to co-opt the sudden influx of tech offices by changing up their inventory, offering ready-to-eat sandwiches and salads.

It was an idea that didn't pan out, in part because Facebook employees receive free meals from their employer. City officials had pressured the tech company to patronize local businesses, but a debit-card payment system used by the company only included nearby restaurants, not grocery stores.

Rasmussen said the growing presence of well-heeled tech workers has been a difficult force

to reckon with as his business struggled. Relocating would have been a possibility years ago, but today the cost of commercial real estate made it prohibitive. A grocery store would never have the capital to compete, he said.

"When you have millennials earning \$240,000 a year, and your employees are earning a little more than one-tenth of that, it's extraordinarily hard to co-exist," Rasmussen said. "The disparity in Mountain View these days is unbelievable."

Staffing has also remained a persistent challenge for the Milk Pail. Like many employers,

Rasmussen said he has had difficulties finding regular service workers amid the high cost of living in Mountain View. For years, Rasmussen's brother-in-law James Liu worked as store manager, but he died unexpectedly in 2014. In recent years, Rasmussen's 20-year-old daughter, Kai, has stepped in to take over management duties at the store.

About two weeks ago, Rasmussen said he notified the Milk Pail's 38 employees of his plans to close the store. He said reaction was mixed: some were shocked while others said they had sensed the writing was on the wall.

Rasmussen said he remains open to the idea of continuing the Milk Pail by handing off the business to younger hands. So far, no one has stepped forward, he said, certainly no one with the resources to reopen the store in a new location.

"I'd be open to collaborating if that was a real possibility, but it's not going to happen on the premises we're on now," he said.

The Milk Pail site will likely be replaced by an office building. Last year, Mountain View officials approved an initial proposal for an eight-story, 250,000 square-foot office building at the corner site in order to secure needed funding to build a new elementary school. ■

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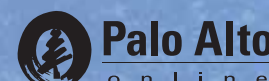
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not only useless for breathing, it can take a toll on the working parts of the lungs as well, said Dr. Ganesh Krishna, medical director of El Camino's interventional pulmonology program. When someone suffering from the lung disease breathes in, air goes into the non-functioning tissue but doesn't necessarily come out, trapping air and causing what's called "hyperinflation."

As these pockets of air expand, the lungs get squished and the diaphragm — which sits below the lungs — gets flattened out, working in tandem to make breathing a painful struggle.

"Not only are areas of the lungs destroyed and making breathing more difficult, but the diseased portions of the lungs will compress the normal portions of the lungs and make it even more of a problem for breathing in these patients," Krishna said.

The newest technique for fixing the problem is to insert tiny valves made of nickel-titanium, covered in a thin membrane of silicone, that prevent air from entering problematic parts of the lungs. Krishna said he was picked to participate in the bronchoscopic "lung-volume reduction"



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Tiny valves like the the Zephyr, left, and the Spiration, are used to prevent damaged parts of the lung from hyperinflation, which causes pain.

trials and has the most experience with the procedure in the western United States, making him and El Camino's chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) care center a clear favorite for conducting the procedure after it was cleared by federal regulators.

The procedure and the valves themselves, developed by the med-tech companies Olympus and Redwood City-based Pulmonx, have been in development for at least 15 years, Krishna said, but getting it to work in patients has been a timely challenge. Physicians and researchers have found, for example, that lungs

are pretty good at getting around valves and re-filling destroyed lung tissue in what's called collateral ventilation. Now doctors can test air flows ahead of time and avoid inserting ineffective valves.

There's also the potential for complications that tend to crop up within the first three days of the procedure as faulty lung tissue deflates. Occasionally the valve causes damaged lung tissue to collapse too quickly, Krishna said, while not allowing normal tissue enough time to take its place. Other times trapped gas in a different damaged part of the lungs simply takes up the newly

available real estate, effectively moving the problem rather than relieving it.

The solution, Krishna said, is to keep people in the hospital for three days, because there's a level of unpredictability with each patient that can't be accounted for ahead of time.

"We're dealing with a biological organism and people are very different. We cannot have a cookie-cutter approach to a live human being," he said. "They respond to these things differently."

Barring any complications, Krishna said the results have been great. Patients have a significant increase in lung function — exceeding 15 percent — and valve recipients are able to get farther on a standardized six-minute walk following the procedure compared with those who don't have valves. A subjective questionnaire aimed at measuring quality of life also shows patients are largely happier following the procedure, Krishna said.

"I had one patient who did the trial and he's at the gym constantly," Krishna said. "He's been working out constantly as someone who wasn't able to do daily activities. He's working out half an hour to 45 minutes, three or four times a week."

Although it's a little touch-and-go after the procedure, past strategies for dealing with hyperinflation — surgically removing parts of the lungs — had common and more severe complications including death, arrhythmias, difficulty breathing and persistent "air leaks" out of the lungs. One study from 2006 found that of the 511 "non-high-risk" patients who underwent the operation, well over half — 58.7 percent — experienced at least one complication after surgery. Twenty-eight of those patients died within 90 days of the operation.


El Camino Hospital's pulmonary rehabilitation center has become a regional draw of sorts, as the only nationally accredited program in the area that caters to all kinds of lung conditions and offers a multidisciplinary system of care. Last year, the hospital began using a new robot-guided procedure that can locate cancer and conduct biopsies in the smallest branches of lung tissue, which can be controlled and viewed by a physician using something remarkably similar to a video-game controller. The technique is used to find and test suspected cancerous tissue. ▀

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RV BAN

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cracked down.

Resentment has grown among homeowners and housed residents, who claim the vehicle dwellers are responsible for increased crime and garbage. Large RVs and trailers have attracted particular scorn because they block drivers' views and have generated complaints of safety hazards from bicyclists.

These simmering frustrations came to a head in last year's election, when two City Council incumbents were ousted. The rest of the council appears to have seen the election as a mandate from voters to address the issue.

Senior council members who supported the restrictions made every attempt to explain they were not being cruel. Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga highlighted the \$1 million annually spent on homeless programs, including a mobile shower trailer, port-a-potties and outreach workers. She and her colleagues said Mountain View has received minimal credit for its tolerant approach, and instead had unknowingly stepped into the role of caretaker for all of the North County's homeless population.

"Given the ginormous scale of this, it's frankly impossible for Mountain View to solve alone," Abe-Koga said. "It's not just Mountain View's problem to solve alone; it has to take a regional effort."

Mountain View Police Department community outreach officer Wahed Magee told city officials that he had several reports of police in Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Milpitas and Los Altos telling vehicle dwellers to relocate to Mountain View. In one instance, Sunnyvale police officers even handed a vehicle dweller a packet of information detailing Mountain View's social-service programs, telling them they would be "welcome" there, Magee said.

Reached for comment Wednesday, Sunnyvale Police Capt. Jim Choi said his city's officers do hand out informational pamphlets on regional services to homeless individuals they come across. But he denied any deliberate effort to push people living on the street into Mountain View.

"That's not our policy or our practice," Choi said. "We provide resources and if people think they can have it better elsewhere, that's up to the individual."

