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MAY DAY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Umbelina Martinez chants "justicia" (justice) during the May Day March at the corner of Castro Street and El Camino Real. Sponsored by local churches and social justice organizations, this year's march and rally called for immigration reform, housing justice and dignity for all immigrants, according to organizers.

Vitamins in space, just add water

NASA EXPLORES BIONUTRIENTS FOR SPACE MISSIONS

By Mark Noack

There are plenty of challenges in sending astronauts to Mars, but one big problem is nutrition. How do you keep a crew healthy and fed if they're voyaging away from Earth for several years?

For that task, researchers at

NASA Ames are conducting a variety of experiments to find new ways for astronauts to grow what they need, either in space or even on the surface of Mars.

Last month, Ames researchers began a new project at the International Space Station (ISS) using yeast samples to grow vitamins that astronauts are

expected to lack on prolonged space missions. The research into what they call bionutrients is a new avenue for producing critical compounds to supplement the crew's diet — much like 18th century sailors getting rations of lemons to avoid scurvy.

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Council holds firm on office-to-housing ratio for East Whisman

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council agreed Tuesday night that zoning for 4,900 housing units in East Whisman has to be more than aspirational, even if it means restricting office growth or boosting residential density.

Among several straw votes at the May 7 study session, council members agreed to explore higher-density housing allowed in the East Whisman Precise Plan, which calls for transforming the city's employment center into a mixed-use neighborhood with thousands of new homes.

The plan also includes a new concept that requires office construction to occur simultaneously with housing construction, encouraging partnerships between developers to ensure that the 4,900 units in the plan actually get built. Although the idea has been the source of consternation among developers in the area, council members had little appetite for making compromises.

"If your goal is to increase the housing stock, you have to be firm with where you stand," said Councilman John McAlister.

Acting as a first test for the

jobs-housing balancing act, City Council members were faced Tuesday with a conundrum. The Los Altos School District, in its effort to build a school in Mountain View's San Antonio neighborhood, "sold" to developers the rights to build about a quarter-million square feet of additional offices across town in East Whisman.

The so-called transfer of development rights (TDRs) includes six projects in the area, which total 762 housing units and 389,000 square feet of offices — falling short of the city's required ratio of 2.5 homes for every 1,000 square feet of office space.

Under the city's precise plan, each one of those office projects would be required to satisfy the city's housing requirements, which could include land dedication for housing or partnerships with residential developers. The plan also allows a sort of zero-sum game whereby residential developers can demolish offices and sell off the square footage they just destroyed to office developers.

Alternatively, the council could go with the Los Altos School District's preferred option, which is

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City leases VTA land for safe parking, affordable housing

By Mark Noack

City of Mountain View officials on Tuesday signed a deal to lease and eventually buy an unused property from the Valley Transportation Authority to provide safe parking for homeless residents. The 2-acre parcel, formerly a parking lot for the Evelyn light rail station, is expected to be

built out with about 180 apartments over the coming years.

Under the deal approved by the City Council in a 6-0 vote, Mountain View will pay VTA \$11 million to lease the site for the next 65 years. Councilman John McAlister recused himself from the vote due to his role on the VTA board of directors.

Long before the lease expires, Mountain View city officials say

they intend to buy the land for an undetermined price. By the time that sale happens, the city expects to have formal proposals from third-party developers for how the property can be best built out with housing.

The property, at the corner of Evelyn Avenue and Pioneer Way, was a transit park-and-ride lot, but it hasn't seen much use since the Evelyn light rail

station closed in 2015.

Plans to develop the site have been in the works for nearly three years as officials from the two government agencies slowly negotiated over the best usage. The property is currently zoned for industrial uses, which would need to be modified to allow a housing development.

VTA officials say they were willing to heavily discount

the property because Mountain View shared a mutual interest in building housing. On top of the \$11 million lease price, the city also agreed to pay \$2 million to retain its exclusive option to purchase the site. City officials say they could be ready to buy the land within the next 18 months.

"Mountain View, to its

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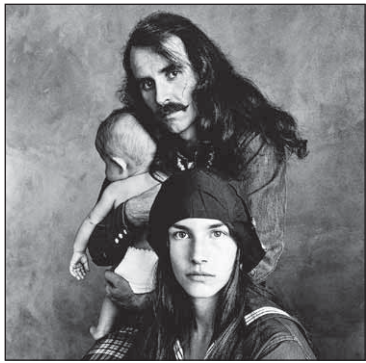


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COURTESY OF THE IRVING PENN FOUNDATION

"Hippie Family (Kelley)" is among the portraits by Irving Penn on display at Pace Gallery this month.

HIPPIES, HELLS ANGELS AND THE GRATEFUL DEAD

"In 1967 there was word coming out of San Francisco of something stirring — new ways of living that were exotic even for California," wrote famed fashion photographer Irving Penn in his book "Worlds in a Small Room."

"People spoke of a new kind of people called hippies, and of an area where they had begun to congregate called Haight-Ashbury."

Today, some of Penn's most remarkable work from that era is on display in Palo Alto's Pace Gallery.

When Penn arrived on assignment for Look Magazine during the peak of San Francisco's countercultural moment, he was already a well-known photographer — most notably for his formative role in the creation of Vogue Magazine's signature fashion photography aesthetic.

Yet this was not Penn's first visit to the Bay Area; he had first photographed San Francisco over a decade prior, just as the Beat literary scene was getting its start and the city buzzed with a young and rebellious energy. As he wandered the city, Penn captured street scenes and landscapes, such as century-old buildings and the long-gone Lone Star Baptist Church. It may be difficult for current residents to imagine just how different the area was at that time but, fortunately, some of Penn's photos from that earlier period are also on display.

