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LASD to give Egan campus to Bullis

10-YEAR DEAL WOULD MOVE JUNIOR HIGH TO NEW SITE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Kevin Forestieri

Leaders from Bullis Charter School and the Los Altos School District announced a deal Wednesday that gives Bullis most of the Egan Junior High School site permanently, and relocates Egan's students to a yet-to-be-built campus at San Antonio shopping center in Mountain View.

The announcement caps off more than a year of closed-door negotiations between the two parties to craft a long-term agreement for school facilities, which has been a litigious sticking point between Bullis and the school district for more than a decade. It also has the potential to supersede facilities negotiations under Proposition 39, which proposed putting some of the charter school's students at Loyola Elementary.

The framework of the agreement grants the charter school a majority of the Egan site — 16 acres in total — to house all of its students, and restricts Bullis Charter School from growing beyond 1,111 students. The agreement would last for 10 years and would finally unite the school, which has been split between two campuses.

In order to make room for Bullis, Egan Junior High would permanently relocate to a new school site planned half a mile north in the San Antonio shopping center. District officials are negotiating to buy 9.5 acres of land at the corner of California Street and Showers Drive.

Los Altos School District board members met numerous times in closed session to discuss the real estate transaction in March, and expect to finalize the deal sometime this year.

Moving Egan Junior High and allowing Bullis to expand into its old campus would happen “no sooner than 2023,” according to the agreement. In the meantime, Bullis Charter School's growing student body will be housed at its existing sites at Egan and Blach Intermediate School.

The deal reserves roughly 2.8 acres on the Egan campus for a future teacher housing project for the Los Altos School District, according to the terms of the agreement.

The negotiating team from the district — board members Jessica Speiser and Bryan Johnson — have been quietly meeting with their Bullis counterparts for mediated negotiations on a long-term agreement on how to house the charter school, which has sought to grow beyond its 900-student cap under an expired 2014 agreement. Failing to come to an agreement would mean returning to the state's Proposition 39 process, which calls for a rigidly scripted back-and-forth over the district's obligation to provide “reasonably equivalent” facilities.

Speiser said the negotiations vetted pretty much every option to place 10 schools at 10 sites — instead of wedging Bullis onto Egan and Blach — which was

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ADAM HUTTON

Leland Erickson and Ming Jone, longtime residents of 2310 Rock St., protest a developer's proposal to tear down their apartments and build rowhouses on April 2, outside of Mountain View City Hall.

The wrecking ball swings for another 59 homes

By Mark Noack

For the third time in recent months, Mountain View City Council members held their noses and made a show of disapproval even

as they approved razing a cluster of 59 older, lower-cost apartments.

Following a pattern of similar redevelopments, the project approved at the Tuesday, April 3, meeting would replace

dozens of cheaper apartments with a smaller number of for-sale homes, expected to sell for about \$1.5 million apiece.

The project located at 2310

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South Bay clinics purchase left El Camino just days to reopen

By Kevin Forestieri

A bankruptcy court approved the sale of five South Bay clinics to El Camino Hospital on March 27, leaving only a few days to reopen under the new management.

Officials from Silicon Valley Medical Development (SVMD), which is wholly owned by El Camino, announced that a Los Angeles bankruptcy court signed off March 27 on the deal between SVMD and Verity Health System. Verity filed

for bankruptcy last August, and has since sold off hospitals and clinics across California through bankruptcy court proceedings.

The \$1.27 million sale agreement includes the purchase of

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Hershey Felder brings his new musical show about Claude Debussy to Mountain View this month.

HERSHEY FELDER: THEATREWORKS MVP

Music lovers are well advised to go immediately to theatreworks.org and order tickets for “Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story, Featuring the music of Claude Debussy.” TheatreWorks Silicon Valley announced recently that Felder’s latest show has already established a new all-time box office record.

Felder, over the phone, is charming and smart; a great conversationalist. In person, he even is more so, which is part of what makes his shows successful.

He shows up either as himself or as some famous composer and with wit and bonhomie makes the audience friends with his subject. All the more so with the sing-alongs that he conducts at least once during his stays in Mountain View, when 600 people show up to croon tunes from the “Great American Songbook” with him.

The tickets for the Debussy show, opening April 6, are selling “at a pace unlike we’ve seen before,” TheatreWorks Executive Director Phil Santora said.

Debussy composed “Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun,” “La mer,” “Nocturnes” and many other works. His music was considered a rebellion against earlier symphonic music. He often was inspired by poetry, and in effect created a new symphonic vocabulary. His life was filled with intellectual disputes and activism, and scandalous romantic entanglements.

The show will have a few orchestral tracks, but the majority will be performed by Felder on piano.

“You’ll hear in the show why” he wanted to cover Debussy, Felder said. “I don’t want to give that away. It’s partly about his unbelievable music and how it affected me as a child. It’s a story I felt deserved telling.”

“Hershey Felder: A Paris Love Story, Featuring the music of Claude Debussy” runs April 6-May 5 at Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St. Go to theatreworks.org. —John Orr

PALO ALTO JCC DISPLAYS SCULPTURES BY EDO ROSENBERG

The sculptures of artist Edo Rosenberg are currently on display at Palo Alto’s Oshman Family Jewish Community Center through May. Rosenberg, who grew up both in Israel and the United States, attended art school in Tel Aviv in the 1970s, earned an MFA from California College of the Arts in 1980 and began a teaching career, with forays into construction and publishing. But he never stopped making art, and maintains a studio in San Jose.

“I just love creating and making things,” he explained. “I have created in many materials: wood, metal, plastic, concrete and yes, even pantyhose. There is no material that is the only one, I like them all. They all come with their own language and it’s my job to make them speak about me.”

Rosenberg said some of his sculptural influences include Henry Moore, Richard Serra, Mark de Suvero and David Smith. Reflections of their styles and techniques can be seen in the three large-scale and eight maquettes (small-scale models) that have been installed on the JCC campus.

Rosenberg said there is distinctive feedback that an artist gets by putting work in a public place.

“The larger pieces at the JCC speak for themselves to the people who pass by, but they are interactive with all the small children who are there every day. I have watched them stand and look at them and play on them. I know it has changed the space having the artwork there.”

Rosenberg explained that these sculptures are part of a continuum of creativity for him and that he operates from “an inner obsession to make something.”

“Edo Rosenberg: Retrospective” is installed through May 31 at Oshman Family JCC, Arrillaga Family Pavilion, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto. Go to paloaltojcc.org/Events/edo-rosenberg-retrospective.

—Sheryl Nonnenberg

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

RIDESHARE DISCOUNTS

Getting around Mountain View in the middle of the day will soon be a little easier — or at least, cheaper.

A new program starting this month will give riders a \$5 discount for using ridesharing services through Lyft and Uber for midday trips.

The new discount program is being spearheaded by MVgo, the free shuttle program established by the Mountain View Transportation Management Association.

While the MVgo shuttles are free, they travel only during commute hours between the city's downtown transit center and the North Bayshore area. The new promotion with Lyft and Uber is meant to help riders who need to get around town between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the weekday shuttles aren't operating. Riders who participate will receive a discount of up to \$5 per trip.

In order to receive the discount, riders must request a shared rider from Lyft or Uber and enter the promotional code "MVGO2019." This discount will only apply for shared rides, not solo rides. Riders can receive the discount on a maximum of 10 shared trips.

The new ride-sharing discounts are being described as a new effort to encourage commuters to use shared rides and alternative transportation. The program is being tested as a pilot that will last for at least three months.

In related news, the Mountain View Transportation Management Association is hosting a booth with free snacks and coffee at the downtown transit center from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 24 in celebration of Earth Awareness Month.

More information can be found at MVgo.org.

—Mark Noack

NEW MEASLES CASE

Santa Clara County reported a second case of measles within one week on Friday, March 29, saying a county resident contracted the infection while traveling abroad.

Public risk from the case is very low, according to the county, which is contacting everyone who may have come into contact with the person.

The case is unrelated to one reported on March 26 involving an international traveler who visited 20 locations in the county last week.