At the meeting, council members pointed to a range of other stakeholders, saying they bore responsibility for the city's growing homeless population. Councilman John McAlister tersely grilled housing advocates from SV@Home, pressing them to explain why they and their donors

weren't directly funding housing programs. Santa Clara County, neighboring cities, tech companies and local churches were also called out for not doing enough.

Mountain View city staffers reported they had spent more than 2,500 hours working on issues related to homeless residents over the last fiscal year. Yet Assistant to the City Manager Kimberley Thomas acknowledged the city had "barely moved the needle" on reducing local homelessness. In fact, there were about 416 individuals living on the streets as of a 2017 homeless count, and that number had been roughly doubling every two years prior, she reported.

In public comment, an organized group of dozens of unhomeless residents tried to describe their living situations, urging the council not to punish people who can't afford regular housing. Francisco Cazares said he had worked at the local Whole Foods for nearly 20 years, but his living situation had slowly deteriorated due to rising rents. He could once afford a two-bedroom apartment on his wages, then he had to downsize to renting a room, and then to a motor home.

Several Foothill Community College students described living out of vehicles as their only housing option while pursuing an education.

"It's no secret that rent here is very expensive and finding a livable wage is difficult," said Matt Bodo, a student who said he had lived out of his car for two years. "I really don't think restrictions are a step in the right direction. We should be pushing for more programs for homelessness and poor people."

But the council's ultimate action combined a bit of both. The City Council unanimously agreed to declare a citywide shelter crisis, which would help facilitate efforts to establish new safe parking sites to locate inhabited vehicles. Up to this point, the city's safe parking efforts have been focused mainly on the faith community, but only two churches have agreed to participate, and they can only provide space for eight small vehicles.

By next month, city officials say the safe parking program should begin growing. A new Terra Bella site owned by the Palo Alto Housing nonprofit is expected to open with enough space for 11 more vehicles. In addition, city officials say they are in negotiations with the Valley Transportation Authority to use a transit lot to hold about 20 more vehicles.

Those 39 spaces would still be woefully short of the estimated 290 inhabited vehicles that are currently on Mountain View's streets, according to the city. But it was enough for City Council

members to argue that it was time to begin laying down restrictions. Making a motion, Abe-Koga called for a citywide ban on street parking for oversized vehicles, such as RVs and trailers. In a December count, city officials reported there were 192 inhabited RVs on city streets, with large pockets near Independence, Crisanto and Gemini avenues.

"We can find safe parking lots but we're going to just have more RVs coming in," Abe-Koga said. "We need help from the cities around us. We need to contain our challenge and then try to resolve it."

For some council members, it was the exact opposite to the approach they believed the city should be taking. Mountain View should step up enforcement measures, but only when the city provided some viable alternative for people, said Councilman Clark. A blanket restriction on RVs right now would be taking "the easy way out," he said.

"If we simply ban oversized vehicles, then we're doing exactly what our neighbors have done," he said. "It's just doing what every other city has done in contributing to this regional problem."

The Tuesday night council meeting was the first major political test for three new council members who were pressed on the issue repeatedly during their campaign. Two of those freshmen members, Lucas Ramirez and Ellen Kamei, agreed to support the vehicle ban in exchange for minor amendments meant to soften the blow.

Ramirez warned the city could be creating a much worse problem if a ban on living in vehicles ends up pushing the homeless population to sleeping in city parks or road embankments. Despite that concern, he agreed to back the large vehicle ban on the condition that one parking lot at Shoreline Amphitheatre be used during the winter months to provide extra space for around 20 vehicles.

Kamei insisted the city should wait at least 18 months before enacting the ban in order to give ample time for families to relocate. She also asked that the city investigate an unregulated market of people renting out RVs and trailers for others to live in.

On the opposite side, newly elected Councilwoman Alison Hicks said she couldn't support a citywide ban on RV parking, saying she preferred targeting sensitive locations, such as dangerous traffic spots.

As part of the decision, the council asked staff to investigate ways to streamline permits for safe parking sites and updates to the city's rental assistance program. ▣

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COMPASS

Citing problems, district seeks to revamp Dual Immersion

SUPERINTENDENT SAYS MISTRAL IS LEAVING BEHIND KIDS STILL LEARNING ENGLISH

By Kevin Forestieri

Despite Mistral Elementary's promise of dual literacy, some of its most vulnerable students are struggling to learn English and meet state academic standards, and school district leaders say that needs to change.

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph announced at a school board meeting this month that starting this fall, the Mountain View Whisman School District will start an overhaul of the Dual Immersion program. It will include changing the basic format of how kids learn Spanish and English, ditching its math curriculum and working to extend the dual-language program beyond fifth grade and into middle school.

The bilingual program draws children from all over the district, but Rudolph said the program has been inequitable for more than a decade. Kids who speak English going into the program are doing great in school and outscoring their peers, while children from Spanish-speaking families who don't speak English as a first language are struggling to keep up, according to the district's analysis.

A growing body of evidence has found that dual immersion, when implemented right, helps kids from both groups excel on standardized tests, but that hasn't been the case in Mountain View, Rudolph said. He pointed to a study last year that concluded kids going into the program not speaking English are not seeing any of the purported benefits in middle school or high school. This has been the case for the Dual Immersion program going back to 2008, according to the study.

"The English-only students are learning Spanish off of the backs of the English language learners," Rudolph said. "That was what was found. It was not published, but that was explicitly stated."

The study itself is nuanced and has plenty of caveats about statistical significance, essentially saying English learners

who attend the district's Dual Immersion program don't do that much better or worse than kids from other schools. But given the potential, well-documented benefits of dual-language programs as a tool to close the achievement gap, Rudolph told board members that Mistral is falling short of expectations.

In order to root out problems and come up with a plan of action, the district put together an all-staff committee that included Mistral teachers last fall. The group zeroed in on one central point: Native Spanish speakers aren't learning English at a fast enough rate, and it's putting them at a disadvantage. Unlike other dual-language programs that teach English and Spanish in equal amounts each year, Mistral uses what's called a "90/10" model that teaches kindergarten students mostly in Spanish, adding more English instruction in each subsequent grade, ending elementary school with 50/50 instruction. That means students seeking to learn English wait years before getting direct instruction in English reading and writing.

"The problem at Mistral currently is that in the earlier grades we are not teaching (English) writing and reading until third grade," said Mistral principal Tabitha Miller.

It doesn't come as a surprise, then, that the rate at which Mistral's English learner students "reclassify" as fluent lags behind other schools in the district. Only six of the 152 students in the district who reclassified this year were from Mistral, putting it dead last.

"When you've got all those skills that have to be kind of crammed into third grade, I think that's caused a real problem with us being able to reclassify students at an earlier grade level and more effectively at later grade levels," Miller said.

The committee recommended rapid change, converting the program to a so-called "50/50" model equally split between English and Spanish instruction

from kindergarten on for the 2019-20 school year. Other changes include switching the math curriculum from GoMath to Eureka Math, which is used in every other district school, and regular testing in English and Spanish to ensure students are on track in both languages.

Brenda Jarillo-Rabling, a fifth-grade teacher at Mistral, said the proposed changes would put Dual Immersion on the right track, and that there is strong evidence that an even-handed approach to teaching Spanish and English would support every student at the school. While the district's own study found plenty of evidence that the 90/10 model can also be effective — and states plainly that both work if done right — Jarillo-Rabling said the status quo isn't working for Spanish-speaking families.