Penn took a different approach on his second trip. This time, rather than walking the streets in search of subjects, he brought members of countercultural groups like the hippies and Hell's Angels back to the studio he had rented in Sausalito, where he photographed them with his medium format Rolleiflex

camera in natural light against a "simple background," reminiscent of his approach for fashion photography.

Penn's work in the Bay Area was an extension of the "striking style in still life and portraiture" photography he had become known for during his career at Vogue, according to the Irving Penn Foundation. After the Second World War, the magazine sent Penn on assignment around the world, where he developed an affinity for portraiture that took advantage of natural lighting, rather than the elaborate artificial lighting setups favored by some photographers of the time. Penn's studio environment existed in a space between the controlled and the natural. While the appearance of each photograph was still at the mercy of the level of natural light available, the subjects remained posed in front of a simple backdrop selected by Penn.

Penn had worked in dozens of studios around the globe, but his Bay Area portraits taken in a studio in Sausalito are particularly striking. The studio not only had spectacular natural lighting but was also sturdy and accessible enough for the Hell's Angels to bring their massive motorcycles to the shoot.

From the gallery wall, Hell's Angels stare resolutely back at the viewer, challenging the gaze of both the photographer and the gallery-goer. Hippie families and a group of now-legendary local musicians (namely the Grateful Dead and Big Brother & the Holding Company) adorn another wall.

Pace notes that Penn was "a master craftsman and innovator in photographic printing." The images on display in this exhibit are printed with gelatin silver, Cibachrome and platinum-palladium (a highly time-consuming, labor-intensive process) which collectively speaks to a degree of photographic craft often forgotten in the digital era.

Beyond the Bay Area imagery, the gallery presents a variety of Penn's other work, including portraits of NYC artists and writers, as well as global journeys ranging from New Guinea to the Sahara.

The show runs Tuesday through Sunday, through May 26 at Pace Gallery, 229 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto. Admission is free. For gallery hours, go to pacegallery.com.

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■ COMMUNITY BRIEFS

OUT OF 'JEOPARDY,' INTO SEMIFINALS

Palo Alto High School Spanish teacher Trevor Crowell made a huge comeback on Tuesday's episode of the "Jeopardy!" Teachers Tournament.

The Mountain View resident had a rough start in the quarterfinals round when he quickly found himself in the red with negative \$200 in a category that challenged the contestants to sort out anagrams. After a commercial break, he gained momentum by correctly answering questions under the "In the Principal's Desk" category, where the contestants were given clues to items typically confiscated from students.

Crowell shone the competition when he correctly answered all five questions about NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, the final category question being a video Daily Double where his \$2,000 wager boosted him to \$7,000.

In the second round, he showed off his knowledge about Central America, correctly identifying bananas and coffee as the region's most important fair trade crops in yet another Daily Double that raised his earnings to \$11,200. Crowell showed off his chops in the classics category, where he secured his third Daily Double that asked for the book containing this Plato quote: "Democracy passes into despotism." (Answer: "The Republic.")

He incorrectly answered the Final Jeopardy question: "As a teacher, this woman regained her sight thanks to 2 surgeries in 1881 and 1882." Another competitor responded with the correct answer, Annie Sullivan, whereas Crowell wrote the name of Sullivan's well-known student Helen Keller. His \$100 wager left him with \$15,500 — enough to help his advance to next week's semifinals and a step closer to winning \$100,000.

—Jamey Padojino

NO WORD ON WAYMO 'GHOST CARS'

Waymo executives plugged their hardware, computer systems and safety standards at a Wednesday press event — but the self-driving car company is still mute on when driverless testing will

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■ POLICE LOG

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AUTO BURGLARY

1600 block Alison Av., 4/29

Blossom Ln. & Villa St., 4/29

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700 block Continental Cir., 4/30

800 block Sierra Vista Av., 4/30

200 block Hope St., 4/30

200 block Hope St., 4/30

400 block Hope St., 4/30

2100 block Old Middlefield Way, 5/1

2500 block California St., 5/1

2500 block W. El Camino Real, 5/1

2500 block California St., 5/1

2500 block California St., 5/1

2500 block California St., 5/1

300 block Hope St., 5/1

300 block Hope St., 5/1

900 block W. Dana St., 5/1

200 block Castro St., 5/1

2500 block California St., 5/2

2500 block California St., 5/2

400 block Hope St., 5/2

800 block Sierra Vista Av., 5/2

2400 block Charleston Rd., 5/2

2400 block Charleston Rd., 5/2

100 block Bryant Av., 5/4

600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/5

BATTERY

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1000 block Space Park Way, 4/29

2200 block W. El Camino Real, 5/1

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 4/29

900 block Bay St., 5/3

GRAND THEFT

700 block Continental Cir., 4/28

600 block W. Evelyn Av., 4/30

700 block Villa St., 5/6

1600 block Villa St., 5/6

STOLEN VEHICLE

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900 block El Monte Av., 5/3

300 block Gladys Av., 5/4

2500 block California St., 5/5

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

A bicyclist rides along a newly improved section of the Bay Trail in Sunnyvale that was celebrated at a ribbon-cutting event on Tuesday, May 7.

Google touts \$5M in Bay Trail upgrades

LATEST ROUND OF IMPROVEMENTS LINK MOUNTAIN VIEW TO SAN JOSE

By Kevin Forestieri

Google and South Bay city officials celebrated the latest milestone in an expensive, decadeslong effort to link 500 miles of Bay Trail on Tuesday, making it easier to walk and bike between Mountain View and San Jose on a scenic path contouring the Bay.

The ribbon-cutting event at Sunnyvale Baylands Park caps a three-year effort by Google and a long list of public agencies to replace a hodgepodge of uneven dirt paths with a contiguous trail fit for commuters and recreational users alike. The total

investment in trail improvements by the Mountain View-based tech giant is \$5 million, according to Google officials.