County public health officials said the rate of measles vaccination in Santa Clara County is very high, so most people are

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■ POLICE LOG

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900 block Camille Ln., 3/26
2500 block California St., 3/27
2600 block California St., 3/27
500 block Cypress Point Dr., 3/27
1500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 3/27
1100 block Blackfield Way, 3/27
200 block Hope St., 3/28
300 block Hope St., 3/28
1900 block Colony St., 3/30
100 block Hope St., 4/1
500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 4/1
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 4/1
1400 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 4/1

BATTERY

600 block S. Rengstorff Av., 3/29
200 block E. Middlefield Rd., 3/29
200 block Castro St., 3/31
200 block Castro St., 3/31

CRIMINAL THREATS

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GRAND THEFT

200 block S. Shoreline Blvd., 3/26
1300 block Snow St., 3/26

PEEPING TOM

700 block Lola Ln., 3/27

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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400 block Nicholas Dr., 3/30
1600 block Fordham Way, 3/31

ROBBERY

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1300 block Pear Av., 4/1

STOLEN VEHICLE

2300 block California St., 3/26
Cypress Point Dr. & Moffett Blvd., 3/27
2000 block Rock St., 3/31

VANDALISM

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

Members of Los Altos High School's junior varsity team compete in hurdles against Los Gatos High School at a home track meet on April 2. Along with Mountain View High School, Los Altos could get stadium lights for its field, allowing varsity sports teams to hold events at night.

District drafts ground rules for controversial stadium lights

MOUNTAIN VIEW-LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS WANT FIELD LIGHTS, BUT ONLY IF THE NEIGHBORS AGREE

By Kevin Forestieri

High school district officials are taking cautious steps toward bringing Friday night lights to the fields at Mountain View and Los Altos high schools, an idea that has been the subject of fiery controversy among neighboring residents.

Superintendent Jeff Harding released an early version

of a policy dictating use of future stadium lights and public address systems at both comprehensive high schools in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District. The policy was crafted with compromise in mind, catering to the needs of sports clubs and extracurricular activities as well as the single-family residential neighborhoods surrounding the schools.

The idea of installing permanent light fixtures at the schools has been proposed — and eventually quashed — in past years, but picked up steam last fall, after a concerted effort by members of the Mountain View High School Sports Boosters Club and the Los Altos High School Athletic Boosters. The district's schools

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Los Altos home values soar, but school district budget is tight

OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS FLOURISH WHILE LASD CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE TEACHERS RAISES

By Kevin Forestieri

The last decade marked a boom time for local schools and cities, with many benefiting from enviable property tax growth and economic prosperity.

But the big budget boost has been uneven among school districts serving Mountain View students, leading to a perplexing situation. The Los Altos School District — a community where

median home sale prices exceed \$3 million — finds itself strapped for cash, short on reserve funds and challenged to pay teachers higher salaries in the middle of a housing crisis.

The reasons for the budget woes are manifold, but the results are clear: Since 2015, the neighboring Mountain View Whisman School District has seen its annual revenues rise by 23 percent, from just under \$62 million in the 2015-16 school year

to \$76 million today. The Los Altos School District (LASD), by comparison, grew by less than 4 percent over the same period, from \$64.3 million to \$66.6 million in total annual revenue.

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, though financed differently than elementary districts, also stands in stark contrast to Los Altos: Its annual budget has catapulted to

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Council cuts fees to encourage housing in North Bayshore

DEVELOPERS' COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIGH COSTS RESULT IN INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE PARKS

By Mark Noack

Building housing is expensive, and in some ways the city of Mountain View is part of the problem.

In the North Bayshore neighborhood, it is expected to cost \$650,000 to build a single apartment, when all the costs of land and construction are factored in. About one-fifth of that cost can be chalked up to the city's schedule of fees, which help pay for parks, schools and roads.

One unintended byproduct of the city's four-year campaign to build housing in North Bayshore has been an explosion in property values as Google and other companies have gobbled up real estate. In turn, the city fees that are tied to real estate values have also ascended into the stratosphere.

Last week, the City Council deliberated on whether some fees needed to be tweaked in order to help a series of North Bayshore housing developments make financial sense. The idea generated a heated discussion as nearly half the city's elected leaders balked at what they described as caving on public amenities to help private developers build their projects.

Councilman John McAlister argued that the developers could be trying to pull a fast one by acting cash-strapped in hopes of wiggling out of long-established fees.

"It's not our job to pencil out their projects," he protested. "This is a game to see if they can squeeze us, or if we're going to stick to our guns."

After much debate, the Mountain View City Council agreed to give developers credit for building their own parks, even if that open space remains privately owned and off-limits to the public. The City Council agreed to the new parks fees in a 6-1 vote, with McAlister opposed.

The new parks fees would be exclusive to North Bayshore and would provide a 50 percent credit for housing

developments that provide private open space. If those privately owned parks are open to the public, then the credit will jump to 75 percent.

It was a "fair compromise" said Councilman Chris Clark, who pointed out that North Bayshore already had an abundance of parkland, including Shoreline Park and the nearby Stevens Creek Trail.

"In North Bayshore, we're looking for ways to make housing feasible, and this is one of the easier ways," he said.

The first major beneficiary of the new parks discount will be the Sobrato Organization, which is planning a 635-unit housing project on Pear Avenue. Late last year, the developer warned the City Council that skyrocketing fees were making the housing too expensive to build. Under the new fee structure, Sobrato is expected to apply for a fee discount by dedicating a new private park on a 1-acre parcel on its property.

Other council members thought the discount was too generous. Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga pointed out that developers were also wavering on how much they would commit toward the estimated \$109 million price for building a new North Bayshore public school.

"My assumption is that if they're not paying our park fees they should at least be paying the school fees, but that's not happening so far," she said. "I'm worried that the school district will be shorted."

Abe-Koga tried to pitch an alternate plan to give a maximum 50 percent credit for all forms of private open space. That motion was voted down in 2-5, with only Abe-Koga and Mayor Lisa Matichak supporting it. After the motion was defeated, Abe-Koga and Matichak joined the council majority in supporting the staff recommendation. ■

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EGAN

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the promise made to voters when they passed the \$150 million Measure N bond. This included vetting the possibility of closing a school campus and placing Bullis on it.

“We’ve considered every aspect we can,” she said. “We have been working very hard for a year considering every single possibility we could.”

The terms of the agreement show compromise on both sides. For years, Bullis officials have lamented that they can only serve roughly 10 percent of the children who apply to the successful charter school, and last year announced its intention to grow from 900 students to 1,200 over the next few years. The deal for 16 acres of Egan’s campus in exchange for an enrollment cap of 1,111 students is a chance for Bullis to meet some of the “overwhelming demand,” said Francis La Poll, a charter school board member.

Egan has been the center of focus as district and charter school officials have sought a more appropriate home for the charter school. Last year, Bullis Charter School filed a Proposition 39 request asking for exclusive use of the Egan campus, but didn’t offer suggestions for where to relocate the junior high school’s students. Bullis

leaders insist they were required under state law to name a site, and didn’t necessarily mean the charter school wanted for Egan to close. Logistically, however, it made sense: Most of the charter school’s students are already at Egan, and it’s in a convenient location for the families it serves.

When the school district convened a task force of school officials and community members on its future school in the San Antonio neighborhood, Mountain View Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga suggested that the best use of the site would be to move Egan Junior High there and allow Bullis to expand into its former campus. The idea was dismissed by a majority of the task force, and Los Altos School District board members bristled at the idea. Abe-Koga’s proposal is remarkably similar to what’s in the newly announced 10-year agreement.

There’s still plenty of work to do before the agreement is set in stone, Speiser said. Los Altos School District trustees still have to discuss the terms and allow for public comment, and are scheduled to discuss the proposal on Monday, April 8. Bullis’ board of directors are also scheduled to discuss the agreement this month, and both boards are expected to vote on the deal by the end of the month.

“We have a fiduciary duty to take into account public input,” Speiser said.

‘We have been working very hard for a year considering every single possibility we could.’

JESSICA SPEISER,
LASD BOARD NEGOTIATOR



MAGALI GAUTHIER

Bullis Charter School would consolidate on the Egan Junior High School campus under an agreement with the Los Altos School District. The charter school already has a presence at Egan, but is currently split between two shared campuses.

For months, the prospects for a long-term agreement between the district and the charter school looked pretty grim. Early negotiations didn’t go well and required mediation, with talks between the two parties ceasing at some point last year before starting back up. Falling back on the Proposition 39 process, district board members voted to essentially split the charter school between three campuses — with Bullis students at Egan,

Blach and Loyola — in order to accommodate a planned enrollment increase to 1,105 students in the 2019-20 school year.