'The English-only students are learning Spanish off of the backs of the English language learners.'

SUPERINTENDENT AYINDE RUDOLPH

"The 90/10 model is not necessarily translating into success for all students," she said.

Parent Imelda Moreno, speaking to the board through a translator, said it is difficult for Latino parents in the district to wait until fourth and fifth grade for their child to reclassify as fluent in English, and that many remain English learners into middle school.

When the topic of revamping Dual Immersion came up last year, some Mistral parents argued that the data was too old and too inconclusive to warrant big changes, and that deficiencies in test scores and GPAs could be attributed to other challenges the school has faced. Dual Immersion has gone through a number of leadership

changes and went from being a choice program within Castro Elementary to a stand-alone school in 2015. Many of Mistral's teachers are recent hires.

While the research is inconclusive on which dual immersion model is better, board member Devon Conley said she supported the changes. Reclassification was the top concern among the dozens of Spanish-speaking families at Mistral's English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) in the winter, she said, and the district's reclassification rates only add to the legitimacy of those concerns.

"I do want to support the Spanish-speaking families who have really spoken out and have what I think are concrete concerns that are supported by the data," she said.

Parents, however, were absent from the superintendent's committee. Rudolph said he made a conscious decision to keep parents out of the process in order for teachers and staff to have a candid discussion about the school's shortcomings. He said the district had plenty of feedback from parents ahead of time, and that critical self-assessments are an "emotional conversation" that need to take place behind closed doors.

"It was hard enough for teachers to assess themselves, but to assess themselves in front of parents and to say we're not doing X, Y and Z — if I was a parent and I heard a teacher say that, I would pull my kid out of that school immediately," he said.

To Mistral parent Enrique Torres, the district's decision felt like it was going back on a promise. He told board members that the community was told they would be given updates on the committee's progress, but instead got one "cafecito" meeting, essentially briefing parents on a decision that was already made. Swapping to a "90/10" model so abruptly, without community involvement right after parents made commitments on which school to send their child to in the fall, feels like a bait and switch, he said.

Joey Mercer told the *Voice* that he and other Mistral parents are ready to support changes that will improve the school, but doing so is difficult when all those decisions are made without parent input. Correspondence with Mistral parents was limited to a notice that non-specific changes to the Dual Immersion program were on the way.

If the district is forthcoming on why it's switching to a 50/50 model and the measures used to judge its effectiveness, Mercer said the district could get more parent buy-in. Instead, it feels like an edict coming down from the district regardless of parent input that threatens to divide families at Mistral.

"We really want to make sure that we stay together as a community," he said. "It would be horrible if this opportunity to re-evaluate how we're doing as a school divided things. If anything, it should be a time to embrace opportunities for how to do things better."

The committee's recommendations come at the end of an evolving discussion over how to extend the Dual Immersion program to eighth grade, rather than have bilingual education end after fifth grade at Mistral. This could include adding sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Mistral or having dual-language courses at Crittenden or Graham middle schools, but district officials have yet to seriously consider the options.

Although the idea of middle school Dual Immersion came up in 2017, Rudolph said he has held off on spending time considering the logistics of any expansion until there are clear signs Mistral's academic program works well. Given the low reclassification rates at Mistral, board member Tamara Wilson said it's time to trust the teachers at the school and move forward with the recommendations.

"We need more English immersion to bring equity to the 'dual' part of dual immersion," Wilson said. ▀

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CRIME BRIEFS

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the gas cap of his car, while a woman who lived in an RV in the area said the suspect had reached through an open window and opened the door to her vehicle, Nelson said. An employee at Game Kastle, located within the shopping

center, said a man matching the description of the suspect had entered the employee-only section of the store and allegedly tried to take his wallet.

The man was arrested on suspicion of burglary and vehicle tampering as well as violating his parole. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail without bail.

K-9 FINDS FLEEING MAN

A San Jose man pulled over by police Sunday was arrested after he allegedly tried to flee the traffic stop by pulling over on Highway 85, ditching the car and running down an embankment before being located by a police K-9.

The 45-year-old man was pulled over around 11 a.m. on

March 17 after he was seen running a stop sign near the intersection of Moffett Boulevard and Highway 85, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Instead of pulling over, the suspect sped up and entered Highway 85. Once on the highway, he ran out of the car and down an embankment, Nelson said.

A Mountain View police K-9 unit helped search for the man, who was found hiding in the embankment, Nelson said.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of willfully fleeing a police vehicle, which can be either a misdemeanor or a felony, as well as resisting arrest and possession of a methamphetamine pipe.

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CASA

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the committee's final recommendations have been plucked and drafted into a set of new bills moving through the state Legislature.

Depending on whom you ask, the Casa agenda is either overdue or overbearing. In general, the package would adopt a mild form of rent control across the Bay Area, establish a new \$1.5 billion regional housing agency and force cities to streamline reviews and locate dense housing near transit lines.

It's a package in which "everyone finds something to hate," admitted Mountain View Councilman Chris Clark, who voted to approve the plan in January as a board member of the Association of Bay Area Governments. Clark acknowledged that the policies provide some badly needed accountability for cities that routinely flout their housing requirements. For example, the city of Menlo Park famously refused for nearly 20 years to provide zoning for any low-income housing until a lawsuit forced the issue. Similarly about one out of six cities in California this year declined to reveal potentially embarrassing data on their housing stock, even though disclosure is supposed to be mandatory.

The Casa Compact is just one new effort by the state's leadership to signal that this kind of defiance will soon carry a penalty. Upon taking office, Gov. Gavin Newsom made headlines for making an example of Huntington Beach by filing a lawsuit against the city for failing to plan for any low-income housing.

Clark pointed out that Casa has plenty of "teeth" to penalize cities that refuse to do their part, but he is nervous that it doesn't work the other way. Mountain View has made strides to accommodate more housing, he said, but will the city's reward be a mandate to just keep building more?

"What's key for Mountain View and our neighbors is to ensure we get credit for everything we've done for housing, even when it wasn't the cool thing to do," Clark said. "For myself, I'd be willing to make some sacrifices if it kicks a lot of other cities into higher gear. But if you ask other council members, they don't want to sacrifice any local control."

The idea of surrendering local land-use powers to an outside agency does make Mountain View Mayor Lisa Matichak nervous. She said

that she is not opposed to the Casa Compact in principle, but she resists the notion that Mountain View's housing needs can easily be compared to San Jose's or San Francisco's.

"We all have unique aspects of our cities that we need to take into consideration as we evolve," she said. "I support more housing, but it's when you get into the details, that's when you get some concerns about where this is going."

In particular, Matichak said she was worried that Casa legislation would undo years of planning for housing growth in the office-heavy North Bayshore and East Whisman neighborhoods. Those plans were fine-tuned to balance open space, transportation and housing, but the proposed state legislation could force the city to grant automatic approvals by a different set of standards, she said.