Javier Gonzalez, Google's public affairs manager, told attendees at the bright and blustery event that the project is the latest in a multi-phase effort to link the Peninsula to Milpitas, and is expected to attract more people to the trail as it gets more accessible and easier to use. The most recent stretch of Bay Trail that the company unveiled — which skirts around Moffett Field and links Mountain View and Sunnyvale — resulted in a 200% increase in ridership, Gonzalez

said, and a similar increase is expected with the latest round of improvements.

The timing of the event was curious, given that the construction on the Sunnyvale portion of the trail concluded in the fall and was reopened to the public in November. The orange-yellow path of decomposed granite made it easier for bicyclists and pedestrians to use the trail during the intense rain that hammered the Bay Area over the winter, the kind of weather that used to turn portions of the Bay Trail into a muddy mess.

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Mobile home residents file appeal

CASE SEEKS TO DEMAND RENT CONTROL PROTECTIONS

By Mark Noack

Despite a setback, Mountain View's mobile home residents are pressing forward with their demand to be included under the city's rent control law. On Monday, attorneys representing two Santiago Villa residents filed a suit in the Sixth District Court of Appeal seeking to overturn an unfavorable lower court decision issued last year.

In a decision delivered in August, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Mark Pierce found it far-fetched to believe that the city's rent control law should automatically include space rents for mobile homes. Given the ambiguity, he ruled that granting rental protections for Mountain View's 1,100 mobile homes located in mobile home parks like Santiago Villa was ultimately a decision for the city's Rental Housing

Committee, and that body had already voted 3-2 last year to exclude them from rent control.

The new appeal, filed by attorneys with the firm Fenwick & West, argues that including mobile homes should be perceived as mandatory. They note that the city's own attorneys shared this interpretation and had previously advised the Rental Housing Committee to

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Board OKs 2% raise for high school teachers

MASSIVE ENROLLMENT GROWTH AND RISING PENSION COSTS CITED AS BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

By Kevin Forestieri

Teachers in the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District will get bigger paychecks for the current school year, but not by much. A negotiated agreement with the district this year offers a 2% increase in salaries retroactive to July 1, 2018 — the lowest since 2013 — at a time when teachers say they are pricing them out of the Bay Area.

While the raise was negotiated with the District Teachers Association (DTA) behind closed doors, district officials say the extraordinary growth in student enrollment in recent years, along with rising pension costs and slower property tax growth, are all putting a strain on the district's resources.

The school board voted unanimously at the May 6 board meeting to approve the contract with the DTA for a 2%

increase to teachers across the salary schedule, with pay based on years in the district and level of education. It also includes a sizable one-time payment equal to 2.85% of salaries. Taken together, the agreement will cost the district an extra \$2.3 million.

Mountain View-Los Altos has a long-standing reputation for having among the highest teacher salaries in California, with the latest raise bringing the range to \$84,475 for starting teachers to a maximum of \$159,627. While the enviable salaries tower above the state average, teachers in the district readily admit it's still tough to make ends meet and afford a home in Santa Clara County, where the median income for a family of four now exceeds \$125,000.

Despite the relatively high salaries, this year's agreement marks the lowest salary increase in five years, a big divergence from pay raises ranging from 4.6% to 6% since the 2014-15 school year. Associate Superintendent Mike

Mathiesen told the *Voice* that the state's ever-increasing demand for districts to pay into California's teacher pension fund, CalSTRS, along with the rising costs of benefits, are putting a strain on the district's resources, and played a factor when considering employee raises.

Unlike other districts in the region, however, one additional factor is having an outsized effect on the district's bottom line: a historic increase in enrollment.

Bucking countywide declines in enrollment and decadeslong drops in local birth rates, the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District is witnessing

'MVLA is somewhat unique in the county in regard to our enrollment growth.'

MIKE MATHIESEN, ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT

a massive influx of students, with enrollment climbing from 3,881 in the 2014-15 school year to 4,394 this year, according to state data. None of the other 30 districts in the county come close to that level of growth.

Enrollment across all public schools in the county is at its lowest point since 2011 at 267,224 students, and enrollment in the feeder districts for Mountain View-Los Altos — the Los Altos School District and the Mountain View Whisman School District — has been flat or on the decline over the same period.

"MVLA is somewhat unique in the county in regard to our enrollment growth," Mathiesen said, citing data provided by the county's office of education.

Demographic reports from 2016 show that the high school district was bound to have more students, if only because of the rapid housing development in the pipeline in the city of Mountain View. District officials were told to expect, at the highest, 4,382 students in the district in the 2018-19 school year — 12 students fewer than what enrollment is today.

With an additional teacher required for roughly every 25

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REGIONAL WATER BOARD AND EPA BEGIN 5TH FIVE-YEAR REVIEW OF CLEANUP AT TELEDYNE SEMICONDUCTOR/SPECTRA-PHYSICS LASERS SUPERFUND SITE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are conducting a review of cleanup actions at the Teledyne Semiconductor/Spectra-Physics Lasers Superfund site in Mountain View (site). The site includes two adjacent source properties: the Teledyne Semiconductor Superfund site (Teledyne property), located at 1300 Terra Bella Avenue, and the Spectra-Physics Lasers Superfund site (Spectra-Physics property), located at 1250 Middlefield Road. The site also includes the groundwater solvent plume extending northwards from the two source properties. The review evaluates whether the cleanup actions for the site are protective of human health and the environment.

For this review, the Regional Water Board and EPA will study site-specific information for the period between 2014-2019 to evaluate how well the cleanup remedies are working. To do this, the project managers will conduct facility inspections and talk with company representatives, other regulatory authorities, and interested members of the public. The methods, findings and conclusions from the review will be documented in the Five-Year Review report, to be issued by Fall 2019. The report will be available to the public online at the websites listed below.