The unanimous vote was made reluctantly as the best of many bad options, and Speiser said that no one felt good about the decision. But just one week later, both Bullis and the district agreed to pause the process and extend the Proposition 39 deadline out to mid-April in hopes of putting together a better deal.

If the new deal struck between Bullis and the district doesn’t work out, both parties will have to fall back on the Proposition 39 process, which will continue simultaneously until the long-term agreement is finalized.

Anyone interested in giving feedback on the 10-year agreement can contact Los Altos School District’s board of trustees at trustees@lasdschools.org.

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Schools struggle to meet homeless students’ needs

NEW REPORT FINDS LIAISONS LACK RESOURCES, TRAINING TO HELP KIDS

By Mark Noack

More than 200,000 students in California have experienced homelessness over the past year, but the state’s public school system has lagged in addressing the challenge.

A new report released Tuesday, April 2, finds that hundreds of school districts across the state have failed to provide adequate resources to aid students who lack stable housing.

Homeless students often go unrecognized, and even if they come forward, officials at California’s 10,000 schools are often ill-equipped or untrained to provide help.

The new report, authored in partnership between the American Civil Liberties Union and the California Homeless Youth Project, draws on a survey of more than 500 public schools across the state. The authors focus their report on the shortcomings acknowledged by the

liaisons assigned at schools to track homeless students.

Among the problems, the report points out that the designated liaisons frequently fail to make themselves available to students, often neglecting to identify themselves as a resource or provide any contact information. Even when homeless students are entered into the system, liaisons often don’t have the resources to provide much help. Two-thirds of liaisons say they spend less than five hours a week assisting homeless students.

Under federal law, school districts are supposed to use a broad definition of homelessness, counting students who are couch surfing, doubling up in someone else’s home or living in vehicles. These identified students are eligible for various support services, including food and transportation.

More than anything else, these students need stable housing in order to thrive in school,

the report noted. School liaisons reported this as among their greatest challenges, in part because they lacked familiarity with outside social services that could provide housing. But even if students could be funneled into supportive programs, many areas simply lack affordable housing options.

On the positive side, the report notes that most schools assign liaisons at each individual school, rather than appointing one person for the entire district.

This new report dovetails with a recent push by state legislators to audit whether school districts are underreporting student homelessness. About one out of every four school districts in California claim they have no homeless students. Between Mountain View, Palo Alto and Los Altos, 17 public schools report having no homeless students.

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LASD BUDGET

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\$94 million, up nearly 35 percent from 2015.

A side-by-side comparison of school funding, presented at a recent budget study session, shows that LASD receives \$14,535 in total revenue per student, with Mountain View Whisman close behind at \$14,130. The delta between the two used to be much larger, and Mountain View Whisman could be nearing a landmark moment, overtaking Los Altos in per-pupil funding for the first time.

That translates into a rainy day fund that has dropped to just under 6 percent of the annual budget at a time when a recession is likely looming. The district would blow through the entirety of its reserve funds as soon as next year if it offered employees a cost-of-living raise.

Why Los Altos' school budget looks the way it does is complicated, said Assistant Superintendent Randy Kenyon. He sought to explain it to school board members during the March 11 meeting with graphs and data going back decades.

"Each district has a different story," Kenyon told the *Voice* after the meeting. "What I tried to do was share with the board the analysis to understand our story compared to other districts."

The trouble is, there's no easy answer, he said. School sizes, class sizes, salary schedules and special education costs — pretty much all of the expenditures are in line with similar districts in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

The difficulties might instead lie on the revenue side. Data compiled by the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance (CACF) last year found that Los Altos School District's assessed property values sank below Mountain View Whisman's sometime over the last decade, and that Los Altos' anemic commercial property tax growth was the clear difference-maker.

It's no secret that Los Altos remains a residential powerhouse with extraordinarily high home values, but Mountain View Whisman's nonresidential assessed property values increased by more than \$5 billion since 2008, providing a windfall for local schools. LASD saw a much more modest \$800 million increase.

Joe Seither, a former member of the finance committee, urged residents not to play the blame game, saying that land use and zoning policies in Los Altos are a fact of life and don't lend themselves to major tech companies moving in. It's a trade-off, Seither

said in an email, and residents may prefer the quaint low-density downtown over the construction taking place around the San Antonio shopping center.

The other factor suppressing tax money from flowing into district coffers is Proposition 13, which caps property tax growth. A district staff report found that the median sale price of a home in the district is \$3.14 million, but the median assessed value is about \$1.3 million. More than 1,200 of the district's single-family parcels are assessed at values less than \$200,000.

The delta caused by Prop 13 means that the district only receives about \$4.4 million in annual property tax revenue over the minimum amount guaranteed by the state, a small amount that seems to contradict the expensive real estate market the district encompasses, said Curtis Cole, a CACF member.

The school district has sought to supplement the property tax revenue through two parcel taxes for a combined \$10.5 million in annual revenue, and receives a generous \$3 million annual contribution from the Los Altos Education Foundation, but it still leaves the district in a tight spot. "LASD is challenged to balance the pressure of increasing expenses, competing to recruit and retain staff while maintaining facilities on all its campuses, against an uncertain revenue source upon which the district has no control," Cole said.

For every seemingly obvious cause of the budget problems, there's usually a caveat or a school district that serves as a contradiction, Kenyon said. Hillsborough doesn't boast a thriving commercial sector yet its revenue per student is a staggering \$19,400. Some may point to LASD's school sizes as inefficiently small, Kenyon said, but Palo Alto and Saratoga seem to do just fine with their small neighborhood campuses.

"That (theory) works for Cupertino," Kenyon told board members last month, referring to that district's large schools. "It certainly doesn't work for these other districts because they have equivalent or smaller schools than we do."

Another facet of the district's budget that can't be ignored is Bullis Charter School, which enrolls about 850 students who reside in the district. This requires the district to transfer \$7 million out of its annual budget to Bullis, or about \$8,000 per student. The sum is expected to increase to \$9 million as the charter school expands its enrollment next year.

But the precise impact Bullis has on the district's bottom line is difficult to determine. Plenty of those charter school students

would have attended a local public school instead, where the district spends about \$14,440 per student, according to the 2018-19 budget. But an unknown number of them might have gone to a private school instead, costing the district nothing, Kenyon said.

A majority of the district's money pays for teachers and staff, and the tight budget has typically led to modest pay raises — between 2 and 3 percent — that don't keep up with the rising cost of living in the Bay Area. The starting salary for a teacher this year is \$57,000, which is less than half the median income in Santa Clara County. Mountain View Whisman, which used to offer a nearly identical starting salary to Los Altos, has increased its lowest salary to \$64,000.

Ricky Hu, president of the Los Altos Teachers Association, told the *Voice* that it's become increasingly difficult for teachers to afford to live in the area, and that he's observed small homes where he lives in Sunnyvale going for \$1.7 million. Teachers, like many middle-income and blue-collar workers, are finding it harder to make ends meet in the area.

"Teachers are not asking to be millionaires, but they are asking to be able to afford a decent home," he said.

Consistent with past years and his predecessor, Hu said he has a strong working relationship with district administrators and doesn't see the consternation about budget problems as posturing for negotiations. There are larger forces at play, he said, and education funding simply can't keep up with the salaries paid by major tech companies in the region.

"I think personally teachers could stand to make more and deserve more for the work that they do," Hu said. "But I do think there are larger issues at play that make it challenging and, as much as we want to pay our teachers, we're never going to be able to compete with some of the salaries in this area."

Although it's built into the budget as an assumption, Hu said it's important to remember how much the community has rallied to support public education. Along with two parcel taxes totaling \$10.5 million in annual revenue, parents donate millions more through the Los Altos Education Foundation (LAEF) and individual PTAs to support a range of programs and services that the district couldn't otherwise afford.

"I can't stress enough how much work they do for the school district and our ability to serve our students as best we can," Hu said.


While working on the LAEF board, Seither said he would

emphasize that the grant money it received to help pay for teachers wasn't just a luxury in a well-heeled community, it was a strategy going back decades to support schools that would otherwise be starved for resources.

"I wanted to emphasize the message, 'This is just how we do things here,'" Seither said. "Because since 1982, donations have been necessary." ■

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ROCK STREET

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Rock St. was described as the latest case of gentrification, pushing out middle-class families into a hostile housing market. And for many observers, it felt like a rerun of last week's meeting: the same rhetoric, the same promises and the same result.