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COUNCILMAN CHRIS CLARK

She is hardly alone with those complaints. Many of Matichak's concerns were shared by her predecessor, former Mayor Lenny Siegel, despite their differences on a range of other issues. No one currently on Mountain View's City Council has publicly championed the Casa Compact, although Mountain View has already passed many of the central elements of the Casa Compact on its own, such as rent control, eviction protections, displacement fees and inclusionary housing that sets aside a percentage of new units at more affordable prices.

Other cities have been more forceful in their resistance. Palo Alto, Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Los Altos officials have sent letters to MTC saying they could oppose the compact's policies unless they were severely scaled back. Cupertino Mayor Steven Scharf used his State of the City address last month to rail the Casa Compact, describing it as a plan to "destroy" the Bay Area.

While Mountain View's City Council members have avoided taking a formal position, they signed onto a joint letter sent last week by the Cities Association of Santa Clara County. That letter urges

state lawmakers to provide the needed funding for cities to build housing on their own. Most prominently, the letter fiercely resists a proposal mentioned in the Casa Compact to redirect a portion of local property taxes to help finance the costs of housing production.

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga, who co-authored the letter, said she worried that a new state housing bureaucracy would end up shifting Mountain View's tax revenues to build new housing in other cities.

"For Mountain View, we're hitting our housing quota, but we need more money for affordable housing production. That's where the state should come in and help," she said.

As of last week, this property-tax idea was scuttled after the state Legislature's legal counsel determined it could violate the local-funding protections in the state constitution.

In some ways, this battle that has been slowly building for years. At least 30 years ago, experts were warning that a main culprit behind the state's imbalanced housing market was "local control," the independent power of each city to dictate its growth.

For that reason, housing advocates say this resistance is not surprising, given that certain cities have been among the most flagrant bad actors behind the imbalanced housing market. In this situation, local autonomy should no longer be considered sacrosanct, said Jeremy Hoffman, a Mountain View resident and member of the pro-housing YIMBY Action group.

"Some of the cities with the worst records on housing are currently led by officials who deny reality, claiming that their city already builds sufficient housing. It's like climate change denial," he said. "All the Casa Compact asks is that we all hold ourselves and each other to the same standards, and we all chip in a little bit."

Matichak was among a delegation of officials from 23 Peninsula cities who met last week at the offices of state Sen. Jerry Hill to underscore their concerns with the new housing legislation. Across the board, none of the city representatives voiced support for Casa in its current form, she said.

In an interview following the meeting, Hill sent mixed messages. He applauded the effort behind Casa and the legislation it produced, but he said he couldn't support it in its current format.

"The elements are admirable

and I would support them as necessary for the success of any housing solution, but it's the nuances," he said. "There's no question about the need for this legislation, but we need to get there in a way that works for the largest constituency."

In particular, Hill focused his criticisms on the transit-oriented development bill, SB 50, which has become the most controversial piece of the housing compact. Echoing Matichak's concerns, Hill said the legislation needed to provide more flexibility for cities to decide where to locate dense housing.

Yet even as he poked holes, Hill also said the package wasn't as draconian as its critics were making it out to be. The problem was branding, he said — the Casa Compact had inadvertently become a rallying cry for slow-growth factions, and they were being

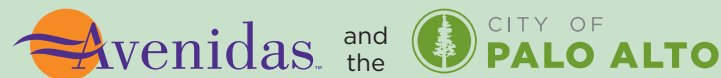
joined by local elected officials who felt excluded from its creation.

Fishman of the Nonprofit Housing Association acknowledged that Casa proponents had their work cut out for them.

"A majority of the Bay Area wants a solution to this, but there's still a minority of NIMBY groups out there fomenting fear and misinformation," she said. "People may not agree with every single element, but they agree that we need this package." ■

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Teens host free educational hackathon

By Angie Wang

A team of students at Los Altos High School will bring together approximately 350 high school students across the Bay Area for a free-of-charge 24-hour hackathon that aims to empower students to apply computer science to real-world problems.

The fourth annual Los Altos Hacks will take place at the Juniper Aspiration Dome in Sunnyvale on March 23 and 24.

“Generally colleges and companies host hackathons, and they focus more on the competition aspect of coding,” said Jamsheed Mistri, the lead and sponsorship director of Los Altos Hacks. “But our high school hackathon is more focused on the learning aspect. We’re trying to get students interested in pursuing STEM careers.”

Mistri said that while the Advanced Placement Computer Science course provides a strong foundation in basic principles, it is not representative of how computer science is implemented in the tech industry. Los Altos Hacks gives students the opportunity to create projects about issues they care about, alongside mentors who work in the tech

industry. Silicon Valley executives will judge their projects.

In order to promote diversity, the team will provide travel reimbursement to fly 15 to 30 students to the hackathon.

“We want to promote technological careers to underrepresented minority groups because generally in tech jobs, you have this cookie cutter stereotype, and we’re looking to break those stereotypes,” said Katherine Nasif, outreach director of Los Altos Hacks.

Mistri said that they aim to have a balanced gender ratio this year, so women will be given preference when awarding travel reimbursements.

After an opening ceremony, hacking begins at noon on March 23. Students are encouraged to work in teams, and workshops will be held throughout the event.

“For example, we have a build-your-own-website workshop, where people can build their first website if they’ve never coded before,” Mistri said. “For more advanced people, we have VMWare that is hosting a workshop about machine learning.”

Throughout the evening, there will be other non-coding related activities like cup stacking and capture-the-flag. All meals are

provided. The event concludes with judging and a closing ceremony at noon on Sunday.

Projects made through Los Altos Hacks will also have the potential to be further developed after the hackathon, as companies like Facebook, Juniper, VMWare and Pixar are sponsoring the event.

“We have some sponsors that actually want to take some of the prizes and invest in them,” Mistri said. “If they like it, they can reach out.”

The event is open to all high school students, regardless of coding experience.

“I feel like the hackathon environment is really a great place for this whole concept of idea hacking and literally taking a problem ... we face in everyday life, and really looking at what causes that problem and how can we fix it,” Nasif said. “This whole culture of getting thinkers and makers together to really work on problems and figure out solutions (is something) that they will be able to use in the future.”

More information about Los Altos Hacks is online at losaltoshacks.com or by emailing info@losaltoshacks.com. ■

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WALKOUT

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critical points in human history — if action is not taken right now, we will be facing a catastrophe unparalleled by anything the world has ever seen before,” according to the statement. “We, the young people, are striking because we are scared for our future- we are skipping school because there is no point in staying in school to study for a future we will not have.”

The Green New Deal is a resolution introduced last month by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey outlining prompt action to reduce carbon emissions. Main components of the resolution include switching to renewable and zero-emission energy sources and upgrading infrastructure with an eye towards “eliminating pollution and greenhouse gas emissions as much as technologically feasible.” The scope of the resolution is intended to take place in a short 10-year period.

Students leading the Los Altos High protest encouraged attendees to send letters to Sen. Feinstein urging her to support the Green New Deal and reverse a firm stance against the resolution for being infeasible and a political nonstarter lacking the votes needed to pass.



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Los Altos High School students march across El Camino Real on March 15 as they participate in a climate change demonstration, part of an international youth movement.

“The proposed changes of the bill are the types of changes we need if we want to continue on as a civilization,” students said in the statement. “We have just 12 years to cut our emissions down to zero, we simply do not have enough time for any bill less radical than the Green New Deal.”

