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Alison Costello, a firefighter paramedic with the Mountain View Fire Department, pulls on her gear at Fire Station 1 before heading out to a 911 call on March 25.

## All-female Mountain View fire crew draws national attention

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Fire Department kicked off Women's History Month with a historic moment of its own, assembling an all-female crew of firefighters for the first time.

It wasn't staged, nor was it meant for massive media attention, but a photo commemorating the day has since gone viral. The stars of the photo are hoping to harness the unexpected spotlight as a way to interest more women and girls in the male-dominated field.

The selfie shows the department's longest-tenured women firefighters — Fire Capt. Jenna Graham, paramedic Alison Costello and engineer Patty Juergens — with big smiles standing alongside a

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## Bullis scraps plans to open new Mountain View charter school this fall

By Kevin Forestieri

Bullis Mountain View officials announced Thursday, March 21, that they will not open a new charter school in Mountain View this fall, accusing the Mountain View Whisman School District of imposing restrictive and vague requirements that made opening virtually impossible.

The surprise decision comes just weeks after the charter school delayed its enrollment lottery for students wanting to attend the school in its inaugural 2019-20 school year. Plans were also well underway to provide facilities for the charter school at a district site next to Stevenson Elementary School.

Bullis Mountain View (BMV) Head of School Jennifer

Anderson-Rosse said in a statement that she and other charter school founders are "frustrated and saddened" by the development, which she said was caused by ongoing disputes with the school district's leadership. Although Mountain View Whisman's school board approved the charter school's petition to open

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## Council OKs razing rentals for new rowhouses

By Mark Noack

Aside from the one developer in the room, nobody in the City Council Chambers seemed pleased with a proposal to raze 34 cheap-to-rent apartments in order to build a smaller number of million-dollar rowhouses.

But once again, City Council members insisted their hands were tied, saying they had no choice but to approve an unpopular project that marked a setback for the city's housing goals. It was the second time in recent months that city leaders felt compelled to sign off on a redevelopment project, even though it would displace dozens of families, destroy low-cost apartments and result in less housing than before.

Reluctantly but unanimously, the City Council at its March 26 meeting approved a 33-unit rowhouse development at 1950 Montecito Ave., describing it as the kind of project that should be restricted in the future. Everyone agreed that the Montecito Avenue project followed the letter of Mountain View's zoning and building codes, although many in attendance argued that it violated the spirit of the city's housing vision.

"I can't vote no on the project when it's fully compliant and when we're the ones responsible for setting the rules and regulations in the first place," said Councilman Lucas Ramirez. "We have to identify a policy solution to mitigate this impact."

Like a slow-moving train wreck, a number of housing projects to redevelop older apartments occupied by low-income families are arriving before the City Council, leaving no time to hit the brakes. These projects have been in the city's review pipeline for more than a year, but city officials have failed to address the disconnect between the policies on the books and

their stated ideals for keeping Mountain View a diverse community.

Since last summer, local resident Jacqueline Cashen has been regularly warning city officials that these projects were imminent, urging them to take action. Next week, a project at the 59-unit apartment complex where she lives will go before the council seeking permission to replace the rentals with 54 rowhouses.

"Mountain View calls itself a sanctuary city, but to whom does that apply? Mountain View calls itself a human rights city, but to whom does that apply?" Cashen said. "Approving these projects will continue to drive out everyone but the wealthy."

It is an unpleasant dilemma that is becoming all too familiar. In December, council members grudgingly approved plans at 2005 Rock St. to demolish 20 affordable apartments and build 15 rowhouses, which are expected to sell for \$1.3 million apiece. At the time, council members said they had little alternative in the matter, and they focused their discussion on trying to secure an aid package for the displaced residents.

It was pretty much the same situation at the Tuesday meeting on the Montecito Avenue project. A long line of residents, neighbors and housing advocates urged the City Council to staunch the loss of affordable housing. Elected leaders expressed their sympathies, but said they couldn't do much.

"Cities can't move that fast. Give us the benefit of the doubt that we're trying to solve this. It's a complex problems and it's going to take a while," said Councilman John McAlister. "After a number of these redevelopment, we're seeing the flaws and ways we can improve."

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**Troy Johnson, Roneet Rahamim, and Sarah Haas play the witches in Dragon Theatre's production of "Macbeth."**

**BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO 'MACBETH'**

In its nearly 20-year history, Dragon Productions Theatre Company has never before done a play by William Shakespeare, according to its artistic directors. When I heard it would be producing a stripped-down version of "Macbeth" as part of its Second Stages program, which provides mentoring and support for passion projects, I was, admittedly, a bit skeptical. There are Shakespeare groups aplenty. Does the world really need another take on this well-worn classic? As it turns out, I needn't have worried. Led by local-theater power couple Max Tachis and Roneet Aliza Rahamim, who co-produce, co-direct and co-star, this "Macbeth" is powerful, visceral and haunting.

"The Scottish Play" is a tale of ambition run amok, treachery, fate and murder most foul. In this version, an eight-person cast tackles numerous roles. It tells the story of the legendary Macbeth (Tasi Alabastro), a nobleman whom a coven of witches (Sarah Haas, Troy Johnson and Rahamim) prophesize will become king of Scotland. They also tell Macbeth's comrade Banquo (Maya Greenberg) that he shall be the ancestor of kings. This is a Shakespearean tragedy so, naturally, things take an ill-fated turn.

Not one to sit back and let destiny take its course, especially when goaded by his formidable wife (Maria Marquis), Macbeth decides to speed up matters by assassinating King Duncan (Tachis, who also plays frenemy MacDuff and Third Lord), while the unlucky monarch is a guest in his home. This sets off a chain

of betrayal, violence and villainy as Lord and Lady Macbeth fall deeper into paranoia, guilt and madness while desperately trying to hold on to the ill-begotten throne.

Maybe this is a relatively low-budget production, but in the innovative, resourceful sense. With an emphasis on the relationships between the characters, it's an emotional, intimately focused take on "Macbeth." The actors throw themselves physically into the roles, the witches craning their necks and rolling their shoulders like old-world vultures and hissing ominously; the ghost of Banquo stalking the stage in horror.

I've seen Alabastro in a number of recent productions and he's usually a lovable, affable presence. His Macbeth begins that way as well, so it's especially shocking to watch him quickly give into his darker side. Marquis is a confident, intelligent performer who delivers Lady Macbeth's words in an accessible and human way. Greenberg gives Banquo a world-weary, wry sensibility and later proves pleasingly creepy as head witch Hecate.

One of my favorite aspects of the show was the sound design, credited to the ensemble as a whole. Each cast member takes turns when they're not on stage, using drums, chimes and other implements to create the sound effects, including a truly chilling neck-twisting sound.

Tachis designed the simple but effective set, which utilizes white drapes in a number of ways, with lighting design by Dylan Elhai. Rahamim handled the costumes, which give the team a uniform look of muted earth tones and dark red, with small changes (shredded jackets for the witches, twisty wire crowns for Macbeth and his Lady) to differentiate the characters. Red ribbons clutched between the fingers, around the neck or wrapped in baby blankets prove excellent — and eerie — stand-ins for blood.

With its first Shakespeare production, the Dragon has delivered a faithful yet surprisingly refreshing version of a classic.

The show runs Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through April 7 at the Dragon Theatre, 2120 Broadway St., Redwood City. Tickets are \$29-\$37. Go to dragonproductions.net.

—Karla Kane

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#### CRIME BRIEFS

##### MV WOMAN DIES IN CRASH

A Mountain View woman died in a collision Tuesday morning in San Carlos, according to San Mateo County sheriff's officials and the Coroner's Office.

Lucy Kenney, 61, died in a collision that deputies responded to at 6:33 a.m. at the intersection of westbound Holly Street at the southbound U.S. 101 off-ramp.

Sheriff's officials said the collision involved Kenney's Honda HR-V and a Ford F-250, which was towing a trailer carrying landscaping equipment.

When deputies arrived, Kenney was unconscious and not breathing. Medics were called and started life-saving procedures, according to the Sheriff's Office. Kenney was taken to Stanford Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 7:31 a.m.

The driver and two others in the Ford were uninjured. Sheriff's officials said the cause of the collision is under investigation.