The redevelopment fits a pattern that sums up most of Mountain View's imbalanced housing challenges. When completed, it will add 54 units to the city's abundant and growing supply of housing priced for those earning well above six figures. Meanwhile, the project was another setback for moderate-income housing, the most lopsided category in the city's housing inventory.

This context wasn't lost on many residents living at the 2310 Rock St. apartments. While many implored the city to save their homes, they also urged the council to do something to stop the

larger trend from continuing.

"Have you considered what Mountain View will look like if you allow this juggernaut to continue? It will change the face of the community," said Kennia Cobos, a mother of two who has lived at 2310 Rock St. since 2013. "The people who make this city are leaving in droves and we're not going to be left with diversity anymore."

Cobos' neighbor, Leland Erickson, 57, said his family would be split up if the project were approved. His wife wouldn't be able to stay in her job, and she planned to move to North Carolina. He would need to move someplace that guaranteed he would still have medical coverage since he has a disability. Right now, his plan is to sleep on a friend's couch in Oregon.

Like other tenants, he described a Catch-22 situation. In order to secure a new home, they needed proof of income, but in order to work, they needed nearby housing.

"I won't deny that losing my family is a real worry, but you have to go down fighting no matter what," he said. "If this happens we'll be forced out of our jobs because we'll be forced to move too far to commute."

But even tenant advocates acknowledged it seemed all but certain to go through, especially since similar projects had been recently approved. In December, a project at 2005 Rock St. won approval to rebuild 20 apartments into 15 rowhouses. Just last week, the council agreed to let a developer demolish 34 apartments at 1950 Montecito Ave. to build a smaller number of for-sale homes.

In total, far more housing is being built than what is being lost in Mountain View. In the last five years, more than 2,500 residential units have been permitted for construction, according to city officials. But the recent loss of older, rent-controlled apartments has highlighted how certain types of housing are endangered. With each project, elected leaders have reacted with increasing alarm, agreeing that something needs to be done.

Councilwoman Ellen Kamei tested the idea of imposing some kind of moratorium to restrict certain types of housing redevelopments. But City Attorney Jannie Quinn warned her that it would require a six-vote majority on the council, plus they would have to make specific findings to justify the action. The idea was soon dropped.

In turn, Kamei and Councilman Lucas Ramirez suggested bringing the project back to the drawing board to find ways to add more housing on the site. It would require variances and exemptions, but at least it would balance out the housing loss, Ramirez said.

But that idea also landed with a thud amid warnings that denying or delaying the project wouldn't accomplish anything. Councilman Chris Clark admonished his colleagues to approve the project, saying it was the best way to guarantee some kind of relocation benefits for the tenants. If the project were denied, the property owner could evict the tenants without any compensation.

"I don't feel like protest votes are productive or helpful," Clark said. "The answer to this long-term is to revisit our policies and determine what we can do to prevent this from happening again, but right now the rules are set in stone."

It was unclear what kind of housing policies the City Council has the appetite to revise. Some members mentioned the need to create a no-net-loss ordinance to prevent redevelopments from producing less housing. This idea will be considered later this month as part of the city's goal-setting session.

Council members Alison Hicks and John McAlister said they were more concerned about the impact of displacement on families. They plugged an idea to revise the city's Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance to open up income eligibility.

"I'm very upset about what's going on," Hicks said. "I hope we can use this to have a real discussion on displacement and policies to create something with real teeth in it, and not just something that tinkers with the details."

Other council members trained their sights on the city's rent control law, which they blamed as the culprit behind multiple recent redevelopments. The sale of the 2310 Rock St. apartments was not related to rent control, McAlister

acknowledged, yet he believed it contributed to a "perfect storm" causing many landlords to sell.

"When rent control comes along, it devalues a person's property, and if someone wants to buy it they can't get more than a 3 percent increase," McAlister said. "We need to review this, and there's an opportunity in the 2020 election."

Of all the ideas mentioned, this one was highlighted as a "fast track" priority by the council. At the end of the meeting, Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga asked for consideration of a future ballot initiative to revise the city's rent control policies as part of the council's April 23 goal-setting session. Abe-Koga did not specify what kind of revisions she wanted to include, but she suggested city officials should begin by examining housing data.

As they promised to look at those ideas, City Council members signaled they had little option but to approve the 2310 Rock St. project. In a round of deal-making from the dais, the council pressed the developer to increase the relocation benefits for special-needs households by \$2,000. Displaced tenants were also promised they would have relocation payments facilitated in order to help them secure new housing. Of the 59 households, 37 have been deemed eligible for relocation payments.

All tenants are expected to leave by the end of September.

The project was approved in a 6-0 vote with Kamei abstaining.

"As policymakers we have to make policy that works for the residents, and I see a disconnect with this project that displaces people once again," Kamei explained. ▣

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Mountain View resident Diana Olivares, 29, dances in a vibrant Colombian dress at the city's Multicultural Festival, held Saturday, March 30, at Civic Center Plaza. Offering entertainment, exhibits and educational activities, the event celebrated the diversity and cultural richness of Mountain View's population.

Youth mental health app offers supportive chats

By Angela Swartz

Youth seeking mental health support can now download a free app provided by a local nonprofit.

In late January SafeSpace, a Menlo Park-based mental health clinic for youth, partnered with 7 Cups of Tea, a company that offers an on-demand emotional health and well-being service, to provide the SafeSpace Support Line to anyone through the app. The app gives users a way to anonymously chat one-on-one about their problems with trained confidential “listeners” through a computer or smartphone. The volunteer listeners take an online course to learn how to best offer words of support.

“It’s super easy to use,” said

Isabelle Mimeles, a junior at Menlo-Atherton High School and a SafeSpace youth advisory board member who has used the app. “For a lot of students, to go and get help is a really big step that’s overwhelming. This (the app) makes it not a big deal.”

Isabelle joined the SafeSpace advisory board because she has struggled with anxiety and stress in the midst of a competitive environment at M-A, she said. SafeSpace was designed by and for youth, and provides people ages 12 to 26 access to professional mental health services.

Glen Moriarty, CEO of 7 Cups of Tea, said in an email that it’s important to use technology to provide youth mental health support since technology is an easy

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Proposed bill would allow homeless students to sleep in college parking lots overnight

By Christian Trujano

Homeless community college students will be permitted to park and sleep in their cars overnight at any community college in California if Assembly Bill 302 passes.

AB 302 is a proposed state mandate that would require community colleges with parking facilities to allow overnight parking for homeless students. The schools would apply to the state to get their expenses reimbursed for creating these safe parking lots.

To qualify for the program, students must be enrolled in courses, have paid for those courses and must be in good standing with their college.

Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, who authored the bill, said he was moved

during five informational hearings throughout the state during the 2017-2018 legislative session, when students shared their stories of homelessness and housing insecurities that prevented them from completing their degrees.

The bill passed by a 10-0 vote out of the Assembly Higher Education Committee on Tuesday and it will next go to the Assembly Appropriations Committee in mid-May, according to Berman.

"When we surveyed homeless college liaisons, they said that housing is the greatest need of the students they serve and yet the hardest need to meet," Shahera Hyatt, director of the California Homeless Youth Project, said during a press conference at the state Capitol in Sacramento on Tuesday.

The California Community

Colleges Chancellor's Office and The Hope Center's #RealCollege initiative surveyed nearly 40,000 students at 57 community colleges statewide.

Of those respondents, 19 percent said they experienced homelessness in the last 12 months and 20 percent said they experienced having to sleep in their cars.

Extrapolate that to California's community college population of 2.1 million students, and it means that almost 400,000 students statewide have experienced homelessness in the last year.

"Four hundred thousand homeless community college students in California is totally unacceptable," Berman said.

The assemblyman said he wants to tackle this issue head-on with feasible short-term solutions that have never been done before, such as AB 302.

"This is the answer, not the problem," Berman said. "It's not like these kids don't exist, and we need to stop pretending like they don't exist. We need to start helping them."

Students also addressed how these basic need insecurities are not just getting in the way of their education, but creating concerns for their overall safety.

"I was working full time and I was going to school in the evenings and after I left class each night, the biggest challenge for me was where am I going to go?" said Anthony White, a second-year Palomar College student and veteran of the U.S. Marines.

White said he lived in his truck for eight months while being a full-time dad, but decided to send his son to live with his mom out of state because his housing situation was not stable enough.

"These students are sleeping in their cars, in our communities, tonight. It's happening," Berman said. "Rather than the student sleeping in a residential neighborhood in Palo Alto, the student will be able to sleep in their car on campus at Foothill or De Anza community college."