Lai said he was particularly concerned — and galvanized to protest — that the Trump administration appears to be rolling back climate change initiatives and denying that it exists. Trump had previously tweeted that global warming is a “Chinese hoax,” but has since walked back those comments and stated that climate change, while it may exist, is not a man-made phenomenon. He also implied

strong action on climate change wouldn’t be worth the economic drawbacks and potential jobs lost.

“It’s worse than inaction,” Lai said. “It’s a step back.”

Los Altos High students walked out in solidarity with an international protest among children and teens demonstrating in nearly 100 countries across the globe, all under the banner of a movement called “Fridays For Future.” Many of the local protests were inspired, at least in part, by 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, who began protesting climate change in August last year and is largely credited for being the catalyst of the March 15 protests. ■

UNION BALLOT

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of its affiliates — including El Camino Hospital — requiring hospital officials to seek approval from district voters each time they want to buy or lease property outside of the district's boundaries, which encompasses Mountain View, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills and parts of Sunnyvale.

In a statement Tuesday, SEIU-UHW leaders say the measure would hold hospital leaders accountable and give district voters a direct say in El Camino's strategy of expanding into other parts of Santa Clara County, which has been a priority for hospital leaders. The hospital operates a second campus in Los Gatos, and recently sought to purchase and lease clinics from San Jose to Gilroy.

The union's statement Tuesday draws a clear connection between the ballot initiative and a recent battle over the retention of union employees at five clinics located in San Jose, Morgan Hill and Gilroy. El Camino Hospital is planning to buy the clinics from Verity Medical Foundation, which filed for bankruptcy last year, but has so far declined

to give assurances to the more than 100 union employees at the clinics that they will be retained. Those employees have instead been encouraged to re-apply for their jobs.

Silicon Valley Medical Development (SVMD), a wholly owned subsidiary of El Camino Hospital, proposed a \$1.27 million sale agreement for the purchase of clinics located at: 625 Lincoln Ave., 2585 Samaritan Dr. and 227 North Jackson Ave., all in San Jose; 18550 DePaul Dr. in Morgan Hill; and 9360 No Name Uno, #125 in Gilroy. Although the agreement excludes the transfer of existing clinic employees, SVMD officials say they are giving them "priority" over other candidates.

The initiative could be seen as a bargaining chip in the dispute. Andrew Barragan, a hospital employee and proponent of the measure, told the *Voice* that the employees at the five clinics want answers about the future of their jobs, but so far the board has made no clear statement whether they intend to retain the jobs if the sale closes on March 31. The initiative's text has a retroactive date to the beginning of 2019, meaning that the purchase agreement for

the five clinics would need to go before voters for approval.

"They always want to expand and right now they're in the process of acquiring these clinics, and they have shown no interest in re-hiring the employees," Barragan said. "This (initiative) is to force El Camino to give us answers, and if not, voters will have a say in this."

Rena Schwartzberg, an employee at the Good Samaritan Clinic, told hospital leaders at the March 13 hospital board meeting that she and others have been asking El Camino about the future of their jobs for weeks, but have received virtually no new information and no guarantees of retention by SVMD. And while the current employees may have a leg up in re-applying for their jobs, she said the medical records staff had their candidacy interviews canceled that day.

"We need assurances that our continued dedication to our patients and our clinics will not be overlooked," she said.

Hospital spokeswoman Kelsey Martinez said the ballot measure could make it difficult for El Camino to negotiate real estate transactions, which are competitive, time sensitive

and confidential, and that district tax dollars would have to finance special elections. She said the hospital is not going to speculate on whether the ballot initiative is a bargaining tactic.

El Camino Hospital's expansion outside of the health care district's boundaries has been a hot-button issue for years. Although the nonprofit corporation that runs the hospital is separate from the El Camino Healthcare District, it nonetheless reaps benefits through its association with the special tax district. The two are also inextricably tied together because the district still owns the land under the hospital's Mountain View campus and leases it to the hospital.

Some residents disputed the purchase of a community hospital in Los Gatos in 2009, seen as the largest expansion outside of the district's boundaries to date. Since then, the hospital purchased just shy of 16 acres in South San Jose, and later sought to open a clinic on Winchester Boulevard.

The SEIU statement suggests that residents may be steadily losing a say over the hospital's actions. Although the five El Camino Healthcare District

board members directly elected by district residents used to make up a majority of the hospital's board of directors, that was changed in 2017 when the board expanded to 10 voting members, with the hospital CEO serving as an 11th, non-voting member.

"The district is becoming less and less accountable to voters as the board of directors grows to include more unelected members," Sunnyvale resident Veronica Vides said in the announcement. "El Camino is a community resource and we need to ensure that the community maintains control over it."

Although the statement released by union officials suggested that the ballot measure would hold the district accountable for the "millions of taxpayer dollars entrusted to them" each year, the deal proposed between SVMD and Verity does not use money received by the district through property taxes.

Staff at the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters confirmed receiving the petition, but could not speak to the number of verified signatures needed to ensure it appears on the November 2020 ballot. ▀

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'Sojourn' premiere is less-than-stellar

OUTER-SPACE PLAY HAS STRONG CAST, INTRIGUING PREMISE BUT NEEDS REVISIONS

By John Orr

Theater Review

The good news about "Sojourn," which just had its world premiere at The Pear Theatre in Mountain View, is that it has a really good, five-person cast.

The bad news is that the play itself, by local writer and Pear regular Evan Kokkila-Schumacher, is a mess. It has a very dramatic and rewarding first act, then collapses in the second act like a child's tower built with mismatched Erector set pieces, Tinker Toys, LEGO bricks and Lincoln Logs.

But, back to the cast. The two principals, Laura Domingo as Deanna and Drew Benjamin Jones as Nick, play two astronauts who've been sent on a mission from which there can be no return.

When the show starts, they are five and a half years into their trip and are nearly to Saturn, which is getting larger and larger in the screen that shows them — and us — where they are in space. When Saturn is huge on their screen, they launch three robotic "seekers" that are to explore some of Saturn's moons. Two of the three work.

And then it's on, past Saturn at a ridiculous (though realistic) speed, deeper into limitless space, their only mission now to survive — and to eventually start the incubators that will bring to life the thousand human embryos carried in their \$300 billion spaceship.

Domingo and Jones are excellent. Both are powerful and clearly committed to their roles. Like any other domestic couple not entirely happy with each other, they argue. They also try to help each other, with little success, in dealing with the sadness caused by knowing they will never meet another human — other than the embryos.

Why not just open the airlock and end it all?

Well, they are both dedicated to the mission.

"At some point, Nick," says Deanna, "you have to make peace with the choices you have made."

Also on hand — on Earth, at a NASA facility — are Melissa Jones as NASA communicator Marta, Richard Holman as mission commander Garrett and Cynthia Lagodzinski as a NASA administrator, Kaitlyn.

They're all very good, and intense, although it's easier to like Jones and Holman, because they seem to really care about the astronauts. Lagodzinski has the nasty duty of having to play a ladder-climbing, manipulative creep who only cares about her career. It's all we can do to not hiss and jeer when she's on stage. But it's just a role!