Any member of the public who wishes to participate in an interview and provide input is welcome to contact the agencies at the contact information below.

Groundwater investigations began at the site in the 1980s to determine the extent of solvent contamination resulting from discharges at the Teledyne and Spectra-Physics manufacturing facilities. Groundwater and soil vapor extraction and treatment were conducted to contain and treat the groundwater and soil vapor, contaminated with a variety of solvents including trichloroethene (TCE).

Cleanup activities at the Teledyne and Spectra-Physics source properties included: removal of leaking tanks, equipment and contaminated soils; groundwater and soil vapor extraction; and, in-place cleanup efforts consisting of bioremediation, an approach that stimulates the naturally occurring underground microbes to break down the solvents into harmless end products. TCE indoor air sampling in residences and commercial buildings is ongoing. Measures are being taken wherever necessary to prevent unacceptable levels of TCE vapors from building up indoors.

The Regional Water Board and EPA invite the community to learn more about this review process and provide input by contacting the Regional Water Board Project Manager, Roger Papler, at (510) 622-2435 or by e-mail to roger.papler@waterboards.ca.gov.

You can find more site information, including recent technical documents, by visiting the following websites:

State website: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>
Enter file number 43S0128 for Teledyne Semiconductors
Enter file number 43S0120 for Spectra-Physics Lasers

EPA websites: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/teledyne>
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Burglars strike four cars at Mountain View Icon movie theater

By Kevin Forestieri

Four vehicles were burglarized April 30 outside of the Icon Movie Theatre in the San Antonio Shopping Center, according to police. Two laptops were reportedly stolen in the heist.

All four thefts occurred between 6 p.m. and 9:40 p.m. In all four cases, an unknown number of thieves smashed the windows of parked cars at the 2500 block of California Street. A backpack containing an Apple laptop was taken from one vehicle and a Dell laptop was taken from another, police said.

Nothing was stolen from two of the vehicles, but in both those cases there was evidence that the thief or thieves tried to access the trunk of the car, police said.

Among the victims were two Mountain View residents, one East Palo Alto resident and one Menlo Park resident. All four of the burglarized cars were electric — two Teslas and two Chevys, a Bolt and a Volt.

Detectives are investigating the case, and could not immediately confirm whether all four thefts are related.

Mountain View is in the midst of a significant increase in auto burglaries this year, averaging between 80 and 100 reported cases per month since the start of the year. The most commonly targeted areas include downtown Mountain View, the Century Cinema 16 parking lots and the In-N-Out Burger parking lot on Rengstorff Avenue.

The San Antonio shopping center has not been a hot spot

for auto burglaries in previous years, but the number of reported cases is up this year, according to the crime tracking website CrimeReports.

In a separate incident just days before the Icon theater thefts, Mountain View police arrested two 19-year-old East Bay men at the Century Cinema theaters after they were reportedly spotted trying to open car door handles in the parking lots. Initial reports came from a security guard who reported the suspicious activity around 3:50 p.m. on April 27.

Officers found two men in the parking lot and reportedly found burglary tools in their possession. A third suspect inside a Honda SUV sped out of the parking lot toward Shoreline Boulevard, but officers did not pursue the driver.

The two men who were arrested could not provide a reason for being in the theater parking lots, according to police, and theater staff confirmed that neither had purchased a ticket at the box office. They were both arrested on suspicion of loitering and possession of burglary tools.

Nothing was reportedly stolen during the April 27 incident, police said. ■

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The El Camino Hospital Board of Directors is seeking individuals interested in serving as a member of its Quality, Patient Care and Patient Experience Committee. Candidates will have significant experience in at least one of the following areas: (1) Innovation [within or outside of healthcare], (2) Customer or Patient Experience, (3) Data and Technology Expertise or (4) Recent Patient (or Family of Patient) Experience at El Camino Hospital. An active executive or healthcare professional might be appropriate, as would consultants and advisors to the local community.

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How powerful lawmakers are killing California bills — by doing nothing

NEW STATE ASSEMBLY RULE IS ANGERING SOME REPRESENTATIVES, BUT THERE'S DEBATE OVER WHETHER IT'S ACTUALLY A BAD THING

By Laurel Rosenhall, CALmatters

Gun control, school spending, curbs on greenhouse gases: With Democrats holding more power at the Capitol than they've had since the 19th century, California's legislative pipeline is full this year with big, blue-state ideas.

In theory, no Democrat's bill should be left behind. But that's not what's happening, and the reason is roiling both sides of the aisle in Sacramento.

The complaint? Democrats who lead legislative committees are using a powerful tool to kill bills before they even get a vote.

The tool? Simply doing nothing.

Under a rule the California Assembly put in place at the start of the current session, committee chairs can decide whether to bring a bill assigned to their committee up for consideration. As key deadlines came and went this month for bills to move out of committee, chairs used the new power to quash bills by just not scheduling them for a public hearing.

No hearing, no debate, no vote.

Democrats — who hold all the chairmanships because of their party's mega-majority in the Legislature — flexed their muscle not only to bury GOP legislation but also to silently sideline bills by fellow Democrats that might be embarrassing

to publicly vote down.

Among the victims: Democratic legislation to alter the formula for funding public schools to devote more money to low-achieving students (a complex plan that stresses racial inequities); a bill to develop a strategy to phase out sales of gas-powered cars in favor of cleaner vehicles (guaranteed to create conflicts for Democrats whose constituents work in the oil industry); and a potentially divisive proposal requiring that gun owners lock up their weapons when they leave home.

"I was very frustrated," said Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, a Democrat from Glendale whose bill on gun storage was shelved without a hearing.

"The committee is there to discuss areas of policy. If the chair has concerns about the policy, it's my opinion that having it discussed in committee is the right approach."