Matthew Bodo, a third-year student at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills, also experienced homelessness for about two years off and on. He primarily slept in his car while couch surfing and trying to find a stable place to live.

Bodo said he was a full-time student at the time he was homeless and worked a full-time job, but was still unable to afford rent. He then tried to sleep at the parking facilities on Foothill College's campus, but was met with police resistance.

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clinics in San Jose, Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Although the hope was that the court would finalize the agreement on Tuesday, March 19, it granted an extension to March 27 for additional review.

SVMD officials say the decision is good news, and allows five clinics that could have closed to continue serving thousands of patients. SVMD President Bruce Harrison said in a statement March 27 that his organization was prepared to partner with San Jose Medical Group physicians for a successful launch on April 1.

"We are so pleased that all the elements necessary have aligned to put patient care first," Harrison said. "San Jose Medical Group physicians serve an important community need, and we are honored to work with them to quickly open and make this transition as seamless as possible for their patients."

The extension made a seamless transition on Monday difficult. By getting approval later than anticipated, SVMD officials admitted that they had a "shortened time frame" of just five days to the clinics' Monday opening. The finalized agreement meant El Camino's affiliate needed to move fast with a combination of "direct employment and contracted agencies," according to the March 27 statement.

El Camino unveiled its clinic purchase plans in February, which offered to buy the assets of the clinics but excluded the transfer of 164 existing clinic employees. Union members working in the clinics have urged El Camino Hospital's board of directors to reconsider, arguing the patients and clinic staff alike need continuity during the transition. Service Employees International Union-United Healthcare Workers West (SEIU-UHW) members have slammed SVMD and the board for being opaque about their plans — board members never said explicitly that they would or would not rehire the employees — and several local elected officials have sent letters on behalf of SEIU-UHW employees.

The lack of response from the board prompted union members to file a ballot initiative that would make El Camino Hospital seek voter approval to purchase the clinics. The measure was filed with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters on Monday, March 18, and would come before voters residing in the El Camino Healthcare District on the November 2020 ballot.

Many of the 164 employees have reapplied for the same jobs, through both phone and in-person interviews, but as of March

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Marlowe, one of the animal ambassadors in Palo Alto Humane Society's Critter Club program, calmly accepts the attentions of second and third grade students at Landels Elementary School on March 21. The program aims to teach compassion to kids by bringing rescue animals into local schools for 50-minute sessions.

28, only 16 had been told they are going to keep their jobs, said Sean Wherley, a spokesman for SEIU-UHW. Some employees have already been asked to turn in their keys because March 27 was their last day on the job, he said.

In the lead-up to Monday, temp agencies offered short 30- or 60-day contracts to about 80 percent of the clinic staff, while other positions like housekeeping were outright eliminated, Wherley said. Some of the old employee staff members had their temporary employment offer rescinded on Sunday night, while others showed up on Monday only to find out their job had been eliminated.

Wherley said he wasn't aware of any major problems at any of the five clinics as a result of staffing shortages, but nevertheless felt the transition was poorly handled.

"To handle it well would've been to retain all the workers

who were in those positions, in their same job, performing at the same high level that they have been," he said. "They have undermined the workforce by classifying them as temporary employees, and that will have an affect on the delivery of care."

Representatives from SVM D said last week they would not be available for an interview for weeks, but provided a statement saying that they were working "quickly" to successfully open the clinics on Monday and expect a seamless transition.

"All appointments currently scheduled will be honored and new appointments can be scheduled by calling the same phone numbers as before," Harrison said shortly before the April 1 opening. "We look forward to welcoming patients to San Jose Medical Group, affiliated with Silicon Valley Medical Development."

A spokeswoman for SVM D told the *Voice* Wednesday that all five clinics had a smooth opening this week, and that all the patients with scheduled appointments were seen and treated that day.

The clinic purchase is a big move for El Camino Hospital, which has expanded its presence into the South Bay for years. The hospital has been operating a second campus in Los Gatos for nearly a decade, and more recently opened multiple clinics in San Jose. The latest purchase now includes five new locations run by the hospital through SVM D. The clinics are located at 625 Lincoln Ave., San Jose; 2585 Samaritan Drive, San Jose; 18550 DePaul Drive, Morgan Hill; 9360 No Name Uno, #125, Gilroy; and 227 North Jackson Ave., San Jose. ▣

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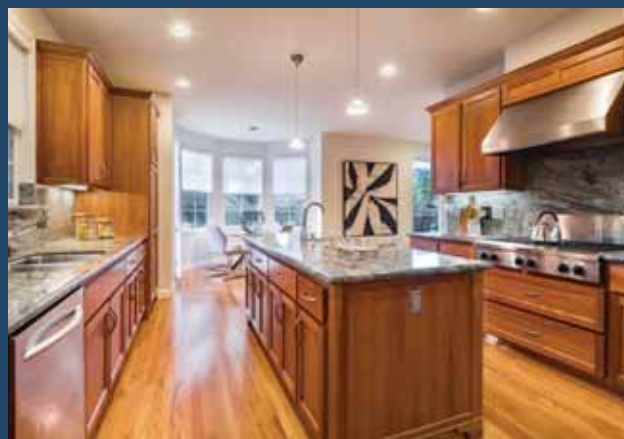
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LIGHTS

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are among only a few in all of Santa Clara County to still have unlit fields.

When the board met to discuss the idea in August, dozens of people blasted the district over the hours-long public comment session, saying it has been a difficult neighbor. The neighborhoods around the schools are both quiet and dark at night, and the worry was that lights and amped-up public address systems would be disruptive and ruin the quality of life.

Four months and eight neighborhood meetings later, Harding introduced what he said is the closest thing to a compromise, with constraints on both lights and sound systems, including hard curfews and significant limits on weekend events.

The early version of the policy restricts light use to five competitions per year each for varsity football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, track and field and any newly added varsity sport. Athletic practices are permitted to use the stadium lights until 8:30 p.m. on weekdays, but are prohibited from using them on weekends.

Marching band would get to use the lights and sound systems two nights per week under the draft policy, once until 8 p.m. and once ending at 6:30 p.m. If the band isn't reliant on lights, the sky's pretty much the limit: Marching band can practice in the morning, afternoon

and on Saturdays with "no restrictions."

The district can also host up to three "special events" using stadium lights and public address systems until 9 p.m. each year.

Harding said the policy makes the most of a tough situation. More students at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools are playing an increasingly diverse number of sports, but the field space isn't getting any bigger. Stadium lights effectively allow more use of the same space, allowing teams and band to practice past sundown.

But residents from both Mountain View and Los Altos living around the schools have been wary of the proposal, to put it mildly. When it was suggested as an option among school board members shortly before the summer break last year, residents began rallying under an advocacy group called MVLA Neighborhood Cares and demanded that the district take a responsible approach to the idea and not ignore the nearby residents who have to live with the consequences. One resident called the existing noise from band practice as a "noxious, unwanted intrusion."

The idea proved so divisive that it prompted residents to pack the entire Mountain View High School theater on Aug. 13, with more than 60 speakers deeply divided on whether the lights should be installed at all, let alone with limits.

Harding's draft proposal, presented at the March 25 board

meeting, was low-key and instead met with cautious optimism that the good-neighbor policy would be more than just a treaty between two groups still at odds.

"It's a fundamental recognition that our campuses are undersized and places undue stress primarily on the athletics program and music program ... and at the same time, a recognition that our schools are in residential neighborhoods," Harding said.

Perhaps the biggest question still hanging over the school district is a measurable limit on how loud public address systems can be from the property line of neighborhood residences. The draft policy still hasn't chosen the decibel limit.

"It really matters what that number is," said Heather Lattanzi, a resident living near Mountain View High. "If it's 65 instead of 55, that would ruin my life, so I really care what that number is."

Harding said the district is consulting with a sound engineer to make sure that whatever the district installs will be oriented and tuned to maximize volume on the fields while minimizing sound pollution pushed outwards into the neighborhood.

Board members declined to discuss the specifics of the policy until community members have had a chance to weigh in. The policy can be read at tinyurl.com/MVLAlights, and trustees can be contacted at trustees@mvla.net. ■

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"It's not about replacing therapy," she added. "It's about resurrecting community support that's missing in our culture today."

SafeSpace now partners with 18 local middle and high schools, where student members of the SafeSpace youth advisory board work with teachers and administrators to develop programs at each school. SafeSpace also recently opened a clinic for students in downtown San Mateo because of the demand for services in that area.