—Bay City News Service

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#### POLICE LOG

##### AUTO BURGLARY

2400 block Grant Rd., 3/18  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 3/18  
Inigo Way & Pear Av., 3/19  
1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 3/19  
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/20  
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/20  
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/20  
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/20  
700 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/21  
200 block Murlagan Av., 3/22  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/22  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/22  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/22  
500 block S. Renstorff Av., 3/24  
400 block Hope St., 3/26  
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/26

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600 block Cuesta Dr., 3/23  
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200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 3/18  
600 block San Antonio Rd., 3/18  
1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 3/20  
2300 block Central Expressway, 3/21  
800 block California St., 3/22  
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/25

#### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

##### SYWEST, GOOGLE FAIL TO REACH DEAL

After nearly a month of negotiations, Google and SyWest are calling it quits on attempting to work together on developing the North Bayshore gateway site. Representatives from the two companies informed Mountain View officials last week that they were unable to reach a compromise on their conflicting building plans.

This means it will now fall to the Mountain View City Council to figure out how to develop the area near the Century Cinema theaters. In an idea proposed by Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga, the council stipulated that if negotiations failed, the city would draft its own master plan outlining what should be developed in the area.

Google and SyWest each own about half of the 30 acres that

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

*Lucia plays with a friend on the monkey bars at Mountain View Parent Nursery School. The preschool is celebrating 50 years of educating Mountain View children with a community anniversary party on March 31.*

## Co-op preschool celebrates 50 years in Mountain View

By Kevin Forestieri

Teachers, parents and alumni of the Mountain View Parent Nursery School are planning to commemorate the school's 50th anniversary with a party celebrating its decades of serving children despite facing challenges and displacement.

Although few things seem to last for half a century in the rapidly changing city of Mountain View, the parent cooperative has remained a fixture for

families seeking a preschool with high parent involvement and relatively low-cost.

Along with birthday cake and an entertainer to keep the celebration lively, the event planned on Sunday, March 31, will give alumni and their families a chance to peruse old photos of the school and visit the new campus on Oak Avenue in Los Altos, across the street from Mountain View High School.

Vinita Alwyn, a parent at the Mountain View Parent Nursery

School, said families from all walks of life in Mountain View, Los Altos and Sunnyvale have come to deeply value the preschool, and the festivities will be a chance to celebrate the parents, teachers and staff who have kept it alive.

"It's a chance to acknowledge everything that's gone into keeping this school thriving for so long," Alwyn said.

The school originally launched on El Monte Avenue

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## Board approves teacher housing project

144-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING PROPOSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District is one step closer to launching its very own workforce housing, signing off on an agreement last week that would reserve more than 100 affordable units exclusively for teachers and school staff seeking to live and work in Mountain View.

The unanimous decision by school board members on

March 21 finalizes an agreement with the developer FortBay, which is proposing to build 716 apartments at 777 W. Middlefield Road. Under the agreement, 144 of those units in the western wing of the project would be leased to the school district, giving it full control over selecting tenants.

The three-way partnership between FortBay, the district and the city of Mountain View has been in the works for nearly

a year, and was announced in October as an alternative to the district developing its own land for a housing project. The agreement also satisfies FortBay's requirement for affordable housing units which, absent the partnership, would have made the project infeasible, according to a city staff report.

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph urged trustees to think

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## Paid parking could be coming to downtown

HIGH PARKING NEEDS PUSH COUNCIL TO SUPPORT IDEA

By Mark Noack

Time could be running out for free parking in Mountain View's bustling downtown.

At its March 19 meeting, the City Council signaled a renewed interest in looking into paid parking as a way to alleviate the growing traffic demands along the Castro Street area.

Downtown Mountain View has more free public parking than anywhere else in the city, with spaces for more than 2,400 vehicles at the city's garages, lots and curbsides. And on any given weekday, almost all of those spaces are packed, according to city staff. This is especially true around lunchtime and dinnertime, when most of the city garages are filled to capacity and about nine out of 10 parking stalls are occupied on average.

The parking woes are expected to get much worse in the near future. By next year, two public parking lots along Hope Street will be closed in order to be rebuilt into a luxury hotel and office project. Meanwhile, the city is also planning to redevelop the downtown transit station and its large parking area. Both these projects will eventually provide new underground garages, but they will deplete the available parking in the short term.

Mountain View city staff say bringing in paid parking would be a way to increase vehicle turnover and free up the best parking spots located closest to Castro Street. But the idea has always been controversial. Mountain View had previously tested out the idea when Levi's Stadium opened in 2014, based on estimates that hundreds of vehicles would be parking downtown on game days in order to take VTA light rail. The city later scuttled the program due to dismal turnout and frustrations among nearby residents.

In particular, downtown business owners have long been skeptical that any attempt to charge for parking could mean their customers go elsewhere. But that concern appears to be subsiding. In a survey with downtown merchants, nearly 75 percent believed customers were being

driven away due to parking challenges. Similarly, half of respondents in an online public survey indicated they were willing to pay if it meant finding a parking space more easily. Last month the city's Downtown Committee members, which include several business representatives, indicated they were willing to give paid parking a try as long as it was implemented slowly and carefully.

Some elected officials who were previously uneasy with paid parking are now signaling a new interest in the option. During the discussion March 19, Councilman Chris Clark touted the possibilities of using smart meters to gather better data on driver patterns, and possibly using demand pricing to keep parking available across the downtown area. The technology allows a paid-parking system to be fine-tuned to meet the city's needs, he said.

"For me, the goal is to shift demand without any severe unintended consequences such as causing people to be more reluctant to come downtown," Clark said. "As long as you spend money up front, this gives you a significant amount of options in the long run."

In her staff report, City Business Development Specialist Tiffany Chew noted that plenty of things need to be analyzed before any paid-parking program would be ready for launch. For example, city officials would need to decide between installing single-space meters or pay stations on roughly every downtown block. She estimated it would cost up to about \$1 million for the equipment, and about \$470,000 in annual operating expenses. If the council wanted to fully recover those costs, they would need to charge \$1.50 per hour to park, she said.

If council members wanted, they could stagger prices according to different zones of downtown, Chew said. In that case, the city would charge more to park in the high-demand areas.

A majority of the council members said they wanted to investigate the idea further. On the opposing side, Councilman John McAlister said he preferred

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## TEACHER HOUSING

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of the project as an important investment to retain teachers amid a regionwide housing crisis. Employees are sharing apartments and commuting 50 to 60 miles to get to work, he said, and the district doesn't have even close to enough funding to bring salaries up to the median income in Santa Clara County.

"I firmly believe if we plan on keeping the 666 employees that are here ... that the 144 units will make a big dent," Rudolph said.

Assuming the project receives city approval in the coming months, the employee housing portion of the project could be completed as soon as late 2021.

Under the agreement, the district will lease a subset of FortBay's massive proposed housing project — 1.8 acres

along Shoreline Boulevard — and pay the developer \$56 million to construct the 144-unit apartment building. Leasing the land will cost \$900,000 during construction and \$1.8 million after, though the project is expected to be cost-neutral, Rudolph said. The district will collect rent from the employee tenants and will likely convene a special board to determine the rental rates, which he clarified would only be able to go down — not up — to balance out the finances.

Setting the rents and conducting the lottery process that determines who gets to live in the subsidized housing is best handled by a separate and impartial entity, Rudolph said, to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest.

"You do not want a teacher or staff member to say the board is retaliating because of something they said," Rudolph said.

The school district has been

exploring workforce housing options since early 2016, weighing whether to emulate successful teacher housing projects created by the Santa Clara Unified School District and the San Mateo County Community College District. A feasibility study looking at the district's own property ultimately landed on district-owned land at Cooper Park as the most viable option, but it was faced with vehement opposition from nearby residents.

Mountain View Whisman officials instead sought to piggyback on a project already in the development pipeline — FortBay's project — and offered to pay for the affordable housing component. Of the 144 apartments, 36 will be designated as "low-income" units for employees whose household income lands between 50 and 80 percent of the county's median income (\$125,000). The remaining 108 units will be for "middle-income" families, available to households making up to 120 percent of the median income.