It's the latest sign that Democrats' growing majority in Sacramento doesn't necessarily mean more unity. Democrats now hold about three-quarters of the Legislature's seats — a margin that gives the party the potential for great power but also makes it vulnerable to fracture under the weight of its ideological, geographic and socio-economic diversity.

The lower house adopted new rules when the two-year

legislative session began, explicitly giving committee chairs the power to choose whether to hear legislation. Previously, committees generally heard all bills if the author wanted them heard, and it was unusual for a chair not to extend that courtesy. (The state Senate did not enact a similar rule change this year. Its custom has been to let chairs decide whether to set hearings.)

Speaker's philosophy of empowerment

The Assembly's move to clarify that chairs can decide whether to set a hearing is in keeping with Speaker Anthony Rendon's long-stated philosophy that committee chairs should have more power.

But Assembly Republicans quickly jumped on the change as something that could doom their bills and voted against the rule.

"Chairmen under these new rules would have the power to essentially kill a bill by denying it a hearing," GOP Assemblyman Jay Obernolte said in December as the Assembly voted on the new rules. "And they would be able to do this ... without a vote of the members of that committee and without any testimony from the public. That is a violation not only of the longstanding practice of this chamber but also of the

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MOBILE HOME

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include mobile homes.

In asking for a new review of the case, attorneys representing mobile home residents emphasize that the city's rental control law takes a broad definition of what is covered, and its language specifically lists what types of housing are excluded — and mobile homes aren't on that list.

While the lawsuit specifically targets the city of Mountain View, it has been opposed aggressively by a coalition of mobile home park owners who stand to take a financial hit if forced to abide by rent control laws. Attorneys representing park owners have pledged to file their own legal challenge if their properties were compelled to abide by Mountain View's rent control ordinance, passed by city voters in 2016 as Measure V.

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BioNutrients' principal investigator John Hogan (left) and operations lead Kevin Sims (right) apply labels and inspect assembled nutrient production packs ahead of a launch to the space station. The tiny labels require precise alignment: the markings on them will help the crew know if they need to tighten the lid before rehydrating the microorganisms inside, ensuring they grow in sterile conditions.

VITAMINS

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For ISS space missions, astronauts on space tours usually subsist on dehydrated or canned food, typically for about six months. This approach works given the relatively short duration of the stay, but it presents problems if NASA attempts a longer mission over many years. That's because preserved foods tend to lose their nutritional value over time, said environmental scientist John Hogan, who is leading research on the bionutrients project.

"Just like here on Earth, every food has a shelf life, and there's certain vitamins that degrade substantially over time," Hogan said. "This bionutrients idea is one way that we could address this, by using microbes that are engineered to produce these nutrients."

In this case, Hogan and his team are investigating baker's yeast that has been modified to produce beta carotene and

zeaxanthin, both of which are commonly found in vegetables. For the experiment, astronauts will receive packets of dried yeast that can be activated just by adding a little water. As the yeast microbes consume their food supply, they will produce the nutrients as a byproduct.

Eventually, the goal is to use selective breeding to create a strain of yeast that can survive in storage for the longest time without refrigeration. While it conducts the experiment, NASA officials are asking astronauts not to consume any of the yeast-made vitamins so they can be tested for safety first.

Hogan described his research as one piece in the larger push by NASA to develop new food systems for prolonged space travel. NASA has participated in multiple experiments to grow fresh vegetables at the ISS. This idea still requires much fine-tuning but it has a wide range of benefits, such as providing an extra supply of oxygen and acting as stress relief for astronauts

on long space missions.

For a future Mars mission, NASA is currently crowdsourcing ideas to help convert the ample supply of carbon dioxide on the Martian surface into glucose, which can be used as a versatile energy source. If this step can be achieved, then it will open up vast potential for growing microbes on Mars, Hogan said. Another project in the works calls for producing medicinal compounds during space missions.

It's a long way off before astronauts will be eating what they produce from their experiments. Hogan says any produce or vitamins grown in space are being sent back to Earth for analysis. The goal for now is proving it can work, he said.

"We're still finding ways so that we're getting organisms growing safely and producing what we want them to produce," he said. "This is just the beginning of what we're trying to do." ▣

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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actually launch in the Bay Area. Ever since last October, Waymo officials have had permission to begin a new stage of autonomous testing, with authorization to send out about 60 driverless vehicles onto the streets of Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Los Altos.

Up to this point, Waymo vehicles have always had a driver

behind the wheel ready to take control if needed, but this new phase would allow the vehicles to navigate cities with no one on board. News of the coming "ghost cars" has excited some, and alarmed others.

Waymo has held off on launching this new test phase. The company has given no indication of when it would be ready to launch.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, May 8, Waymo Chief Technology Officer Dmitri Dolgov

remained tight-lipped about the company's plans. He said Waymo was getting ample data from its testing in the greater Phoenix area of Arizona. He declined to give any time frame for when driverless vehicles could make a debut in the Mountain View area.

"I don't want to throw out any concrete date, our deployment will be gated by the safety," he said.

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Voice wins for public service, in-depth reporting at California Journalism Awards

By Mountain View Voice staff

The Mountain View Voice took top honors for in-depth reporting and public service journalism at this year's California Journalism Awards, held in Long Beach on Saturday, May 4. The Voice also took first place for news photo and feature photo.

The Public Service Journalism award was given to reporter Mark Noack's coverage of a landlord group's duplicitous signature-gathering efforts in "Fight brewing over rent control petition."

The In-Depth Reporting award was given to reporter Kevin Forestieri's two-part series on the difficulty in finding youth

mental health services amid growing demand, with the stories "Nowhere to turn for kids in crisis" and "Struggling to meet 'overwhelming' need." "Important story, well reported and written. Easily some of the best writing in this category," contest judges said in their comments.