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"I did attempt to sleep in my car on campus and was asked to leave several times by campus police," said Bodo. "So I resorted to sleeping nearby off campus, which was not well received by the residents of the area."

Bodo said residents vandalized his car, which also served as his home, and the damage made more of an impact because of that.

"I ended up parking farther and farther away from campus to try and find somewhere legal and safe, which was problematic

because every day before starting my day at work or school, I would travel to campus to use the showers that were available to all students," he said.

The showers and other facilities Bodo accessed were recently made available to students through another bill already passed, AB 1995.

The wording of AB 302 is still vague because Berman said he wants as much flexibility for individual colleges' governing boards to come up with their own plans, including figuring out how to identify these students, quiet hours and security concerning

local police.

Berman said he knows he is asking a lot already from community colleges, but assures he is asking the same for everyone.

"We as a society have failed miserably, we have failed to build the amount of housing necessary to house our students, to house our retirees, to house our workers," Berman said.

"And because we as a society have failed miserably over the last few decades, we now have to look for creative solutions to address the repercussions of our failures." ■

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protected from the infection. People with weakened immune systems or unvaccinated children are at higher risk.

County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody said to call a doctor

immediately if anyone who may have contracted measles experiences fever, cough, red eyes, runny nose and a rash beginning on the face.

Health officials also reminded anyone planning international travel to make sure they are up to date on their vaccinations.

HOME SALES HIT 11-MONTH LOW

Over the course of February in the Bay Area, 4,354 new and existing homes and condominiums were sold, up nearly 13 percent from the previous month, but the year-over-year trajectory is trending downward, according to a report issued Thursday by CoreLogic, a housing research firm.

February's sales represent a drop of 12.8 percent from the 4,993 sold in February 2018. The year-over-year fall in sales has continued for the past nine consecutive months. This February's numbers are the lowest for that month since 2008, when 3,989 homes were sold, according to the report.

Sales of newly built homes in particular fared even worse this February, with a decline of 43.9 percent from the month's historical average of new home sales. Additionally, resales of existing houses were down 25.3 percent from the February average.

Andrew LePage, a CoreLogic analyst, said in a statement, "For the third month in a row, Bay Area home sales were at an 11-year low for that month. However, the year-over-year decline in sales has ratcheted down the past two months."

"The lessening of the declines likely reflects, among other things, a significant drop in mortgage rates since they hit a seven-year high last November, as well as more listings compared with early last year and an improving stock market in early 2019. Those factors are likely putting some would-be buyers back into home-shopping mode," LePage said.

The homes sold in the Bay Area in February commanded a median price of \$770,000. This represents an increase of 5.5 percent from \$730,000 in January and 2.7 percent from \$750,000 in February 2018.

Year-over-year, median home prices have been rising since April 2012, a streak of 83 consecutive months. And of homes sold, prices over \$500,000 have accounted for increasing shares of the market: 76 percent of all sales in February, up from 74.8 percent of sales in February 2018.

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A comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness

By Margaret Abe-Koga and Lucas Ramirez

Our city struggles with many regional challenges, and homelessness is among the most complex and difficult to solve. Over the past three years, the Mountain View City Council has taken a compassionate approach, implementing a three-pronged strategy to address this issue: providing emergency assistance to the unstably housed in the short term, increasing housing supply in the long term, and responding to public health and safety concerns through outreach and enforcement.

We have succeeded in housing 116 Mountain View-affiliated households, with another 44 households on their way to housing. Additionally, in partnership with the county and nonprofit organizations like the Community Services Agency (CSA), the council has spent more than \$2.5 million to offer important basic human services and outreach to residents living in vehicles. You can learn more about these services and other related programs at mountainview.gov/homeless.

Unfortunately, despite our efforts, the needle has not moved in the number of unstably housed individuals, including those living in vehicles. The city actually experienced an increase from an estimated 150 vehicles in

February 2017 to approximately 290 vehicles in December 2018. Those living in vehicles are as diverse as those living in fixed housing. Some have lived in Mountain View before losing housing, some work here, some have other affiliations and some are new to the area. Some do not identify themselves as homeless and consider it an interim housing solution, declining assistance from CSA and city programs.

Moreover, the city increasingly struggles with genuine public health and safety concerns. Both residents living in vehicles and those in fixed housing are impacted when older vehicles leak sewage or when waste is illegally dumped. Households in vehicles are particularly vulnerable to predatory and criminal activity. Bicyclists and other users of public rights of way have reported visibility hazards and other traffic safety concerns. Permanent residency on city streets is neither desirable nor sustainable, although we recognize that many do not have a viable alternative.

On March 19, the council provided direction to city staff to address these challenges comprehensively and pragmatically. The city will continue to fund \$1 million for programs to prevent homelessness, rehouse those who fall into homelessness, and provide other basic human services. Over the next few

months, staff will also develop ordinances intended to expand the safe parking program in Mountain View (potentially doubling the current number across the entire county); explore ways to make it easier for private lot owners interested in providing safe parking to do so; and increase enforcement efforts, including oversized vehicle parking prohibitions, to address public health and safety concerns.

Mountain View cannot solve this issue on its own. We need a regional approach, with all cities providing shelter and safe parking opportunities, offering services and programs, and increasing housing supply. The county should take leadership in convening the various entities to come up with new solutions. We also support Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposal for \$500 million in increased funding for the state of California's Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

Finally, we call upon all residents, businesses, and the faith community to participate in these efforts to assist the unstably housed by volunteering at or donating to CSA, Hope's Corner, and the homeless shelter at Trinity Church, or by identifying or providing safe parking lots. Only by working together will we be able to move the needle.

Margaret Abe-Koga is the vice mayor of Mountain View and Lucas Ramirez is a fellow City Council member.

Guest Opinion

Don't be fooled by Bullis Mountain View

By Sara Kopit-Olson

Head of School Jennifer Anderson-Rosse recently published a letter announcing the cancellation of plans to open a charter school in Mountain View this fall. She made claims implying that Bullis Mountain View (BMV) has been the victim of unfair treatment by the Mountain View Whisman School District (MVWSD). A review of the facts reveals Bullis' claims to be false, and leads one to question whether Bullis ever truly intended to serve low-income students in Mountain View.

Although their petition was approved on Dec. 20, BMV did not inform the community until March 7 that they would not comply with MVWSD's conditions for approval. Those conditions included enrollment priorities that would ensure BMV would serve the student population they claimed to want to serve. "Our intent is to mirror the demographics of the Mountain View community, and our plan is to offer a priority enrollment for low-income students," BMV stated initially.

In her letter, Anderson-Rosse falsely claims that "several" of the conditions attached to BMV's approval are in violation of state law. While state and federal laws clearly prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race/ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation, there is no law against

providing enrollment priority to socio-economically disadvantaged (SED) students. The California Charter Schools Association points to the requirement that charter schools should "develop and implement admissions and enrollment policies and practices that ...

are designed to contribute to a diverse student population that is reflective of the community in which the school is located." It also states that one of "the primary authorities governing charter schools admissions policies and practices are ... Certain policies and practices adopted by your charter authorizer regarding the admissions process." It is puzzling to see BMV claim they can better educate students from low-income families, and then back away from giving them top priority enrollment.

BMV has not acted in good faith in their communications with the Mountain View community and MVWSD. BMV was asked by a variety of stakeholders to defer its plans to open a school in Mountain View. MVWSD asked BMV for a one-year delay so they would be able to assess the effects of newly drawn enrollment boundaries. About 400 parents and community stakeholders from around Mountain View co-signed an open letter imploring BMV to defer its plans, highlighted the damage that would be brought to neighborhood schools, and pointed out BMV's lack of cultural competence. Since the time of the charter's approval, district requests for information from both Bullis Charter School and

BMV were ignored or denied.

Anderson-Rosse claims "The district specifically left siblings out to separate families and undermine the success of BMV," as if to imply the district had removed sibling enrollment preference altogether. In reality, the district asked that enrollment priorities be re-ordered, placing SED students before siblings in order to assure a representative percentage of SED students. If BMV were to not meet enrollment targets for SED students in its first few years and provided priority to siblings of currently enrolled, non-SED students in subsequent years, it would be unlikely to ever achieve enrollment of a significant population of SED students.