Rents will be based on what each household makes, Rudolph said, but on average the low-income employee tenants will pay between \$1,409 for a studio and \$1,811 for a two-bedroom

apartment in monthly rent, while the moderate-income employees will pay between \$2,630 and \$3,381. The entire FortBay project will have 878 parking spaces, but only 144 will be available to the teacher housing units.

Whether this technically satisfies the city's affordable housing requirements is debatable. The city doesn't have a firm handle on what the equivalency is between a low-income and a middle-income housing unit, but roughly estimates that the 15 percent affordable housing requirements translate to a 27 percent middle-income housing requirement. Under that standard, the agreement with the school district would then fall slightly short.

But city officials may choose to waive the difference, in part because it would bring middle-income housing stock to an area with virtually none. Annual housing reports going back to 2007 show Mountain View needed to generate more than 500 "moderate-income" homes to meet the demand, but issued permits for only four units. The dearth of moderate-income housing is a consistent problem across all cities in the nine-county Bay Area, fueled largely by the lack of tax credits

and subsidies.

Past city staff reports also note the partnership means Mountain View can make significant progress toward meeting its affordable housing needs without having to foot the bill, but the city is expected to contribute some money into the project. The agreement leaves open the option for the city to make a one-time payment toward construction of the 144-unit building in exchange for the "first right of refusal" on 20 of those units for city employees.

Plenty of details are still to come. Rudolph said the board still needs to establish a process for verifying employees qualify for the housing, how long they can stay in the apartments and what to do if teachers quit their jobs with the district or their income suddenly exceeds the ceiling for what qualifies as low- or middle-income. The school district could also consider policies for who can apply if there are vacancies that remain unfilled after soliciting school employees, but Rudolph said the demand is so high he doubts it will be necessary.

"I don't think that is going to be an issue for us at all," he said. ▀

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## FEMALE CREW

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department truck on March 1. The women don't typically work together on the same crew, but another firefighter's absence put the three on the same truck for the first time. Graham said she had to snap a photo of the special moment, which hadn't happened before in the department's 145-year history.

It's a little uncomfortable fielding a barrage of inquiries from the media, Graham told the *Voice* inside Fire Station 1 on Shoreline Boulevard, shortly before suiting up to respond to an emergency call. But she's made it a mission to use the moment of fame as a chance to show that women are just as capable as men of being effective firefighters, and that an all-women crew doesn't have to be an anomaly.

"For us, that's the most important part — this is something women can do," she said.

National statistics show women make up somewhere between 3.5 to 4 percent of firefighters in the United States, which can vary significantly from one department to another. The New York City Fire Department, for example, boosted its number of female firefighters to 87 last year, but that still makes up less than 1 percent of the department's immense staff.

Mountain View has five women firefighters today, with two more currently working their way through the lengthy recruitment process. If both join the department, female representation will jump to close to 10 percent. Although physical agility and strength testing can be seen as a barrier for women, the historic lack of interest in joining the fire service may have more to do with perspective: Women simply don't see firefighting as a career opportunity.

When Juergens and Graham both joined the Mountain View Fire Department in March 2000, they said they were the only women in the otherwise all-male workforce. Neither said they grew up expecting to become a firefighter, and both described career trajectories that had nothing to do with the fire service until after college. Growing up, Juergens said she liked the idea of being a firefighter but lacked a role model and gave up. By the time she started pursuing her EMT, she was already a mother and had to squeeze in classes during the evening. She was convinced she wouldn't make it through the department's probation period.

Costello said she wasn't dreaming of becoming a firefighter as a child. She received a degree in biology and spent time traveling before stumbling upon a job interview for a career in



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Capt. Jenna Graham** participates in a rope rescue training exercise in downtown Mountain View on March 19. More photos are online at [mv-voice.com](http://mv-voice.com).

firefighting. She was 26 at the time and didn't have any of the required credentials, but had both a college education and an aptitude for sports and physical challenges. Today, she said she hopes to be living proof that women and girls of all ages, backgrounds and sizes are capable of being firefighters.

"We're small women and we carry equipment that weighs more than us," she said.

To that end, women from fire departments throughout the Bay Area have rallied to launch a two-day camp that promotes firefighting as a career path teenage girls can pursue. Dubbed the NorCal First Alarm Girls Fire Camp, the event is staffed entirely by female firefighters, and runs attendees through everything from handling heavy hose lines, chainsawing holes for fire ventilation and smashing through heavy doors.

Jenn Panko, a 22-year firefighter and captain with the Santa Clara Fire Department, has been deeply involved in the camp since it launched last year, and told the *Voice* that it marks a good-faith effort to help fire departments, including her own, recruit staff that more closely reflects the demographics in the area. She said most fire departments fall short on recruiting the demographics they serve.

While boys aren't barred from attending, Panko said they're really not the focus of the fire camp. Boys typically get plenty of encouragement to be firemen growing up, particularly through organizations like Boy Scouts, while girls are usually left out. Like the women in the Mountain View Fire Department, she said she had no prior exposure to the fire service before going to college.

"It's pretty rare to have a young girl who says she wants to be a firefighter, and we're trying to change that," she said.

Both Graham and Juergens were at the fire camp last fall in Fremont, where they showed off auto extrication techniques to teenage girls on the first day. Day

2 was all about forcible entry into a building, including use of the iconic firefighter's ax and a tool called a Halligan. Panko said it was an inspiring moment for girls, who got to see Graham creatively use every bit of her shorter size to take down the door.

"Jenna is amazing. She was showing them what it took, how aggressive and powerful to have to be to make that happen," Panko said. "She just had to go crazy on that thing, and it was so impressive and cool to see."

Panko said she had been on an all-women crew in Santa Clara for a couple of years earlier in her career, and that it was interesting to watch social media explode over what amounts to a one-day alignment in Mountain View's assignments. She said it's fortunate that a woman like Graham caught the inadvertent attention, since her charismatic and easy-to-befriend attitude makes her a great ambassador for women interested in the fire service. Like beating on a door with metal tools, she has a lot of guts and is willing to put hesitation aside, Panko said.

While it can be difficult for women to complete all the physical requirements to be a firefighter — a set of standardized measures called the Candidate Physical Ability Testing (CPAT) — the test is actually designed to even the playing field for women rather than have varying requirements from one department to another, Panko said. That doesn't mean the standards have been lowered, she said, but it means all the equipment and the conditions are consistent.

While Graham and Costello both admit that joining an all-male fire department wasn't easy at first — some fire stations didn't have bathrooms for women, for example — they say the culture has improved over the years and feels like a welcoming environment today. Wednesday, March 27, marked Graham's 19th anniversary with the Mountain View Fire Department, and she hailed the department's effort to increase diversity.

"This is a very special place," Graham said.

Panko said she believes things have gotten better since she joined her department in the late 1990s as well. She also recalled that women weren't comfortable using the common bathrooms at fire stations, and that female firefighters had to get "creative" until the facilities were upgraded to accommodate women.

She believes some of the positive changes being made in fire departments are coming from increased representation of women in high-ranking city positions.

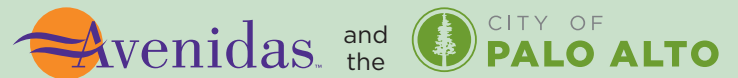
"The recent movement in society around women and women's rights is changing the culture," she said. "More and more city managers and city council members are women, and they are more aware of women in their workplaces. They might ask their city 'How are you doing with workforce diversity?' or 'How are you doing with

women in your department?'"

The next First Alarm Fire Camp will be held in Santa Clara on May 4 and May 5, and already has a waiting list. Anyone interested in attending can still apply at [tinyurl.com/grlfire5](http://tinyurl.com/grlfire5), and will be given a priority spot in the next camp event later this year — likely located in Contra Costa County. Information for women interested in jump-starting a firefighting career is online at [fctconline.org](http://fctconline.org).

The Mountain View Fire Department is also joining other city departments in what's being called the #SheCan event, which aims to "embolden the next generation of girls and women" by showing what it's like to be a woman in public service. The event will be held on Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mountain View Police Department at 1000 Villa St. ■

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**BULLIS**

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in fall 2019, it came with strings attached that BMV leaders say were onerous and even illegal.