Noack took third place in the same category for his two-part series "Young, homeless and sick" about the health impacts of homelessness on children and youth.

In the Digital Feature Photo category, Magali Gauthier's "Providing a creative outlet in a high-tech world" about CSMA's art lessons in local classrooms won first place, and her artfully

framed photo with the story "Hell's bells! Neighborhood outcry over church's mishap" took fourth place.

Natalia Nazarova's striking image of a protest organizer overcome with emotion during the Google Walkout protest was named the best news photo, and her online photo essay of the Google Walkout event took second place in the contest's new digital division.

The Voice staff took second place for the contest's top honor, General Excellence. Judges praised the variety of stories and quality of the writing, saying it was "well done, all the way around." Judges also praised the newspaper's design, calling it "exceptionally clean and done well."

"Positive reinforcement can be hard to come by in this line of work, so getting this recognition from journalists we admire means a lot to me and my staff," said Editor Andrea Gemmet. "We're proud of the work we do covering the Mountain View community, but we are always looking for ways to improve."



NATALIA NAZAROVA

Emotion overcomes **Celie O'Neil-Hart** as Nancy Zheng shares her story of harassment at the Google Walkout protest at the Mountain View campus on Nov. 1.

In recent years, the Voice won General Excellence in 2016 and 2018, and its website MV-Voice.com won Online General Excellence in 2017.

The California Journalism Awards, formerly known as the Better Newspapers Contest, is sponsored by the California News Publishers Association and covers work published during 2018. Winners are chosen by an expert panel of out-of-state journalists, in divisions based on print publications' distribution numbers and online outlets' unique visitors.

An additional 15 stories and photos by Voice staff were finalists in the categories of Business News, Inside Page Layout and Design, Photojournalism, Editorial Comment, Feature Photo (print), Local Government Coverage, Feature Story, Best Writing, Enterprise News, Photo Essay and General Excellence (digital).

CNPA's website hosts a full list of this year's winners at cnpa.com/cja/2018print/ and cnpa.com/cja/2018digital/.

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

CSMA art teacher **Cristina Velazquez** looks over her students' work at Gabriela Mistral Elementary School on Dec. 6. The image won the first place California Journalism Award for Feature Photo.

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SAFE PARKING

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credit, has been active in affordable housing development to meet the needs of low-income households, and this is consistent with what the city has done," said Ron Golem, VTA's real estate director. "The big picture for us is we're excited to partner on the project."

Similar plans are also moving forward for transit-oriented housing near major VTA rail stops in San Jose, including a 570-unit apartment project near the Tamien station and about 300 apartments near the Blossom Hill station.

It remains to be seen how much housing can fit on the 2-acre Evelyn Avenue site. At a minimum, city density rules would require 150 housing units, but it is expected to contain much more. When built, the units are expected to go to households

earning under 120% of the area median income.

Mountain View officials noted multiple incentives for securing ownership of the land. By acquiring it, the city could keep the housing affordable in perpetuity. Plus, the city would also have full control over the development process and balancing community input.

Another bonus in securing the land is the promise of a new location for a temporary safe parking lot. Earlier this year, city officials estimated the VTA lot could house about 20 vehicles. The city currently has space for just eight small-size vehicles, but that safe-parking capacity will jump to about 20 in the coming weeks when a new Terra Bella lot opens.

Finding suitable safe parking sites has been an urgent priority ever since the council voted in March to prohibit large vehicles from parking on the street. There



MAGALI GAUTHIER

A VTA parking lot for the now-closed Evelyn light rail station is set to become a safe parking area for people who live in their vehicles before being developed as affordable housing.

are nearly 300 inhabited vehicles on Mountain View's streets, and about two-thirds of those are large RVs or trailers that will be restricted in the coming months. City Property Manager Dennis Drennan estimated the site would be ready for safe parking by early fall.

However, there were already early signs that a safe parking lot could face resistance in the

neighborhood. Echoing the concerns of other property owners, Sunnyvale Foreign Car Service owner Matthew Pataky urged the city not to warehouse the city's homeless population near his business.

"I'm generally concerned about the safe parking concept. To me, it sounds like anyone can sleep in their car," he said. "For me, I have a lot of hiring clients that drop

off expensive cars right there, and people are going to be going to bathroom in the bushes and trees."

City officials have not discussed any specific plans for amenities such as bathroom facilities, lighting and security. City Manager Dan Rich emphasized that the land acquisition was only the first step in a lengthy process. ■

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995 Fictitious Name Statement

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(MVV Apr. 19, 26; May 3, 10, 2019)

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997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

GOR HOCK TAN
Case No.: 19PR185381

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GOR HOCK TAN.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: RICHARD TAN in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: RICHARD TAN be appointed as personal

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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 10, 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.

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EAST WHISMAN

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to give all six projects a free pass and violate East Whisman's jobs-housing ratio right out of the gate.

A majority of the council agreed on a compromise, saying that all six projects — taken as a whole, rather than individually — would need to satisfy the jobs-housing ratio in East Whisman. Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga said pressure from state lawmakers in recent years is a clear sign that the city needs to stick to its guns, and that developers should have been well aware of the council's housing goals.

"There was explicit interest from the council that the TDRs go more towards residential," Abe-Koga said. "I think that was clearly addressed and relayed to the school district when they were going out to sell the TDRs."

Abe-Koga added that the council can only approve projects, and that it's up to developers to actually build the housing. There's a disconnect, she said, between the planned and permitted housing and what's actually getting built.

"If this linkage is what we need to do to get those units built I think we really have to stick to this and be as strong as we can on this," she said.