Bullis' failed attempt to expand its brand and open a school this fall has wasted taxpayer money, but even more concerning, it may cause real harm to the very students BMV claims it wished to help. BMV is already having a financial impact on the district, and the resultant budget cuts are negatively impacting our children.

I hope that the Santa Clara County and California boards of education are paying close attention to what has transpired here in Mountain View. The proliferation of charter schools that do not incorporate inclusive admission policies toward the community they serve, and do not operate with transparency, harms our students and must be put in check.

Sara Kopit-Olson is a parent leader at Mistral Elementary School in Mountain View.

Guest Opinion

■ RESTAURANT REVIEW

Hookahs & Hummus

PASHA
MEDITERRANEAN
LIGHTS UP THE
NIGHTLIFE SCENE
IN REDWOOD CITY

Story by *Monica Schreiber*
Photos by *Magali Gauthier*

At Pasha Mediterranean, ask to sit outside in the smoking section.

Yes, you read that correctly. The patio is where the action is, and the billowing smoke is part of the festive vibe at this year-old restaurant and hookah lounge. Emissions from the world's original vaping device are light and arguably even aromatic. Even many nonsmokers might find themselves surprisingly unperturbed by all the puffing.

In fact, after a sizeable and tasty pomegranate martini (\$11), I found myself flagging down a waiter and ordering one of the exotic smoking apparatuses, said to have originated in India or Persia in the 1500s. After all, was it not my journalistic duty to experience all Pasha has to offer before writing about it? If getting the whole story meant thumbing my nose at the surgeon general for one evening, then by God, I was going in. Never mind the slightly disapproving looks of my dinner companions.

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The kunefe at Pasha Mediterranean in Redwood City is made with shredded dough cooked with sweet cheese and simple syrup, and topped with crushed pistachios.



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Bemused diners at neighboring tables sensed I hadn't been near a hookah since college and instructed me on the finer points of rotating the charcoal and otherwise navigating the medusa-like contraption. My "Habibi" tobacco (\$25) was flavored with tropical punch, mango and tangelo, a smooth, delightfully sinful accompaniment to the thumping Arabic music and that pomegranate martini.

Generous cocktails and Middle Eastern dance tunes pretty much define my happy place, but I have not forgotten that this is the "Eating Out" section and yes, Pasha does also serve food. Turkey native Serkan Bikim, who also owns Hummus Mediterranean

in San Mateo, offers a greatest hits of standard Mediterranean cuisine, with a tilt toward Turkish and Greek fare: gyros, kebabs, flat breads, baklava and the like. We will get to the specifics, but first I must offer one more reason to sit outside at Pasha: The interior è is a little strange.

It is not as if I walked in for lunch expecting to dine in a pasha's palace. But atmosphere does inform the dining experience and nothing about Pasha's décor suggests Mediterranean food. Brash, red-and-white striped banquettes called to mind images of circus clowns who met an unfortunate end as upholstery. A line of oversized wall clocks showing the (wrong) time in London, Dubai and other world cities seemed completely

random, as did the beachy wood accent wall that suggested a Cape Cod fish shack. New Orleans-style jazz playing on the sound system added to the feeling of incongruity.

But once my appetizer combo plate (\$14.94) arrived, I managed to dispel the clown images and focus on the creamy hummus, smoky baba ghanoush, dolma, falafel and shakshuka. The latter was a departure from the warm tomato-and-onion stew I expected, normally served with poached eggs. This version was served cold and made chunky with sautéed eggplant. It was a touch sweet where it should have been spicy. The pita was cardboardy and seemed mass-produced.

For kebabs, I rarely indulge anywhere but Kabul Afghan

Cuisine, the Sunnyvale and San Carlos institution that wrote the book on grilled meat. But Pasha's held their own, especially given the relatively reasonable

prices. My lamb plate (\$14.95) featured six cubes of marinated, grilled lamb, cooked medium

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Kagan Bireller prepares a hookah for a customer at Pasha Mediterranean's patio on April 1.



Pasha Mediterranean's lahmacun is a flatbread topped with ground lamb and served with chopped vegetables on the side.

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The appetizer combo plate includes hummus, shakshuka, baba ghanoush, tzatziki, dolma, falafel and tahini sauce.



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Weekend

PASHA

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well rather than the medium rare I requested, so a bit on the chewy side but still acceptable. Kebab plates include a scoop of lemony rice, hummus, a lightly dressed green salad and a side of tahini. The chicken kebabs (\$13.95) were succulent and smoky from the grill, better than the lamb.

We also enjoyed a good-sized, finely chopped Greek salad (\$9.95) made tangy with a lemon and olive oil dressing. A bowl of avgolemono — Greece's famous chicken and lemon soup — was savory, citrusy and comforting (\$5.95). The grilled salmon plate (\$15.95) is one of the house specialties. The salmon, seasoned lightly with lemon and a sprinkle of herbs, was serviceable, but did not rise to the level of a specialty. The mint lemonade was touted by our waiter as another housemade specialty. At \$7 for a small glass, I

had high expectations, but it was watery and unremarkable.

Where dinners on the patio are energetic and even raucous as the evening advances, lunchtime at Pasha is a more subdued, order-at-the-counter affair. I tried a lahmacun (\$6.95), billed as a Turkish-style pizza. The ultra-thin flatbread could not stand up to the ground, mildly spiced lamb atop, making for a limp — but still tasty — version of the classic Turkish street food. A chicken wings appetizer (\$8.95) was a somewhat random impulse order, but the thickly coated, deep fried wings, served with a side of Buffalo hot sauce, made for a piping hot and tasty, shareable snack.

I'm not sure I'd go out of my way to have lunch at Pasha again, but I will definitely be back on a weekend night, or perhaps a Thursday when they occasionally have live music. You can find me on the patio with a pomegranate martini. And maybe a hookah. ▣

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Zachary Levi plays the superhero in "Shazam!"

The magic word

'SHAZAM!' IS A BLAST OF SUPERHEROIC FUN

★★★ (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

Few superheroes have needed a lawyer more than the original Captain Marvel. Once sued into oblivion for being too similar to Superman, Captain Marvel long ago lost his name to the new Marvel Comics character who made her big-screen debut last month as a female Kree warrior. Since the 1970s, Captain Marvel has been referred to by the magic word "Shazam" that conjures an adult superhero from the form of a boy.

And so now, this first superhero ever to appear in live action (in the 1941 serial "The Adventures of Captain Marvel") returns 78 years later to a big-screen starring role in "Shazam!" and enters into the same cinematic universe as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, and Aquaman. Played by Zachary Levi, Shazam is the magically adult form bestowed on 14-year-old foster child Billy Batson (Asher Angel) by an

ailing wizard also named Shazam (Djimon Hounsou). The older Shazam — last of the Council of the Wizards, keeper of the Rock of Eternity — needs someone "strong in spirit, pure in heart" to assume the mantle.

The old wizard passes over young Thaddeus Sivana (Ethan Pugiotto) in 1974, but the boy remains obsessed with the great power that escaped him. Grown into his 50s, the present-day Sivana (Mark Strong) keeps a watchful eye for the power of Shazam, but settles for the power of the Seven Deadly Sins (embodied in terrifying carnivorous beasts, the Sins are responsible for one very scary sequence that

may have kids peeking through their fingers). Meanwhile, young Philadelphian Batson gets the power Sivana craved for decades; that this happens more or less by default takes some of the edge off the "chosen one" conceit and ensures that Billy must retroactively earn his newfound power by boosting the requisite levels of spirit and heart.

The vehicle for Billy's self-actualization turns out to be family. The boy lives in hope that he'll track down his long-lost mother, but in the meantime must acclimate to a new group home run by the kindly Victor and Rosa Vasquez (Cooper Andrews and Marta Milans) and populated by a multicultural array of amiable but distressed kids (Grace Fulton, Ian Chen, Jovan Armand, and Faithe Herman). Billy's new roomie Freddie (Jack Dylan Grazer of "It") turns out to be a motormouthed superhero fanatic, just the guy to play sidekick to the befuddled new hero Shazam.

The double act of Grazer and Levi turns out to be comedy gold in this supercharged version of the 1988 fantasy "Big" (which gets a wink and a nod in one action sequence). Director David F. Sandberg ("Lights Out," "Annabelle: Creation") successfully balances dramatic stakes with the material's inherent invitation to comedy: a pubescent boy who

periodically explodes into a tall, muscular man in a red super suit with a glowing lightning bolt. The origin story allows Billy to discover and test his powers (as Freddie makes YouTube videos). In an endearing change of pace for the genre, Billy's initial superheric efforts mostly wreak havoc, and he's still fumbling big time when Sivana shows up to confront him. (This, by the way, is the splendid Strong's second crack at a DC villain, after playing Sinestro in 2011's misbegotten "Green Lantern.")