Among those conditions, the district required the charter school to enroll low-income students at a rate that mirrors the school district's demographics, which Anderson-Rosse said would impose a quota that would violate state laws on discrimination by favoring certain student subgroups. The board also voted to revamp the charter school's enrollment priorities, which BMV leaders say amounts to rewriting the charter petition in violation of state education code.

All of the requirements were developed and presented shortly before the board's approval in December, which Anderson-Rosse said gave them no time to negotiate more reasonable conditions. The March 21 statement calls the requirements

"irrational and harmful challenges" intended to undermine the charter school.

"The district's 'conditional' approval of the BMV charter in December was, under charter school law, a denial of the charter that Bullis submitted for consideration in October," she said in the statement. "The district has spent a considerable amount of taxpayer dollars on outside legal counsel as it continues to undermine BMV's efforts to open."

The school was expected to open in the fall with 168 students in kindergarten through second grade. A total of 218 families had applied, and Anderson-Rosse said the inability to open this year is a "big loss" for those families and the rest of the Mountain View community.

BMV applied to create a charter school in the district in October, and Mountain View Whisman's school board was faced with two options: Approve the charter petition or deny it

and risk having it approved anyway by the Santa Clara County Board of Education. Even if the county board denied the charter petition, it could be appealed a second time to the state Board

**'We see this as a denial of our petition.'**

JENNIFER ANDERSON-ROSSE,  
BULLIS MOUNTAIN VIEW

of Education. School districts have very few legitimate reasons to deny a charter petition under state education code.

Mountain View Whisman trustees approved the petition on Dec. 20, but put a series of significant last-minute requirements on the charter school that were legally dubious and drastically changed how it could enroll students.

"The conditions they put on

the charter alters the petition, which is not legal," Anderson-Rosse told the *Voice*. "We see this as a denial of our petition."

The decision to postpone opening came three months later, in part, because Anderson-Rosse said she thought the district's terms were negotiable, and that she and BMV leaders were amenable to finding a middle ground. The latest correspondence from the district's administrators, she said, shows they are inflexible and not willing to negotiate in good faith.

Anderson-Rosse said BMV's board of directors still has yet to discuss what to do next. She said she does not know if BMV will seek approval from another chartering authority, such as the county, or resubmit a charter petition to Mountain View Whisman. Nor could she say whether the March 21 announcement pushes the opening of the charter school to a future year or officially eliminates the effort.

Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the announcement came as a "complete shock" to him as well, and that they had been scheduled to talk logistics with BMV on March 22. As of March 21, he said the district is still planning to "work with the staff of Bullis Mountain View to make sure that they are prepared to have a successful opening."

But the relationship between the district and BMV has clearly been strained in recent weeks. In a letter dated March 19 that Rudolph sent to Anderson-Rosse, he said he was "very surprised" to learn that BMV was communicating with county staff, and accused her of trying to pull an end run around the school district by seeking approval from the Santa Clara County Board of Education instead.

"BMV may not treat the process or the decision of the district board to approve the charter petition as a sham," Rudolph wrote in the letter. ■

**CRIME BRIEFS**

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**PEDESTRIAN KILLED ON HWY. 101**

The Santa Clara County Medical Examiner's office has identified the pedestrian killed on Highway 101 in Mountain View on Sunday as 21-year-old Trevor Tangerose.

Around 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24, Tangerose was reportedly trying to cross Highway 101 on foot, near the Rengstorff Avenue interchange. He was struck by a vehicle in the northbound lanes, according to California Highway Patrol officials.

He was taken to Stanford Hospital, where he reportedly died a short time later. It wasn't immediately clear why he was trying to cross the freeway, CHP officials say.

CHP officials say the driver involved in the accident stayed on the scene and cooperated with the investigation. All northbound lanes of 101 were closed for about 30 minutes after the accident, according to CHP officials.

Tangerose, originally from Young, Arizona, had arrived recently in Mountain View. He played music and had been hitchhiking across the country for the last few months before stopping in the Bay Area, according to his Facebook profile.

—*Bay City News Service and Mark Noack*

**CAUSE OF DEATH REVEALED**

Santa Clara County officials have revealed new details regarding the death of a young man

who was found in his car in December at a McDonald's parking lot. William Opeta, 28, likely died as a result of a brain hemorrhage, according to a newly released report by the Santa Clara County Medical Examiner.

The report also indicates Opeta had inflamed lungs and an abnormally enlarged heart, which were listed as significant factors in his death.

The cause of death does not provide much in the way of answers as to what specifically caused Opeta's death. Police officials say Opeta showed no signs of head trauma that could have led to the hemorrhage.

From the evidence, it appears that Opeta's fatal hemorrhage may have occurred naturally, said Mountain View police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

"Based on the coroner's report and from our own follow-up, we do not have any information to suggest that this incident was anything other than an unfortunate circumstance," she wrote in an email to the *Voice*.

—*Mark Noack*

**AUTO BURGLARY ARREST**

Mountain View police arrested a Modesto man accused of prowling and tampering with vehicles Friday, March 21.

Patrol officers spotted the man in a parking garage in the 800 block of California Street who appeared to be looking for valuables in parked cars around 10:50 p.m. on March 21. According to police, officers saw the man park his car and then start crawling between parked vehicles, trying door handles and peering into windows.

The 28-year-old suspect was

arrested and booked into Santa Clara County Jail, Mountain View police said in a press statement released on Monday.

—*Andrea Gemmet*

**ALLEGED THIEF HITS EMPLOYEE**

A transient man was arrested Monday after he allegedly stole from a gas station and punched the employee who tried to stop him, according to police.

The 30-year-old man reportedly entered the gas station store at the corner of El Camino Real and Shoreline Boulevard around 10 a.m. on March 25, and had asked an employee for matches before heading to a freezer, grabbing an ice cream bar and walking out.

The employee followed the suspect and tried to stop him from leaving when the man turned around and punched the employee "repeatedly," according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Two other employees working at the gas station joined in to stop the man from leaving, and were reportedly trying to detain the man when police were called.

The employee who was hit suffered minor injuries and declined medical attention, Nelson said.

The man was arrested on suspicion of robbery. He remained in Santa Clara County jail as of Wednesday morning with a bail set at \$50,000.

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By Mountain View's standards, the Montecito apartments were relatively affordable, costing an average of about \$2,800 a month for a two-bedroom unit. Several tenants said they could not find housing at similar prices anywhere in the surrounding cities. About one-third of the households are expected to qualify for some kind of relocation payment.

In his brief presentation, Josh Vrotsos of Dividend Homes emphasized that his project was fully compliant with city zoning requirements. He described the redevelopment as a direct result of the city's 2016 rent control law.

Like past discussions, the council tried to push the developer to do more for displaced residents, but they didn't have much leverage to make demands. Councilwoman Ellen Kamei asked for Dividend Homes to provide more families with relocation benefits and other assistance. Vrotsos did not commit to any additional aid, although he agreed to make it easier for tenants to access their relocation payment earlier.

Approving the project was

described as the best outcome for a lousy situation. Rejecting the project would mean the property owner could move forward with evicting all the tenants, forcing them to leave without any relocation benefits, said Councilman Chris Clark.

**'We need to fundamentally change the rules so we're not in this situation moving forward.'**

COUNCILMAN CHRIS CLARK

"It's not a great set of solutions, but unfortunately we need to fundamentally change the rules so we're not in this situation moving forward," he said.

For all the talk of the city's hands being tied, tenant advocates have asserted that city leaders do have the power to deny such projects. During the December discussion on the 2005 Rock St. project, attorneys with nonprofit Community Law Services of East Palo Alto urged the

council to reject the development on the grounds that it would harm the public welfare and the city housing goals. California courts have long upheld the power of cities to reject projects, especially when a denial is in the public interest, they argued.

City officials say the better solution is to change city policy. Since last year, City Council members have mentioned bringing forward a new housing ordinance that would restrict developments that cause a loss of housing. But this idea has not been pursued with any sense of urgency. This policy is currently included as one potential item in the city's goal-setting list for the upcoming fiscal year.

In all likelihood, the Montecito Avenue apartments will be vacant by the time the council begins looking at any policy update. The tenants of all 33 units are expected to leave by the end of August, according to the developer. ▣

**PAID PARKING**

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a different system, such as parking validation.