A majority of council members also agreed to consider increased residential density in the plan following concerns that the allowed heights and square footage fall short of what's feasible for housing developers. Perry Hariri of

Miramar Capital, a property owner in the area, told council members that building housing is predicated on taller construction and "relief" on the size of required setbacks from the edges of the property. John Hickey of SummerHill Homes, also a housing developer, said the density limits as they exist today will fail to reach the 4,900-unit goal by only allowing about 20 to 25 units per acre.

'If your goal is to increase the housing stock, you have to be firm with where you stand.'

COUNCILMAN JOHN MCALISTER

Councilman Chris Clark said he worried the plan would force housing developers to stick to two- or three-story townhouses in an area that's better suited for taller condos and apartment buildings, and that the precise plan should be tweaked so every single residential project isn't forced to come before the council requesting an exemption.

Representatives from both the Mountain View Whisman School District and the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District urged the council to find ways to offset the impact of thousands of new residents on local schools,

including land and monetary concessions from residential developers. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph said the Precise Plan, as envisioned today, would add 728 elementary school students, 349 middle school students and 526 high school students — putting a significant strain on districts.

Although the Mountain View Whisman district is just months away from the grand opening of Vargas Elementary, a new school near the East Whisman Precise Plan area, Rudolph said it is expected to be at capacity by the 2020-21 school year — long before any housing gets built in East Whisman.

"We do not have the facilities to house these students," he said.

The council had previously sought to offset the impact of housing on schools in North Bayshore through a "local school district strategy," negotiated between districts and developers, that would be a required part of the project's approval. But putting that strategy into practice has been a challenge, with a great deal of uncertainty over how much developers are on the hook to pay, Rudolph said.

Other topics the council agreed to explore include parking, public art and community benefits. The draft environmental impact report for the East Whisman Precise Plan is expected to be done by June, with final approval of the plan tentatively scheduled in the fall. ■

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LAWMAKERS

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principles of democracy itself.”

Assemblyman Marc Berman, a Democrat from Palo Alto whose district includes Mountain View, said he initially felt some unease about the new rule given the Republican opposition. But now he supports it, in part because Assemblyman Chad Mayes, a former Republican caucus leader, correctly observed that not all the hundreds of bills proposed each session come ready for consideration.

It's a situation that Berman, as the chair of the Elections and Redistricting Committee, has himself seen.

“An author introduces a bill that's largely vague in its language — not nearly in the form of an actual law — and they're not interested in working on it,” Berman said. He recalled one time that a staff member with 19 years of committee experience came to him saying that it would be impossible to provide the required analysis of a bill.

“I can't even wrap my head around the language,” the staffer said, according to Berman.

In those situations, Berman said, he tells the author that more work is needed before the bill can be heard in the next legislative session but that his staff will help. Doing that, however, isn't the same as flat out denying a hearing, which Berman said he hasn't done.

Democratic Assemblyman

Reggie Jones-Sawyer, who chairs the public safety committee that held Friedman's gun storage bill, said that by not hearing it he's giving supporters more time to resolve problems and bring it back next year. He wouldn't say why he objected to the gun storage policy, though his committee's analysis says it could conflict with local ordinances.

“I want to see if we can come together and make the bill much better so it's not a contentious bill and we can get it through,” Jones-Sawyer said. “I'm trying to make sure the committee as a whole doesn't kill the bill.”

Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber said that in her more than six years in the Legislature — during which she's carried plenty of controversial legislation — this month was the first time a committee chair has refused to hear one of her bills. Her legislation to change the formula for funding public schools so that more money would be devoted to student groups that post the lowest test scores was one of several measures related to the funding formula that were not heard in the education committee.

“Generally even if the chair opposes a bill they will set the bill for a hearing, and then people can vote it up or down,” Weber said.

The new way, she said, amounts to “a one-person decision.”

It's striking a nerve across the political spectrum, from a Sierra Club lobbyist who's angry that a bill wasn't heard, to a

conservative Republican who's fuming because her campus free-speech bill — making it harder for colleges to restrict who can speak at campus events — wasn't brought up for a vote.

“When you don't allow that bill to be heard then you don't even have the discussion,” said GOP Assemblywoman Melissa Melendez. “The opportunity for a healthy debate is taken away.”

The political counterbalance

Berman said he is not familiar with how all of the other committee chairs are using the new power but that he expects them to act responsibly.

“Now the chair has the option of saying ‘no,’ I hope they use it judiciously,” he said.

One constraining factor for chairs is the political reality that they themselves propose legislation they want passed, Berman pointed out.

“There are consequences to every action. Chairs of committees have our own bills that we need to get our colleagues' support on, and if there are chairs who are angering their own colleagues,” they risk losing critical support, he said.

Berman said he appreciates Rendon's effort to give more

authority to the committee chairs, which aligns with Rendon's intent to “usher in a new era of a decentralized speakership and member empowerment,” according to the speaker's website.

Berman said he was told by colleagues that past speakers have been “heavy handed” in controlling their party members' actions, telling them what to support and oppose. By contrast, Rendon doesn't even carry bills himself — in stark contrast to speakers who “have hoarded the high profile bills themselves,” Berman said.

As for the dissent brewing over

the new rule, the Democratic caucus could have a conversation to assess the level of members' frustration, and if it's high enough, consider amending the rule to add parameters, he said.

Berman himself was one of several co-authors on AB-40, the clean-cars bill, whose hearing was postponed in April. While Berman hasn't yet discussed with the bill's author why that happened, he's hopeful it can return next January, he said. ▀

Palo Alto Weekly Editor Jocelyn Dong contributed reporting to this article.

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TEACHER RAISES

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students, Mathiesen said the district has had to bear the brunt of rising costs caused by new hires.

DTA president David Campbell said he was told by district administrators during negotiations that the annual \$93 million budget was tight and couldn't sustain anything above a 2% raise, which falls short of annual inflation and average wage growth for the year, both regionally and nationally. In order to pay the one-time payment equal to 2.85% of salaries, teachers association representatives were told the district had to dip into a special reserve account, Campbell said.