At over two hours, the film goes on a bit too long, but the setting and circumstances of the climactic action sequence have a nice thematic ring to them (Shazam enthusiasts will see the twist coming, but it's still a hoot). Essentially, "Shazam!" plays like DC's answer to Marvel's "Ant-Man": a family-friendly, comical comic-book adventure that never crosses the line into camp.

After the recent, not-so-sunny take on Superman, it's refreshing to see the DC Comics films lightening up. But holy moly! They'd better get on the certain "Shazam!" sequels before the youngsters in the cast get too big the old-fashioned way.

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— Peter Canavese

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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/

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‘The Grapes of Wrath’ Bus Barn Theater presents “The Grapes of Wrath,” adapted from John Steinbeck’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a family that finds itself reduced to poverty during the Great Depression, abandoning their Oklahoma farm for the promise of a better life in California. April 11-May 5; times vary. Bus Barn Theater, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos. losaltosstage.org

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

‘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. Through 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 Addams Family’ “The Addams Family” takes Charles Addams’ classic characters and places them in an original musical. Wednesday Addams, the child of sorrow, is no longer a child, but rather a young woman in love with an “ordinary” man, Lucas, from an “ordinary” family. April 12-14 and April 18-20; times vary. \$24.99; discounts available. Stanford Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra St., Stanford. musical.stanford.edu

Improv The Pear Improv Troupe performs three long-form comedy segments, including The Red Balloon, One Act and the Harold. April 13, 8 p.m. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org/improv

‘The Supreme Leader’ Presented by the Playwrights Foundation, “The Supreme Leader” is a coming-of-age story centered on Kim Jong-Un’s early days at an international school in Switzerland. This political comedy compares Eastern and Western cultures through the snow globe lens of neutral Switzerland. April 8, 7:30-10 p.m. Roble Hall, 374 Santa Teresa St., Stanford. playwrightsfoundation.secure.force.com

CONCERTS

FSW Chamber Ensemble Concert The Foothill Symphonic Winds present the annual chamber ensemble concert, featuring quartets, duets and other small ensembles made up of band members. The groups will perform music by Astor Piazzolla, J.S. Bach, Percy Grainger and more. April 7, 3:30-5:30 p.m. South Bay Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1904 Silverwood Ave., Mountain View. fswinds.org/ensembles

George Hurd George Hurd will perform pieces from his Echolocation project, composed from field recordings from around the world, 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

NACUSAsf ‘Avanti’ Concert The National Association of Composers, USA presents “Avanti,” a new music concert featuring nine Bay Area composers. April 7, 3 p.m. \$20; discount for students, seniors. Foothills Congregational Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los Altos.

MUSIC

Emmet Cohen Trio with Sheila Jordan Jazz pianist and composer Emmet Cohen and his trio will join forces with NEA jazz master Sheila Jordan. April 12, 7 p.m. and April 13, 9 p.m. \$45; discounts available. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. live.stanford.edu

Emmet Cohen Trio with Tootie Heath Jazz pianist and composer, Emmet Cohen, and his trio will perform with jazz legend and drummer Tootie Heath. April 12, 9-11 p.m. and April 13, 7 p.m. \$45; discounts available. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. events.stanford.edu

FESTIVALS & FAIRS

Volunteer Fair The City of Mountain View presents a volunteer fair for people looking to give back to the community or need to complete community service hours. April 6, 11 am.-1 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 201

S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/ events for more info.

Cardinalpalooza Stanford University hosts its annual spring sports festival, Cardinalpalooza, beginning with the Cardinal and White Spring football game in Cagan Stadium. The day also features a fan fest, baseball and softball games, a beach volleyball match and more. April 13, noon. Cagan Stadium, 641 Nelson Road, Stanford. gostanford.com

City of Palo Alto Earth Day & Great Race for Saving Water This family-friendly event includes a 5K and 10K fun run and walk, a kids dash and an Earth Day festival with live music, electric vehicle ride and drive, bird walks, arts and crafts, nature activities, raffle prizes, community booths with activities and demonstrations, and more. April 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Baylands Athletic Center, 1900 Geng Road, Palo Alto. cityofpaloalto.org/earthday

TALKS & LECTURES

Josephine Bolling McCall: ‘The Penalty for Success’ Author Josephine Bolling McCall discusses her book, “The Penalty for Success,” which tells the story of her father’s lynching and the impact it had — and still has — on her family and her community. April 9, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Woman’s Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto. womansclubofpaloalto.org

‘Ocean Worlds in the Outer Solar System’ Dr. Kevin Hand from NASA’s jet propulsion lab will give an illustrated, nontechnical talk on “Ocean Worlds of the Outer Solar System.” April 10, 7-8:30 p.m. Smithwick Theater, Foothill College, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. foothill.edu

Alta Magazine & Books Inc. present David Kushner “Rolling Stone” contributing editor David Kushner discusses his new work, “The Players Ball: A Genius, a Con Man, and the Secret History of the Internet’s Rise” in conversation with Gary Kremen, founder of Match.com. April 11, 7-9 p.m. Books Inc., 317 Castro St., Mountain View. 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

Mountain View City Annual Update Mayor Lisa Matichak and City Manager Dan Rich will discuss topics related to the Mountain View community. April 11, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$40; discount for chamber members. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. chambermv.org

Speak Up With Women The Los Altos-Mountain View branch of the American Association of University Women presents, “Speak Up With Women: A conversation forum for women about women,” which covers the impact women have in their communities, their roles in education, and their struggle for equal opportunities and equal pay. April 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Mountain View Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

Dave Barry Author Dave Barry discusses his new book “Lessons from Lucy,” a story about Barry looking to his dog for companionship and a model for how to grow old with grace after turning 70. April 11, 7:30-9 p.m. \$23; discount for students. Aragon High School Theater, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

Opening: Irving Penn This exhibit features works from the late photographer Irving Penn, including his rare streetscapes from a 1947 visit to San Francisco; “Lone Star Baptist Church,” “99-Year-Old House” and “House Front.” Opening reception on April 10, 4-7 p.m. Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

First Friday Opening Reception — ‘Noir: Black & White Photography’ “Noir: Black & White Photography” features photographic works of 30 artists. Opening reception on April 5, 5:30-8 p.m. Pacific Art League, 668 Ramona St., Palo Alto. pacificartleague.org

FOOD & DRINK

Bay Area Italian Market Spring Edition Bay Area Italian Market Spring Edition 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

Jartera a Night in San Juan This family/buffet-style feast celebrates the culture of Puerto Rico. A portion of the proceeds will go toward aid in relief efforts for Hurricane Maria recovery. April 12, 5-10 p.m. The Crowne Plaza, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

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. April 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

Little Red Hen Baking Class Hidden Villa invites children ages 6-9 to make baked goods using fresh ingredients gathered from the farm. April 7, 10 a.m.-noon. Hidden Villa, 26870 Moody Road, Los Altos Hills. hiddenvilla.org

Water-Wise Landscape Classes BAWSCA’s landscape education classes are designed to introduce homeowners, commercial property managers, landscape service providers and others to the concepts of water-efficient and sustainable landscaping. April 6; times vary. Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. bayareaconservation.org/landscape

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

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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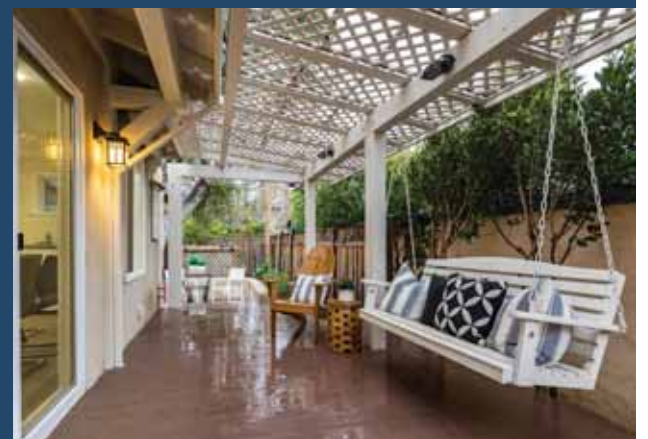
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