There is a dramatic reveal at the end of Act I, which I don't want to give away here, but that makes for a strong, if rather confusing moment.

Act II gets lost in a morass of subplots and character studies. Garrett is carrying the guilt of a previous NASA mission he'd overseen, in which six astronauts died. Marta, meanwhile, is trying to help him, and help the people in the spaceship. Kaitlyn is doing her best to keep her career on the right path, even if it means ruining a lot of lives.

What is happening with Nick and Deanna is the best part of Act II, so we tend to be grateful when they dominate the set, rather than the soap opera back at NASA.

"You don't choose the ghosts that haunt you," Deanna says, "but you don't have to do everything they tell you to do."

Director Caroline Clark always does very good work, and she certainly gets fine performances from her cast. It's really a pleasure to watch these committed performers work, especially Jones and Domingo.

Ting-Na Wang's set is simple but fun to look at, in a way that sort of brings the original, cheapo "Star Trek" TV sets to mind. It has a couple of smallish control panels, and a little vertical garden that presumably represents space-based agriculture. And not much else. No dials, switches, or gear drawers.



MICHAEL CRAIG

Drew Benjamin Jones plays Nick and Laura Domingo plays Deanna in "Sojourn," which is about two astronauts sent on a mission to Saturn.

Just lots of blank wall space and a door or two. Not remotely realistic, even for something that's supposed to be happening in 2062. Even in that distant time, NASA will want to use every possible square inch of space for something.

Lighting designer Ben Hemmen gives us prettily underlit decks, although they do a lot of flickering. Sound designer Charlie Hoyt gives us deep, rumbling background noise that helps create a sense of danger. And other space-shippy noises.

John Beamer's video designs

are practically a character in the play, switching between a lovely inside bulkhead in the ship to scenes of Saturn growing closer, then disappearing amid the stars.

Kokkila-Schumacher might have done better to write this story as a novel rather than as a play. Then, maybe, he could have told all his stories in compelling ways. As it is, he seems to be trying to throw in every emotional and science-fiction kind of twist he can, but the structure of a play makes that not work well.

A play needs to be focused, moving itself and its audience to

a defined goal. "Sojourn" has too many conflicts heading off into undefined places. ❑

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■ INFORMATION

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TASTY NORTHERN CHINESE FARE SHINES AT TINY REDWOOD CITY EATERY

Story by Trish Telesco Morgan | Photos by Magali Gauthier



Green onion cakes at *i Dumpling*, a hole-in-the-wall restaurant in Redwood City.

I Dumpling is not a place for a first date. Perhaps not even a fifth date, unless you are trying to impress someone with your frugality and good taste. It's a place to go when you are in the comfortably sloppy stage of a relationship.

A tiny hole-in-the-wall restaurant three doors down from El Camino Real on Broadway Street in Redwood City, *i Dumpling* serves genuine, homemade northern Chinese dumplings and a small selection of other dishes. You can't beat the price, and the food is both interesting and good, but the ambiance is not worth mentioning. *i Dumpling* is small — a long, narrow restaurant without any serious effort put into decor. Having said that, I enjoyed the illustrations of dumpling making on one wall and the shadow boxes of tea cups on the opposite wall.

The lack of an inviting interior might be why they do a good trade in take-out business. The first time I went, it was a Sunday at noon during the Lunar New Year. The place was packed — every one of their 30 seats was taken and a line ranged along the sidewalk outside. This is a restaurant that knows how to hustle when they need to. My order was ready in 13 minutes (I timed it). For about \$40 we got enough food for four hungry people and had more to spare.

My next visit was on a weekday night. The restaurant wasn't full, but it was well-patronized. Young families came to eat in, a group of techies shared a meal before heading back for a late night at work and several people stopped in to pick up food. We lounged, picking at our food for well over two hours. Reading between the lines, you might say that the service was



The interior of i Dumpling is sparsely decorated.

lackadaisical. Or you might say that it was respectful, honoring our desire to chat. When we did need something, we only needed to raise our hand or catch the eye of the one person serving and tending the register.

i Dumpling has a compact menu that features foods that aren't often seen on the English-language menu, including marinated pigs ears and sauerkraut pork soup noodles. They also offer Taiwanese-style bento, including one with chicken nuggets and another with stewed pork rice.

Bottom line: The dumplings are great and the other offerings are good to above average.

Let's start with the dumplings, since the restaurant is called i Dumpling. Almost all of their handmade dumplings are served steamed. Generous servings of 12 dumplings per order range from \$6.45 to \$7.95. The dumpling wrappers were thick and chewy, authentically handmade as advertised.

They are locally famed for their pork dumplings with napa cabbage (\$6.45). Two sets of fellow diners recommended these and they were good. Not amazing, but solid. The chicken dumplings with corn (\$6.95) were a trifle unusual and amazingly good, with a subtle back-of-throat burn. The lamb dumplings (\$7.95) were savory and a sneaker favorite at lunch. We also loved the pork dumplings with cilantro (\$7.45), the herb's flavor coming through clean and clear.

The menu features two dishes that sound similar, but are very different — green onion cake (\$3.95) and green chives pancake (\$7.45). We tried the former at the suggestion of the waiter. I wouldn't recommend it. It didn't feature the typical flaky layers



The *mapo tofu* has large cubes of tofu sitting in a spicy red sauce topped with green onions.

and it tasted a little like the oil in which it had been fried had been used a few times too often.

i Dumpling's entrees, on the other hand, were a pleasure to consume. The kung pao chicken was spicier than expected, but deeply, fundamentally satisfying. The mapo tofu, soft cubes of tofu bathed in a spicy red sauce with a scattering of green onions, was

delightful. I recommend you order some rice (the vegetarian fried rice is a solid choice) to go with both these dishes.

On any hot day, you should stop by for one of i Dumpling's cold dishes. The cold wide bean noodles are a melange of cold, half-inch mung bean noodles

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The *crushed cucumber and fresh garlic salad* at *i Dumpling* in Redwood City.

i DUMPLING

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tossed with a light soy dressing and garnished with slivered cucumbers. The noodles were a little slithery, but oh, so good. The crushed cucumber with garlic is a rustic dish — Persian cucumbers sliced in half lengthwise, then into 2-inch chunks and smashed with the side of a cleaver. A marinade of soy and raw garlic makes the cucumbers succulent and refreshing. I'd take this any day for a light lunch or snack.