"I've never been a fan of paid parking because I see it as a detriment," McAlister said. "We are competitive with other areas (because) Palo Alto and Sunnyvale don't have it."

Council members Alison Hicks and Margaret Abe-Koga recused themselves from the discussion because they own property in the downtown area.

In their discussion, City Council members indicated any switch to a paid parking system needed to be just one piece of a larger strategy on downtown parking. In particular, several highlighted a study finding that 81 percent

of downtown employees were driving and taking up parking spots. One solution that was widely supported by the council would be to establish some kind of downtown transportation-management association, which would have employers pool their resources to provide incentives for workers to use transit or carpools.

City officials also said they wanted to revisit a system for parking permits in residential neighborhoods in order to prevent cars parking downtown from spilling over onto nearby neighborhood streets.

City staffers say they will return with a work plan, budget and timeline to prepare paid parking in the next few months. ▣

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- What:** Public hearings on proposed fiscal year 2019/2020 Groundwater Production and Surface Water Charges
- When:** April 9, 2019 at 1 p.m. – open public hearing  
April 11, 2019 at 6 p.m. – open house in South County;  
7 p.m. – continued public hearing in South County  
April 23, 2019 at 6 p.m. – close public hearing
- Where:** April 9 and April 23, 2019  
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[www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps](http://www.danceconnectionpaloalto.com/dance-connection-event-calendar/summer-dance-camps)

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[www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview](http://www.runforfuncamps.com/summer-camps-and-school-holiday-camps/camp-overview)

(650) 823-5167

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[campcardinal.org](http://campcardinal.org)

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

(650) 725-2054

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[www.wheelkids.com/palo-alto](http://www.wheelkids.com/palo-alto)

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**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

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comprise the gateway property along Shoreline Boulevard. SyWest officials want to go it alone, developing their 16-acre portion into about 740 residential units, 880,000 square feet of offices and a new hotel, theater and shops. In contrast, Google officials want the entire property to be blended into larger plans for North Bayshore, building 1,200 homes and developing 275,000 square feet of office space at the gateway site.

City Council members declined to endorse either of the companies' plans during a review last month. Any new master plan compiled by city staff would eventually be brought before the City Council for approval.

—Mark Noack

**TENANTS COALITION PLEDGES TO FIGHT RV BAN**

The group formerly known as the Mountain View Tenants Coalition announced March 22 that it will work to overturn a forthcoming ban on RVs and trailers parked on city streets. The pledge to fight comes as the Tenants Coalition announced

it is broadening its mission by changing its name to the Mountain View Housing Justice Coalition.

The RV ban, which has been approved by the City Council only in concept, is intended to remove nearly 200 inhabited motor homes and trailers parked on the streets of Mountain View. At their March 19 meeting, a majority of City Council members gave staff direction to begin drafting a ban as a new city ordinance, a process which could take several months.

If that ordinance were to be approved, members of the new Housing Justice Coalition say they would seek a voter referendum to prevent it from taking effect. Going that route would require supporters to circulate a petition and gather signatures of 10 percent of the registered voters in Mountain View, or about 3,700 people. This petition would need to be submitted no later than 30 days after the ordinance is approved.

If a successful petition is submitted, the City Council would be required to either repeal the ordinance, or bring it forward as a ballot measure for city voters to decide.

"We believe that a majority of Mountain View residents think

this ban is an overreach," said former councilman Lenny Siegel, a member of the Housing Justice Coalition. "People are concerned about the (problems) associated with the vehicle residents, but in my experience, there's few who want an outright expulsion."

Community surveys conducted by the city found that the local residents' top choices for how to address people living out of their vehicles was to provide safe parking locations (71.8 percent) or provide services for housing stability (60.6 percent). Just over half of respondents (50.5 percent) wanted the city to impose parking restrictions.

A referendum is just one option available to potentially overturn a future vehicle ban, Siegel said. The best course of action for the Housing Justice Coalition would depend on how the future vehicle-ban ordinance is written, he said.

—Mark Noack

**MEASLES WARNING**

An international traveler recently found to have measles visited at least six public spaces in the Midpeninsula area earlier this month, leading the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to warn the

community that they may be at risk of getting sick if they're not vaccinated against the disease.

The traveler with measles is an adult who was exposed to the infection overseas and visited 20 restaurants, stores and tourist sites within the county from March 16 through last Saturday, March 23, the Public Health Department announced in a statement Tuesday. The locations include places in Palo Alto, Stanford University and Mountain View.

The person, whose vaccination status is unverified, was hospitalized. For medical privacy reasons, no additional information about the traveler was released.

Individuals who are not immune and visited the locations may be at risk of developing the viral infection, the agency said. The traveler confirmed to be carrying measles also visited establishments in Sunnyvale, San Jose, Cupertino, Santa Clara and Milpitas.

"The good news is that most people living in Santa Clara County have been vaccinated and are protected from measles," said Dr. Sara Cody, county health officer and director of the Public Health Department. "However, if you or a family member are not immune to measles and you think

you were exposed to measles, watch closely for fever, cough, red eyes, runny nose and a rash that starts on the face. Call your doctor right away if you develop any of these symptoms," she added. The symptoms can appear seven to 21 days after first exposure, according to the agency.

This case is not related to the three cases found in the Bay Area earlier this month, the agency said.

For more information about measles and a full list of dates and locations of possible exposure, go to [scgov.org](http://scgov.org).

The traveler visited locations in Mountain View and Palo Alto on Saturday and Sunday, March 16-17, and Friday, March 22.

■ Saturday, March 16: Hoover Tower Observation Deck, 550 Serra Mall, Stanford, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Poki Bowl, 2305 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, from 1:30-4 p.m.; and Walmart, 600 Showers Drive, Mountain View, from 3-5 p.m.

■ Sunday, March 17: Bill's Cafe, 3163 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Cascal, 400 Castro St., Mountain View, from 6-9 p.m.


■ Friday, March 22: Safeway, 645 San Antonio Road, Mountain View, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

—Cierra Bailey

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## 995 Fictitious Name Statement

**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.  
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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)

**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)

**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)

**FIBER COLORS**  
**ARTISANS BY GARIMA**  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN652017  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
1.) Fiber Colors, 2.) Artisans By Garima, located 371 Snyder Lane, Mountain View, CA 94043, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
GARIMA BADJATIA  
371 Snyder Lane  
Mountain View, CA 94043  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 03/01/2019.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on March 1, 2019.  
(MVV Mar. 29; Apr. 5, 12, 19, 2019)

## 997 All Other Legals

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
BRETT KANAZAWA, aka BRETT S. KANAZAWA & BRETT SHINOSUKE 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 SHINOSUKE 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. 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:  
Naomi E. Parker, Esq.  
1999 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 905  
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(MVV Mar. 22, 29; Apr. 5, 2019)

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (SECS 6104, 6105 U.C.C.)**  
Escrow No. FSBC-0271900333

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So far as known to the Buyer(s), all business names and addresses used by the Seller(s) for the three (3) years last past, if different from the above are: NONE  
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## Annual Zimbabwe Run turns 20

The run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair will take place on Sunday, April 7, in Mountain View. The event raises funds to benefit the orphans from the Makumi Children's Home in Zimbabwe while also providing an opportunity for local participants to learn more about Zimbabwe's culture.

"We want to encourage kids to be fit, create art and help others," said Ellen Clark, president of the Sustainable Living Foundation (SLF) and organizer of the annual event which is celebrating its 20th year.

For the Zim Run, there will be 13

cross country races, with distances based on the age group. There will also be a children's art contest, with prizes will be awarded to the top artist in each grade.

"(For) a lot of kids with disabilities, or (if) they can't run, the art contest is a real good place to start," Clark said.

Participants are invited to donate used running shoes for the shoe drive. The Zim Fair anchors the entire day, showcasing art, music, games and food from Zimbabwe.

Last year's event raised \$30,000. This year, Clark said she hopes to

raise an equal or greater amount. Each year, the funds are dedicated to a specific project, and this year, the SLF will use the proceeds to fund micro-grants for teens graduating from the orphanage.

"They will be able to use these grants, around \$300, to start a business or further their education," Clark said.

The race has a \$5 entry fee and is held at St. Joseph School, 1120 Miramonte Ave. More information can be found at [zimbabweparuaguay.net/zim-run](http://zimbabweparuaguay.net/zim-run) or by calling 650-941-9206.