With so little in the way of discretionary spending left in an annual budget of nearly \$100 million, Campbell said union representatives plan to have ongoing talks with the district.

“Our plan is to enter into discussions with the district about creating a budget that directs the maximum number of dollars possible into the district's classrooms to meet the education

needs of our students — your children — but (assures) teachers that their current salaries not be eroded by inflation and high costs of living in the Bay Area,” Campbell said.

The pay raise by the high school district affects salaries for the 2018-19 school year, meaning a significant retroactive payment to catch up. The Mountain View Whisman School District, on the other hand, reopened negotiations with its teachers' union last week for the upcoming 2019-20 school year, which includes possible changes to salaries, class sizes, hours and other aspects of the contract agreement.

The Los Altos School District reopened negotiations with its teachers' union in October last year for the 2018-19 school year, and has yet to approve an agreement. ▀

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Festival brings choreographers, dance classes to Mountain View

By Ray Levy-Uyeda

In the final months of 2016, Alyssa Mitchel choreographed her broken friendship for the stage. The piece chronicles the fragmentation of Mitchel's friendship with a fellow dancer, and tells the story of how things never go back to the way they once were. She's set to perform "Close, Far and Somewhere in Between" at the International Dance Festival@Silicon Valley on Sunday, May 19, in Mountain View.

The festival, hosted by the Lively Foundation, a Mountain View-based arts education organization and dance company, will offer dance classes on Saturday, May 18, ranging from tap to line dancing. Five Bay Area artists won awards in the Choreography Competition. The work will be featured in dance performances beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19.

Leslie Friedman, founder and artistic director of the foundation, started the International Dance Festival in 2012 to create opportunities for dancers to show their work and to practice their craft, and grew into a space where novice dancers could experiment with movement.

Friedman traveled to countries



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Alyssa Mitchel, a choreographer, is set to stage her work at the International Dance Festival@Silicon Valley on May 19 in Mountain View.

in Europe, Asia, and Africa to dance, perform and teach, and learned that movement was connective, able to sew understanding between cultures. "When you see a performance, you are absorbing something about the values and ideals of these cultures," she said.

The variety of dance forms and cultural inspirations, from

Korean dance to contemporary, speaks not only to the universality of movement, but the shared story of relationships — with others and the one we have with ourselves.

Peri Trono, a choreographer and dancer who works with five companies based in the Bay Area, is a recipient of the International

Dance Festival choreography award. Her piece, titled "fetch," is a two-person dance that depicts the tension and fluidity of relationships. Trono said she does not typically perform her own work, but wanted to dance fetch because she found that the process of feeling her choreography was different from viewing it. Dancing through an emotional experience, especially a piece that considers the tumultuousness of a relationship, is another way to have a conversation, speaking with bodies instead of words. "You almost feel fulfilled because you've experienced in a short amount of time all these emotions and it's not explained," Trono said.

Participants of the International Dance Festival and Day of Dance will be able to see, and participate in, these conversations first hand. "When I am dancing I am both more aware of every motion, every gesture than I could describe and less self conscious. I become the dance, I become part of the music, I become something different," Friedman said.

"Close, Far and Somewhere in Between" brought the audience to tears, Mitchel reflected. One viewer was so moved by the performance that she reached

out to a distant friend to mend ties. Mitchel does not expect this response from every viewer, but she doesn't just want to make beautiful dances, she wants to tell stories.

In conversation with Friedman, she noted that there's a magical quality to the stage, that something happens when the dancers make themselves available to the movement, to the physicality of the performance. But there is something too, that is done to those who watch dance performed, something that allows for us to reach each other without fear of vulnerability. Dancers seem to know that there are stories in our bodies, words waiting to come out, words without language. Friedman says that just the act of being on stage communicates something, that being in a place tells a story. They know the movement of these words and they speak for us. They show us that we are here.

The Full Day of Dance is Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and International Dance Festival@Silicon Valley is Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Mountain View Masonic Center, 890 Church St., Mountain View. More information can be found at livelyfoundation.org. ■

TRAIL UPGRADES

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Though the project does ostensibly benefit Google employees seeking to bike to work, Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein said the upgrades amount to better access for recreational use among Bay Area residents as well.

"There are a multitude of ways to enjoy this gem that we have," Klein said.

The caveat at the ribbon-cutting event, though not explicitly stated, is that there is still more than a 1-mile stretch of the Bay Trail that remains unfinished, just north of Sunnyvale's athletic fields and wastewater treatment

facility. Julia Miller, a member of the San Francisco Bay Trail Board of Directors, told the *Voice* that the Santa Clara Valley Water District is in the midst of flood control work on what she calls the "missing mile" of the trail, and that contractors have to hold off on the last trail improvements until the water district is finished.

Maintenance work including levee repairs and sediment removal is expected to take place in the summer, after which Google can complete the trail improvements for a contiguous path to San Jose, according to water district staff.

The Bay Trail Plan, adopted by the Association of Bay Area

Governments (ABAG) 30 years ago, has been the guiding document to link the 500-mile trail system stretching across nine counties and 47 cities. Although 350 of those miles have been built since then, the remaining stretches of trail are among the

most challenging.

Snaking a trail along the edges of Moffett Field, for example, required a complex partnership between private entities like Lockheed Martin, Google, PG&E and Cargill, along with federal agencies like NASA Ames and

the U.S. military. At one point, the trail was deemed too close to a munitions bunker maintained by the 129th Air Rescue Wing, which had to be moved for public safety reasons. ■

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Attendees at the ribbon-cutting event for the restored section of the Bay Trail included Google representatives and officials from Sunnyvale, Valley Water and the San Francisco Bay Trail Board of Directors.

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