Expect to ask for hot tea if you want it. It's not on the menu, nor do they automatically serve it, but it is available. Desserts are nonexistent. But if you are looking for good and very reasonably priced Chinese dumplings and a choice of some other interesting dishes, *i Dumpling* may well be the place for you. Just not for a first date. ❑

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. FBN651512
The following person(s)/ registrant(s) has/ have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name(s).
The information given below is as it appeared on the fictitious business statement that was filed at the County Clerk-Recorder's Office.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME(S):
TOTAL CLEANING
1050 Crestview Dr. #13
Mountain View, CA 94040
FILED IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY ON:
10/26/2018
UNDER FILE NO.: FBN647929
REGISTRANT'S NAME(S):
MILTON SARAVIA
1050 Crestview Dr. #13
Mountain View, CA 94040
THIS BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED BY: An Individual.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 19, 2019.
(MVV Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019)

NAIL BAR
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN651915
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Nail Bar, located at 1910 W. El Camino Real C1, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
LIEN WILLIAMSON
37716 Glenmoor Drive
Fremont, CA 94536
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 02/27/2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on February 27, 2019.
(MVV Mar. 15, 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2019)

SILICON VALLEY MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN652424
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Silicon Valley Medical Development, located at 973 University Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95032, Santa Clara County.
This business is owned by: A Limited Liability Company.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
SILICON VALLEY MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT, LLC
973 University Ave.
Los Gatos, CA 95032
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 07/18/2008.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 13, 2019.
(MVV Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2019)

JENNIFER INSURANCE
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No.: FBN652386
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:
Jennifer Insurance, located at 1923 Latham Street, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara

County.
This business is owned by: An Individual.
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):
JENNIFER EDIHT RAYA GONZALEZ
415 N. Rengstorff Ave. Apt. 6
Mountain View, CA 94043
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/08/2019.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 12, 2019.
(MVV Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 12, 2019)

997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ROBERT EUGENE WINGARD, JR.
Case No.: 19PR185207
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT EUGENE WINGARD, JR.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: GEORGE BREEDEN WINGARD AND WESLEY LLOYD WINGARD in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: GEORGE BREEDEN WINGARD AND WESLEY LLOYD WINGARD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on April 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 13 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of

an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:
John B. Sines
342 State Street, Suite 1
Los Altos, CA 94022
(650) 948-1096
(MVV Mar. 8, 15, 22, 2019)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
BRETT KANAZAWA, aka BRETT S. KANAZAWA & BRETT SHINNOSUKE KANAZAWA
Case No.: 19PR185563
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRETT KANAZAWA, aka BRETT S. KANAZAWA & BRETT SHINNOSUKE KANAZAWA.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JUNE KANAZAWA in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.
The Petition for Probate requests that: JUNE KANAZAWA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 13 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
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In addition to dumplings, the restaurant also serves cold and hot dishes, such as the *sauerkraut pork soup noodles*.

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MOVIE OPENINGS



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Lupita Nyong'o stars in Jordan Peele's new thriller "Us."

Just the two of 'Us'

JORDAN PEELE DELIVERS DOPPELGÄNGER HORROR

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

What will surely be the single-most commonly cited moment of "Us" is when a dumbfounded American dad asks psychopathic home invaders, "What are you people?" and they answer: "We're Americans."

It's a punchline and a promise of scary, but satirical, social commentary in Jordan Peele's follow-up to his smash success "Get Out."

While Peele has tried to frame "Us" as more of a straight-ahead horror movie not built to sustain that kind of thematic weight, audiences have come to expect his pop-horror films to spark reflection on our existence and our society.

In a dynamic performance already generating Oscar buzz, Lupita Nyong'o stars as Adelaide Wilson, a woman who only very reluctantly accompanies her family on a vacation to Santa Cruz, California. Her apprehension

stems from a trauma in her youth, when she unaccountably encountered her own doppelgänger in a hall of mirrors at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. This initial 1986-set sequence also allows Peele to geek out on a few '80s references, including a nod to the Santa Cruz-set "The Lost Boys."

Adelaide's fears prove founded when she, her husband, Gabe (Winston Duke), and their children Zora (Shahadi Wright Joseph) and Jason (Evan Alex) find themselves staring down their evil twins. These are the "Tethered," a doppelgänger conception so deeply unnerving it could conceivably launch a whole new craze in horror, as "Night of the Living Dead" did for zombies. Driven mad by exclusion and isolation, these shadow selves range from enraged to downright feral homicidal mania, and all

they want is American life itself. Their deep-red jumpsuits and sandals say doomsday cult, but their shears say murderous home invaders.

"Us" largely plays as a more stylish, sci-fi take on "The Purge" franchise, which inhabits similar thematic ground. Both movies play upon Americans' guilt for their largely lucked-into plenty and the anxiety that they're a class revolt away from having it all violently taken. Capitalism means a dog-eat-dog world: For us to thrive, others must suffer, and but for the sheer randomness of the universe, it could be "us" on the other side of the looking glass.

It's precisely because Peele is taking on ideas this heady that "Us" manages to be almost equal parts provocative and somehow a bit of a letdown. When "Us" finally gets literal about what's going on, the rushed exposition begs more questions than answers.

Peele's messy stew of allusive ingredients and jokey allusions (shamans and wizards, white rabbits, Beach Boys vs. N.W.A.) can be overwhelming, but it gives us a helluva lot more to chew on than a "Halloween" reboot.

Some will find the film's psycho-killer insanity a bit overworked, but Nyong'o's impressive dual performance goes a long way to making the scares work from both sides of the equation: scream queen and relentless monster.

When "Us" reckons with who created that monster, it adds one more twist (of the shears) to Peele's latest scary-funny-provocative trip into an American twilight zone. *Rated R for violence/terror, and language. One hour, 56 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

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NOW SHOWING

- A Madea Family Funeral (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13) ★★1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Apollo 11 (Not Rated)** Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Badla (Not Rated)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- Bohemian Rhapsody (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Captain Marvel (PG-13) ★★★** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Captive State (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Cruel Intentions (20th anniversary) (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Everybody Knows (English subtitles) (R)**
Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sun.
- Fighting With My Family (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Five Feet Apart (PG-13)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Gloria Bell (R)** Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Green Book (PG-13) ★★1/2** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG) ★★★**
Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Isn't it Romantic (PG-13)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Kesari (Not Rated)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. **The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (PG) ★★★** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- No Manches Frida 2 (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun.
- Rebecca (1940) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- Suspicion (1941) (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- They Shall Not Grow Old (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
- Us (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.
- Woman at War (Not Rated)** Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sun.
- Wonder Park (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sun. Century 20: Fri. - Sun.
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 327-3241) tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa
Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View tinyurl.com/Century16
Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City tinyurl.com/Century20
CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (For information: 493-0128) tinyurl.com/Pasquare
Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (For recorded listings: 566-8367) tinyurl.com/Guildmp
ShowPlace Icon: 2575 California St. #601, Mountain View tinyurl.com/iconMountainView
Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 324-3700) Stanfordtheatre.org

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 ★★ Some redeeming qualities
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HIGHLIGHT

'THE WITCHES'

Los Altos Youth Theatre performs Roald Dahl's classic, "The Witches." March 22-24; times vary. \$20; discounts for students, seniors. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

THEATER

Jewish Women's Theatre: 'It's a Life' Los Angeles-based Jewish Women's Theatre (JWT) presents "It's a Life," which celebrates life while exploring various events surrounding death. March 25, 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$30; discounts for members and J-Pass holders. Oshman Family JCC, Conference Room F401 (4th floor above the theater), 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/jwtheatre

'Sojourn' Pear Theatre presents "Sojourn," a futuristic play written by Evan Kokkila Schumacher and directed by Caroline Clark. Through April 7; times vary. \$32; discounts for seniors, students. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

TheatreWorks Silicon Valley Presents 'Marie and Rosetta' In its West Coast premiere, the musical play "Marie and Rosetta" shares the saga of musical legend Sister Rosetta Tharpe, who inspired Elvis, Ray Charles and others on her way to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Through March 31; times vary. \$40-\$100; discounts available. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. theatreworks.org