—Angie Wang

## PRESCHOOL

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in 1969 when a group of parents, who had moved to the area, wanted to emulate prior experiences with a cooperate preschool, according to Claire Koukoutsakis, the school's long-time director. The school has moved three times since then, somehow surviving each time, she said.

The latest move wasn't easy. The Mountain View Parent Nursery School was housed on land owned by the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, adjacent to Mountain View High and the district office. The district has been growing for years and needed to use the land, displacing the preschool in 2015. It took a multi-year fundraiser that rallied parents and community members together to help pay for the move, raising \$380,000 to construct the new campus at 1535 Oak Ave.

"We've gone through challenges," Koukoutsakis said. "I really believe we have such a committed group of alumni and parents who have been through the program and who believe the school has made a difference in peoples' lives."

The relocation effort may have been the most recent occasion that brought the school's tight-knit community together, but it wasn't the first time. When beloved preschool teacher Tim Dobbins' house burned down in 2011, women in the preschool quietly began putting money into a special bank account to help him and his family. The donors were anonymous and Dobbins declined to reveal the amount they raised, but needless to say it was enough for him to find a new home.

These challenges didn't always garner media attention. Since she joined in 1990, Koukoutsakis said there's been an abundance of support at the school for parents with cancer,

help with new babies, carpooling and making meals for families in need. Parents are always ready to volunteer more time in the classroom when others are ill, she said.

Dobbins recently retired after working at the school for 25 years — an anomaly at many preschools, but not at the Parent Nursery School. Tenure among preschool teachers is typically short due to high burnout rates and low pay, but the school has enjoyed decades of long-term teaching staffers.

Parents say working at the school is an antidote to the fast pace of Silicon Valley, forcing them to slow down and appreciate the preschool environment. Koukoutsakis said she calls it a chance to stop and smell the roses, and enjoy hearing the excitement over something as simple as a snail or playing with worms in a compost bin.

"You're forced to sit and just listen, or read books to a group

of children or facilitate an activity and listen to the children's thoughts."

Alwyn counts herself among the parents lucky enough to get a front row seat during an important part of her daughter's life, watching her learn and grow through play, an important tenet of the Parent Nursery School.

"I know it's cliché but it's really been a golden year for us — I have loved having her in this school in a play-based environment, and being able to participate in her schooling has been priceless for me," she said.

The Sunday, March 31, anniversary party will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the Alta Vista High School multipurpose room, located at 1325 Bryant Ave. The event is free and attendees are asked to RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/mvpsn30>.

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



MAGALI GAUTHIER

## TRANSPACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

**Natsuki Kominato**, an exchange student from Iwata, Japan, helps Mountain View High School student William Korobkin prepare for a traditional tea ceremony on March 22. She was part of a delegation of Japanese students and teachers visiting the Bay Area and staying with Mountain View High School families from March 21-27. The exchange students held workshops on karate, Japanese games, calligraphy and Sado, a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Through the 27-year-old program, MVHS and Iwata, a city about 120 miles south of Tokyo, have alternated hosting students each year. See more photos online at [mv-voice.com](http://mv-voice.com).

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## Countdown to being counted

THE TIME IS NOW TO RAISE AWARENESS OF 2020 CENSUS

By Ellen Kamei

The 2020 census will take place April 1, 2020, per our U.S. Constitution. California is considered a “hard to count” state, with Santa Clara County ranking as the ninth toughest to count in the nation. In preparation, the Santa Clara County Complete Count Committee and Steering Committee is hard at work to make sure that every person is counted next year. This includes every individual regardless of age, immigration status or residency. The committee is largely focused on our hard-to-count populations, including children under 5, seniors, individuals with disabilities, immigrants and the unstably housed.

Why does this matter? Census data is used to allocate nearly \$700 billion in federal program funding every year, of which California receives approximately \$67 billion. This

funding is used for essential programs like health care, social services, Pell grants and more. California’s political representation in Congress is also dependent on a complete and accurate census. If we have an undercount, we may lose one or two Congressional seats.

Why should we care now? We are only one year away from the census and a recent U.S. Census Bureau survey revealed that only seven in 10 people were likely to respond. If this estimate becomes reality in Santa Clara County, we will lose out on over \$1 billion annually, or \$10 billion until the next census. We have a lot of work to do in the next year to ensure our neighbors, friends and community members participate in the census questionnaire, which will be entirely online for the first time.

The California Legislature has also made the 2020 census a priority by creating the Assembly Select Committee on the Census

and the Senate Select Committee on the 2020 United States Census. Our very own Assemblyman Marc Berman, 24th District, chairs the Assembly Select Committee on the Census and we are grateful to have his advocacy and insight in ensuring Santa Clara County will get counted.

How can you help? Kickoff events are happening across the state, including in our city next Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m. The City Council will recognize the census at our meeting. You can help by spreading the word to friends or volunteering with a community-based organization. The most important thing we can all do is build awareness about the census and stress the importance of participation. There is also information at [census.ca.gov](http://census.ca.gov).

You count, I count, Mountain View counts.

*Ellen Kamei is a Mountain View City Council member and a member of the Santa Clara County Complete Count Steering Committee.*

## Guest Opinion

## ■ LETTERS

VOICES FROM THE COMMUNITY

### EL CAMINO BALLOT MEASURE

I live in the El Camino Healthcare District, I work in the district, I pay taxes to the district and I want my community to have a say in decisions affecting our families.

After its recent purchase of five clinics in San Jose, the district is close to throwing workers out of their jobs and replacing them with new employees. Why would El Camino dispose of dedicated caregivers in favor of strangers? Is it because existing workers are too old? Is it about money? That these questions need to be raised shows how outrageous their actions are.

As the district expands its borders, it needs to be held accountable to the communities it serves. The ballot initiative filed March 18 (“Union’s ballot measure would force voter approval of El Camino Hospital expansions,” March 22) would do just that by allowing voters to approve any district attempts to purchase facilities outside the district. The district was created to help the people living within its boundaries, and it’s only right to get voters’ approval if the district expands its mission.

*Andrew Barragan  
Sunnyvale*

### MOTOR HOME PARK

For many years, the city of Mountain View has authorized the construction of company after company, to its great economic advantage. Housing, not so much. The result has been a very prosperous community. Most residents have gained jobs and services at the expense of outrageous housing costs. Many have had to leave. Some have stayed, or come here, living in cars or RVs. What shall we do?

The easiest approach is to just say no. No, if you’re not rich enough to afford rent in Mountain View, we don’t want you here. That approach actually seems to be gaining popularity in our country. Maybe we should build a wall around Mountain View.

Or maybe we should take some responsibility for the situation we’ve created. And we’re trying to create housing, but of course that will take time, since we’ve neglected housing for so many years. Meanwhile we have a situation on our hands. We have a mobile home park; maybe we should have a motor home park.

*Martha Cutcomb  
Ernestine Lane*

### CHRISTCHURCH ATTACK

The Board of Directors and the community members of the Mountain View Palo Alto

Muslim community (MVPA) condemn in the strongest terms the horrifying act of naked terrorism that took place in New Zealand. We offer our heartfelt condolences to families of the victims and we stand in solidarity with the Muslim community and the nation of New Zealand. We beseege God to accept in the highest stations of Paradise those who were killed, and we ask Him to heal all those who were injured. Amen.

We all have by now learned more details of the hate-filled attack on the innocent worshippers in the two mosques in New Zealand. The ideology of bigotry that led to this horrendous crime against humanity has also targeted faith communities in our own country. We urge our community to maintain dignified calm and to increase goodwill efforts for mutual coexistence of all communities. We pray for peace and understanding to prevail among citizens of our nation and the world.

We praise and thank God for surrounding us with kind and supportive neighbors and friends. We are overwhelmed by the immediate response, flowers and messages of support from Jewish, Christian and other interfaith communities as well as individuals, who brought messages of solidarity and hope. Thank you all!

We also thank the mayor and the police department of Mountain View for offering immediate support and increased surveillance around our facility. Last but not least, we are grateful to the prime minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, for her genuine empathy and appropriate stance in the face of this tragedy.