'The Aliens' "The Aliens" by Annie Baker is the story of two men who pass their time behind a coffee shop in Vermont discussing poetry, music and wind farms, and a lonely teenager who works there. March 29-31, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22; discount for students ages 21 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com/

'The Phantom Tollbooth' Enchantment Theatre Company presents an original stage adaptation of "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norton Juster, with illustrations by Jules Feiffer. March 30, 3-4 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. \$35; discount for kids. Albert and Janet Schultz Cultural Arts Hall, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. paloaltojcc.org/tollbooth

CONCERTS

'Forbidden Music' New Century Chamber Orchestra welcomes Venezuelan-American pianist Vanessa Perez to

perform music written by composers under the shadow of oppressive regimes. March 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. ncco.org

Voices of Music: Virtuoso Baroque Concertos San Francisco's Voices of Music performs works by various composers ranging from Vivaldi to Bach. March 28, 8 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church, 555 Waverley St., Palo Alto.

MUSIC

Bay Area Flute Day The first ever Bay Area Flute Day will feature workshops, master classes, demonstrations and exhibits. March 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/bay-area-flute-day-2019

Community Singing In this singing session of simple songs that describe the connection between people and the Earth, instructors use the call-and-response teaching method. Ability to read sheet music is not required. March 23, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Multicultural Festival The city of Mountain View's Multicultural Festival will feature a variety of entertainment, educational activities and exhibits. March 30, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Civic Center Plaza, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

TALKS & LECTURES

Matt Richtel Alta Magazine and Books Inc. host Matt Richtel to discuss his book, "An Elegant Defense: The Extraordinary New Science of the Immune System: A Tale in Four Lives." March 28, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Mountain View, 317 Castro St., Mountain View. booksinc.net

'Unmarriageable: Pride and Prejudice in Pakistan' Author Soniah Kamal presents "Unmarriageable,"

a modern Pakistani twist on the "Pride and Prejudice" plot. March 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

'Ada Lovelace: The Making of a Computer Scientist' Co-authors Ursula Martin and Adrian Rice discuss their book "Ada Lovelace: The Making of a Computer Scientist." March 28, 6 p.m. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org

Building Your Child's Self-Confidence and Personal Power Cynthia Klein, certified parent educator and author, will discuss children's social and emotional development. For parents of children ages 5-12. Adults only. March 27, 7-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

CHAC's 2nd Annual Changing Lives Together Breakfast Community Health Awareness Council presents the 2nd annual Changing Lives Together Breakfast hosted by LinkedIn. Keynote speaker Ronnie Lott will discuss "Overcoming Obstacles: Challenges of our Time." March 27, 7-8:30 a.m. LinkedIn, 700 East Middlefield Road (LinkedIn Building 4), Mountain View. changinglivestogetherbreakfast.eventbrite.com

Cubberley Stock Palo Alto Public Art and artist Lexa Walsh present Cubberley Stock, a community dinner where diners share a home-cooked meal while listening to proposals about how to temporarily animate Cubberley. Diners vote for their favorite idea and the winner is awarded funding to support their project. March 24, 6-8:30 p.m. Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Brown Bears in Alaska Wildlife photographer Joan Sparks will share images of the brown bears inhabiting Cook Inlet in Alaska and discuss volcanoes in the "Ring of Fire" and brown bear behavior, among other topics. March 26, 7-8 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

FAMILY

Family Play Day Hidden Villa presents Family Play Day with certified facilitators leading families through various physical activities. March 24, 2-4 p.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Spring Family Day The Palo Alto Art Center presents Spring Family Day, featuring arts and crafts, an interactive dance performance with Stanford Bhangra, storytime with Kitaabworld, sidewalk art and a photography scavenger hunt with prizes. March 24, 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Search cityofpaloalto.org for more info.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Closing Reception: 'Rock, Feather, Plume' Exhibition The "Rock, Feather, Plume" exhibition features Jennifer Mineer's photographs of rare stones taken with a special lens and lights. March 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

FILM

'Umunhum': Film Screening and Panel Discussion In partnership with the Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Hidden Villa will host a special screening of the film "Umunhum," about the creation of Amah Mutsun. March 27, 6-8 p.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

FOOD & DRINK

Brunch on the Farm Kids ages 6-8 learn to make an organic breakfast by gathering ingredients from the farm, collecting eggs from hens and harvesting vegetables from the garden. March 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$25. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

LESSONS & CLASSES

'Earn It! Keep It! Save It!' Free Tax Preparation Help Free tax-preparation help is provided by IRS-certified volunteers and is available to households with a 2018 income of \$55,000 or less. No appointments necessary. Saturdays through April 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

Water-Wise Landscape Classes BAWSCA's Landscape Education Classes are designed to introduce homeowners, commercial property managers, landscape service providers and others to the concepts of water-efficient and sustainable landscaping. Next class focuses on pruning techniques for native plants & trees. March 28, 6-8:30 p.m. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. bayareaconservation.org/landscape

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Silicon Valley Disability Thrive Day Abilities United presents Disability Thrive Day, where people of all ages and abilities can run, walk or roll through Mitchell Park. March 23, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$20 registration fee. Mitchell Park - Magical Bridge Playground, 600 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. abilitiesunited.org

Family Caregiver Walking Support Group Bay Area Cancer Connections hosts a one-hour walk for family caregivers to connect one-on-one with each other. March 23, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Shoreline Lake Boathouse, 3160 North Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. breathingspacesfc.com

Compost Critters Compost Critters explores how worms and insects living in the dirt serve the environment and specifically, Hidden Villa. March 30-31, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Forest Playgroup Hidden Villa's Forest Playgroup consists of a walk from the farm to the creek trail with an experienced guide who will facilitate intentional experiences with the outdoor world. For kids ages 3-5 with parent or guardian. March 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve Volunteers participate in hands-on activities, including weeding, planting and creating habitat structures to improve conditions for the area's wildlife. Every second and fourth Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. Pearson-Arastradero Preserve, 1530 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

HOME & GARDEN

'Dry Gardens: High Style for Low Water Gardens' Landscape designer Daniel Nolan presents his new book, "Dry Gardens: High Style for Low Water Gardens." March 27, 3-5 p.m. \$30; discounts for members, students. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.



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Palo Alto | \$4,998,000
 Wonderful 5bd/5ba home in the heart of Palo Alto w/high ceilings and a sweeping staircase. Located near Rinconada Community Gardens and top-rated schools. Approx. 3,200 sqft.

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Mountain View | \$1,188,000
 Fabulous Old Mill complex. www.49ShowersA142.com. Rare 3br/2ba on the first level. Los Altos Schools. Clean end unit boasting wood floors, newer carpets and paint - move-in condition. Xtra large balcony, East exposure. Gas range - inside utilities - reserved parking close to elevator. Much desired complex with two pools, spa, sauna, close to Caltrain, San Antonio Center. Buyers to check school attendance.

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Redwood City | \$1,899,000
 This well located ranch home features three spacious bedrooms and three baths. It is tucked away on an approximately 10,700 square foot flag lot.

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