We pray for the safety of our community at large, our brethren in other faiths as well as non-faith and all our neighbors.

*MVPA Musalla  
Board of Directors*

## What's on your mind?

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FOOD FEATURE

## SERVING UP A SECOND ACT



VERONICA WEBER

**Above:** Chantale Doinel, an esthetician-turned-chef, holds a plate of her beet Napoleon salad. **Top:** The “garden delights” toast from Chantale Cuisine catering. Courtesy of Chantale Doinel.

### LOCAL ESTHETICIAN-TURNED-CHEF SHOWS IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO START A SECOND CAREER

By Anna Medina

Chantale Doinel sits in her Menlo Park skin care studio, having just arrived from a rental equipment meeting regarding a 200-person gala that’s in the works as part of her second business, Chantale Cuisine, a catering business that specializes in upscale French cuisine with a European influence.

“I’m busy seven days a week,” she said with a laugh. Doinel, who simultaneously manages both businesses, clearly thrives on being busy.

“I need to have something to do,” she said. “It energizes me.”

Doinel, an esthetician who has worked in skin care for 35 years, said that ever since she was a child growing up in Normandy, France, cooking was always a passion — one that her mother

instilled in her and her brothers alike.

Born in Marrakesh, Morocco, Doinel said she grew up exposed to a diverse array of cuisines early on.

“It did influence my cooking,” she said, adding that she incorporates Spanish, Moroccan and Italian food into a largely French-based menu. Her Spanish platter, for example, features Serrano and Iberico

ham, burrata, Spanish olives, Marcona almonds and tomato bread; while her “Made in Morocco” specialty is a traditional 10-course feast, or “diffa.”

Her cooking and even her aesthetic approach to plating is largely influenced by her childhood growing up on the coast of France, foraging with her family in the forest and visiting farmers markets.

“Normandy is on the coast,

so we were raised with the most amazing fish from the Atlantic,” she said, adding that the region specializes in apples and dairy products, like cheese and cream. On the weekends, she and her father would go to the forest to forage for mushrooms, herbs or escargot.

“I associate food with nature — going to the market — and we always had wild mushrooms, wild herbs. So I was raised like this, with really fresh products from the field, and my father was a really good gardener, so we always had fresh produce at home,” she said.

Today, she preserves her upbringing by cultivating her own herbs and edible flowers in her home garden in Woodside, which she uses to flavor and garnish her dishes, and making regular trips to the coast, where she collects algae to decorate her tables. She also goes to Half Moon Bay to purchase fresh seafood and frequents the Menlo Park farmers market.

When Doinel immigrated to the United States 35 years ago, she said that it was the French comfort food from her childhood that she remembered the most — rich stews, beef bourguignon, coq au vin, vegetables in flavorful sauces, slow-cooked braised meat and fresh seafood.

Over time, her cooking

garnered attention by word of mouth, and she started teaching French cuisine on the side — something she has now been doing for 15 years. This segued into catering and four years ago, at the age of 62, she decided to go for a culinary degree at the International Culinary Center in Campbell.

“I get very stimulated by learning ... maybe that explains why I went back to school at 62; I constantly need to learn,” she said.

Doinel didn’t balk at the prospect of breaking into a male-dominated field in her 60s, either.

“I had to struggle with the male ego over the years because it’s a male industry to start with,” she said. “It’s tough to work in the kitchen — the heat and pots — it’s physical. Very physical. But I got respect from male chefs; I proved to them what I was capable of doing.”

Doinel credits her upbringing for her strong and fearless work ethic.

“I was raised with boys ... My father was in the military. So I know about being tough, and being with men,” she said, adding that the kitchen has its own military-like style. “You have to be disciplined, orderly and you have to command — and I do. I command my staff all the time.”

Doinel said she is currently

busy year-round with events that range from intimate eight-person gatherings to galas for upward of 300 people. Her schedule this year includes local catering events for the Rotary Club and the Community School of Music and Arts in Mountain View, as well as a private gala at The Morgan Estate in Los Altos Hills.

Most events are local, though she has been flown to Hawaii to cater a special dinner, and she said she was the first female chef to cater a private event for the exclusive men’s social club Bohemian Club at the Bohemian Grove in Monte Rio, California.

When she is not planning events or managing her skin care business, Doinel teaches classes at Draeger’s Cooking School in Menlo Park that focus on plating and French cuisine.

“I love plating — harmonizing the plate, balancing the plate. I have five things always in balance here,” she said, pointing to an image of one of her dessert tarts. “I have the dough, the fruit, the custard, the flower, the garnish. It’s not simple. I like the challenge, and I like beautiful things.”

More information about Doinel is online at [chantaledoinel.wix.com/chantalecuisine](http://chantaledoinel.wix.com/chantalecuisine). ▣

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VERONICA WEBER

**Chantale Doinel** makes a few adjustments to her plating of a beet Napoleon, which is made with French feta cheese mousse, shallots, herbs and edible flowers.

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"Dumbo" is the latest animated film to get a live-action/CGI remake.

## 'Dumbo' takes flight

TIM BURTON'S CLUMSY REVAMP OF ANIMATED CLASSIC STILL A 'FEAST FOR THE SENSES'

★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

"Dumbo" is a strange beast, indeed. I don't mean the character of an elephant born with ears so big he can flap them and take flight. And I don't mean the 1941 Disney animated feature starring that elephant. No, I mean Disney's new live-action, CGI-heavy reimagining of "Dumbo," which turns out to be partly a bland

kids-and-animals adventure and partly Coen Brothers-esque period satire. The former will get by with kids, and the latter may get by with adults, but few are likely to have an euphoric experience seeing this elephant fly (again).

As is so often the case with the films of Tim Burton, "Dumbo" is less than the sum of its parts,

but some of those parts are pretty nifty. The 1941 "Dumbo" told a more or less the straightforward story of an elephant, born with a difference, who learns to make the most of it and find his confidence. That thread can still be discerned in Burton's film, but as scripted by Ehren Kruger ("Transformers: Dark of the Moon"), "Dumbo" has morphed into a fable of modernized entertainment business

models and the handling and packaging of intellectual property. If you're thinking that seems like strange thematic material for a PG Disney movie aimed at families, you're right — and it gets stranger.

Burton's "Dumbo" opens in 1919, when the Medici Bros. Circus tours backwater towns by way of a train named Casey Jr. At the film's outset, a one-armed war veteran named Holt Farrier (Colin Farrell) rejoins the troupe and his children Milly (Nico Parker) and Joe (Finley Hobbs). The children miss their late mother and struggle to connect with the awkwardly uncommunicative Holt, now assigned to elephant wrangling. The arrival of pachyderm newborn Jumbo Jr. — swiftly redubbed Dumbo following his first disastrous performance — begins a journey that will change the Farriers and the larger family that is the circus troupe.

The kids discover that Dumbo can fly, and though at first they're not believed, a mishap leads to Dumbo performing his trick before a wowed crowd. And so, in almost equal measure to the story of the Farriers and their elephant charge, this "Dumbo" tracks the conflict between two huckster-showmen: the lovably gruff homunculus Max Medici (an energetic Danny DeVito), who runs the circus, and the dapper exploiter V.A. Vandevere

(Michael Keaton) who arrives to offer a partnership with Medici as a way of getting his mitts on star attraction Dumbo.

Vandevere is clearly an avatar for Walt Disney himself. That's the big idea that saves Burton's "Dumbo" from total irrelevance. The old-timey Medici Bros. Circus gets absorbed into Vandevere's giant operation, a proto-Disneyland boardwalk-meets-world's-fair called Dreamland. In an unfortunate bit of synergy for its corporate parent, "Dumbo" arrives just as Disney absorbs 20th Century Fox to become a mega-studio, laying off thousands in the process.

Though Burton favors withholding mood lighting, the picture works fine as a family picture, one that's occasionally charming and frequently a feast for the senses: Dumbo's first flight around a stable gives the movie its "Jurassic Park" moment of "wow," with the thunder of leathery, flapping ears swooping through the surround-soundscape.

As usual, Burton isn't making matters easy for his corporate overlords to just sell some plush toys and be done with it. Though he's still clumsy with the story, "Dumbo" has enough wit to deserve an audience.

*Rated PG for peril/action, some thematic elements, and brief mild language. One hour, 52 minutes.*

— Peter Canavese

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**Everybody Knows (English subtitles) (R)**  
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**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.**  
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**Woman at War (Not Rated)**  
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## MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

The city of Mountain View presents the Multicultural Festival, featuring 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.

## THEATER

**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

**'Sojourn'** Pear Theatre presents "Sojourn," a futuristic play written by Evan Korkkila 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 "Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story"** "Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story" chronicles the personal journey of virtuoso Hershey Felder while also exploring the life and music of impressionist composer Claude Debussy. April 3-May 5; times vary. \$60; discounts for seniors, adults under 35. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. 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. Through March 31, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$22; discount for students 21 and under. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com/

**Magical Delirium** Youth Drama For All presents "Magical Delirium," about magical fox spirits that keep two friends connected while other perspectives collide. April 6-7, 2-3:10 p.m. \$22; discount for students, seniors. 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

**Traveling Lantern Theatre Company Presents 'Dorothy in the Land of Oz'** In this theatrical performance of "Dorothy in the Land of Oz," Dorothy and her dog Toto are carried far from their home to a magical land, where they meet a wicked witch, a powerful wizard and three new friends who teach Dorothy wisdom, compassion and courage. April 3-4, 4-4:45 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.evanced.info

## CONCERTS

**Bel Canto Flutes Musical Performance** This musical performance is presented solely by members of the flute family and features a repertoire spanning from Bach to rock. March 31, 2-3 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

**George Hurd Concert** George Hurd will perform pieces from his Echolocation project, composed from field recordings from around the world and woven together with percussive beats, recordings of classical instruments and street musicians, and custom electronic sounds. April 6, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Community School of Music and Arts — Tateuchi Hall, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org/events/george-hurd

## MUSIC

**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. April 6, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Free. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

**Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee** Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Mondays. Free. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org

## FESTIVALS & FAIRS

**Volunteer Fair** The city of Mountain View will host a volunteer fair for people looking to give back to the community or who need to complete community service hours. April 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

## TALKS & LECTURES

**Dave Eggers** Dave Eggers returns to Kepler's for the release of his latest fiction work, "The Parade," a story about two very different men attempting to lay a roadway in an unnamed country long rent by civil war. April 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$20; \$40 with book; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Laurie Halse Anderson** Author Laurie Halse Anderson presents her new book, "Shout," a memoir revealing her personal history as a rape survivor and a call to action for the #MeToo era. April 1, 7-10 p.m. \$22; discount for students. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Margaret Dumas** Local author Margaret Dumas shares the first book in her humorous mystery series, "Murder at the Palace: Movie Palace Mystery #1." April 3, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

**Civil Discourse: How to Have Civil Conversations About Important Community Issues** The city of Mountain View Human Relations Commission and the League of Women Voters of Santa Clara County host a training on civil discourse techniques that can be applied to community issues in person and online. April 6, 1-4:30 p.m. Mountain View Senior Center, 266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View. civildiscoursetraining.eventbrite.com

**For Parents of Autistic Children: Therapies, Strategies and Resources** Priya James, speech-language pathologist and consultant to parents of special needs children, will share insights about various therapies, strategies and resources to help children with autism. Adults only. March 30, 2-3 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

**Laila Lalami** Author Laila Lalami will discuss her new novel "The Other Americans." April 4, 7:30 p.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**Rhys Bowen** Crime writer Rhys Bowen shares her new novel, "The Victory Garden" about a young woman named Emily Bryce who is determined to contribute to the Great

War effort. April 4, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc. Palo Alto, 855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. booksinc.net

**Stanford Gender, Equity and Justice Summit** The Stanford Women's Community Center introduces the Gender, Equity and Justice Summit, which focuses on the idea of lifelong feminism and activism and what it means to lead a life and career centered around a passion for social justice. April 6, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$60; free for students with SUID. Stanford University, Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez St., Stanford. events.stanford.edu

**Story Time with Chris Van Dusen** Author-illustrator Chris Van Dusen presents his new work in collaboration with Kate DiCamillo, "A Piglet Named Mercy," a picture book prequel to the "Mercy Watson" series. April 6, 11 a.m. Kepler's Books, 1010 El Camino Real, Menlo Park. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**World Affairs Council at Los Altos Library** Thomas Fingar, a Shorenstein Asia Pacific Research Center scholar at Stanford University, will discuss China's future and its implications for the United States. April 3, 7-9 p.m. Los Altos Library, 13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos. scll.evanced.info

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**Exhibit Celebrates 90 Years of The Garden Club of Los Altos** Los Altos History Museum presents an exhibit of archival photos, historical documents and memorabilia from The Garden Club of Los Altos' history. Through April 28, noon-4 p.m. Free. J. Gilbert Smith House, Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

**Exhibit of Floral Artistry** Los Altos History Museum presents "April in Bloom: Floral Artistry through the Years," an exhibit of floral art. The opening weekend features an Ikebana flower show. April 6-20, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

**First Friday Opening Reception — 'Noir: Black & White Photography'** "Noir: Black & White Photography" features photographic works of 30 artists. April 5, 5:30-8 p.m. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. pacificartleague.org

**Juana Briones** The Los Altos History Museum presents the bilingual exhibit "Inspired by Juana: La Doña de la Frontera" about Juana Briones, a 19th century woman who overcame personal, economic and political struggles to become a successful entrepreneur, healer, advocate and landowner. Through March 31, Thursdays-Sundays, noon-4 p.m. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

**'Recent Works' by Maura Carta** Viewpoints Gallery's April exhibition features artist Maura Carta's recent works in oil, including landscapes, cityscapes, portraits and still lifes. She works within the classical techniques of grisailles and layering. April 1-28; times vary. Viewpoints Gallery, 315 State St., Los Altos. viewpointsgallery.com

## FILM

**Kerry Tribe: 'The Elusive Word'** Los Angeles-based visual artist Kerry Tribe's film "Critical Mass" (2013) features a re-enactment of a couple's heavily edited argument taken from Hollis Frampton's experimental 1971 film by the same name. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

## FOOD & DRINK

**Bay Area Italian Market — Spring Edition** The Bay Area Italian Market includes Italian food, baked goods and crafts, among other activities. April 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mitchell Park Community Center, 3700 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. bayareaitalianevents.com

**Manure to Meadow to MMMM** Hidden Villa invites children and parents to make homemade vanilla ice cream flavored with fruits and herbs picked from the garden, and to discover how Tilly the dairy cow converts the work of worms into the main ice cream ingredient. April 6, 1-3 p.m. 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

**Lamb Yoga** The class includes 60 minutes of yoga taught by a certified instructor, followed by 20 minutes of playtime with Hidden Villa's baby lambs. April 6, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Heritage Orchard Walk** Robin Chapman, author of "California Apricots: The Lost Orchards of Silicon Valley," leads a guided heritage walk through the Los Altos Civic Center apricot orchard, exploring the roots of the valley's innovation since the Gold Rush. April 6, 11 a.m.-noon. Los Altos Library, 13 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

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

**Volunteer at Redwood Grove** Volunteer activities include weeding, mulching, staking willows and installing native plants. All ages are welcome, but minors need an online waiver form approved by a parent/guardian. April 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Redwood Grove Nature Preserve, 482 University Ave., Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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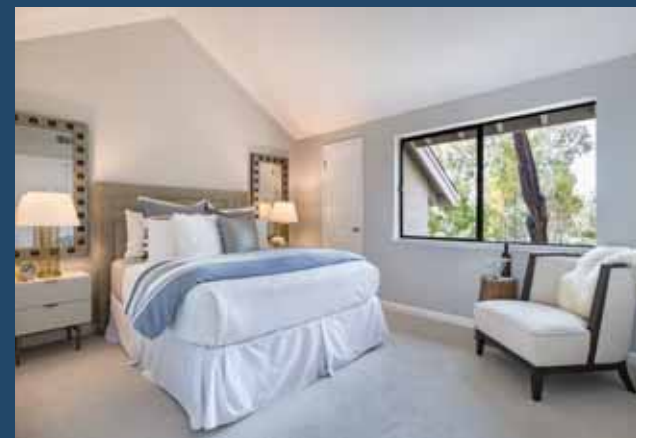
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