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## Council votes to ban storefront pot shops, allow delivery only

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council agreed on May 23 to ban storefront cannabis businesses from opening anywhere in the city, instead allowing only delivery businesses to operate in Mountain View.

The unanimous vote restricts the more cannabis-friendly ordinance passed by the previous council in October, which had allowed up to two walk-in retail locations in large swaths of the city, including downtown, along with two delivery businesses. Last year's decision by the council sharply divided public opinion in the city, with many attending council meetings calling for a reversal.

That same crush of passionate protesters showed up in full force at the May 23 meeting, packing the council chambers, wearing armbands and holding signs calling for a full and complete ban on pot businesses. Nearly 80 public speakers weighed in, with many calling retail cannabis a scourge on society that would take away from Mountain View's

family-friendly elements and harm children.

"I think the true evil is some people trying to make money in pursuit of profit without caring about our children, polluting the air, polluting the mind of our children," said Vincent Zhang, the owner of a local tutoring center.

Emotions ran high enough that the meeting had to be called into recess partway through public comment due to numerous interruptions from the crowd.

The modified ordinance, which will return for a second reading in June, prohibits storefront retail locations but allows up to three "non-storefront" cannabis businesses in Mountain View — essentially warehouse and delivery businesses that can't make sales to walk-in customers. These three businesses would need to be 600 feet away from any public or private school and 250 feet away from a child care center.

No cannabis businesses would be allowed in downtown Mountain View under the new rules,

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

A construction worker walks past the sunken baseball field that will double as a detention basin for floodwater from nearby Permanente Creek, on May 29.

## The whole ball field is a dugout

VALLEY WATER'S \$30M MCKELVEY PARK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT NEARLY COMPLETE

By Kevin Forestieri

McKelvey Park's baseball diamonds are back, and they're looking a little depressed.

After more than two years of construction, the Santa Clara

Valley Water District is nearing completion of a \$30 million effort to turn the park into a detention basin for flood water, which would help protect thousands of homes from flooding during a significant storm.

While the baseball facilities

are brand new and expected to be open to the public by late July, the games will be taking place about 15 feet below ground-level. That's because 5 acres of McKelvey now serve a

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## City seizes land for reversible bus lane on Shoreline Boulevard

EASING THE WAY THROUGH TRAFFIC JAMS EXPECTED TO LURE MORE DRIVERS TO USE TRANSIT TO NORTH BAYSHORE

By Mark Noack

Mountain View will be spending \$4.3 million to acquire a series of parcels along Shoreline Boulevard that are needed to build a future reversible bus lane for the North Bayshore area.

At its May 23 meeting, the

Mountain View City Council voted to use the city's eminent domain powers to seize portions of several Shoreline properties mostly between Terra Bella Avenue and Middlefield Road. That land will eventually be used to widen the street for protected bike lanes on both sides of the road, as well as a new traffic lane running

down the center exclusively for buses and shuttles.

City staffers identified nine separate properties that they needed to seize, including the sidewalk frontage of three gas stations and a Taco Bell. The city's transit project needs just a narrow sliver of the properties, 2 to 7 feet in width, said city real estate manager Dennis Dremman. He gave assurances the structures and businesses would be unaffected.

"The practical effect of this project is the existing sidewalks are going to be moved inland a couple of feet," he said. "This doesn't affect any of the uses of the properties."

Six of the nine property owners have shown a willingness to sell the land to the city. Owners of the other three parcels reportedly disputed the offered price, and the city could push to seize their property through eminent

domain. If that happens, the case would be taken to court to determine a fair market price, Dremman said.

Widely considered to be among the most congested streets in Mountain View, Shoreline Boulevard is often jammed with traffic from commuters heading into North Bayshore or during large events at Shoreline Amphitheatre.

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# Voices

AROUND TOWN

Asked in downtown Mountain View. Photos and interviews by Ray Levy-Uyeda.

What are you planning to read this summer?



“History of Idaho.’ We’re another one of those families that’s priced out and moving out of the area. We leave in two days.”

**Mike Laursen**, Mountain View



“A book about movie editing. I’m a freelance photographer.”

**Taiya Fu**, Mountain View



“Where the Crawdads Sing.”

**Vera Gil**, Mountain View



“I want to finish ‘The Selfish Gene.’ It’s about human evolution, by Richard Dawkins.”

**Nikki Qi**, Menlo Park



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■ **CRIME BRIEFS**

**MAN ATTACKED IN SENIOR CENTER LOT**

A man was taken to the hospital after being attacked in the Mountain View Senior Center parking lot, shortly after finding his car had been burglarized, according to police.

The 23-year-old Mountain View resident told police that he had parked his car in the senior center parking lot and gone to his home nearby on Escuela Avenue on Saturday, May 25. When he returned to his car around 10 p.m. that evening, he found that it had been burglarized, and that his laptop and his wallet had been stolen, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Unspecified tools were also reportedly taken from the car, Nelson said.

The victim told police he was getting out of his car when he was attacked from behind and kicked. He suffered moderate injuries to his face and abdomen during the attack and was transported to a nearby hospital, Nelson said.

The attackers fled before officers arrived, Nelson said, and the case is an active investigation.

**MAN TRIES TO LURE 15-YEAR-OLD**

Mountain View police are asking for the public's help in finding a man suspected of trying to get a 15-year-old girl into his car, asking her repeatedly to get inside as she tried to walk home from school on May 28.

The teen was walking home from a bus stop at El Camino Real and The Americana, near the border of Sunnyvale, on Tuesday afternoon when the man drove up to her and asked her to get in the vehicle, according to a statement by the Mountain View Police Department.

The girl told police she did not know the man, and tried to cross the street to get away from him, police said. The man attempted to entice her into the vehicle several times over the course of 10 minutes.

During the incident, the girl called family members as a way to deter the man, but it did not work, police said. She was able to

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■ **POLICE LOG**

**ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON**

200 block Escuela Av., 5/25

**AUTO BURGLARY**

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400 block Bryant Av., 5/20  
100 block Hope St., 5/21  
100 block E. El Camino Real, 5/21  
400 block Hope St., 5/21  
1000 block Grant Rd., 5/21  
200 block Bryant St., 5/21  
1 block W. El Camino Real, 5/21  
600 block Mariposa Av., 5/21  
400 block Bryant St., 5/22  
1200 block Grant Rd., 5/22  
800 block W. El Camino Real, 5/22  
100 block Castro St., 5/22  
2400 block California St., 5/23  
2500 block W. El Camino Real, 5/23  
2500 block California St., 5/23  
2500 block California St., 5/24  
1300 block Grant Rd., 5/24  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 5/24  
2500 block California St., 5/27  
2500 block California St., 5/27

**BATTERY**

600 block San Antonio Rd., 5/21

300 block Sylvan Av., 5/24  
2300 block Rock St., 5/24  
500 block Church St., 5/25

**COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**

1900 block Old Middlefield Way, 5/18  
700 block E. Evelyn Av., 5/21  
700 block W. Evelyn Av., 5/21

**CRIMINAL THREATS**

700 block E. Middlefield Rd., 5/22

**FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

2500 block W. El Camino Real, 5/24

**GRAND THEFT**

1800 block W. El Camino Real, 5/20  
500 block Showers Dr., 5/24

**INDECENT EXPOSURE**

700 block W. Evelyn Av., 5/24

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**

1300 block Lubich Dr., 5/24

**STOLEN VEHICLE**

100 block Granada Dr., 5/20  
800 block E. El Camino Real, 5/21

**VANDALISM**

Ellis St. & E. Middlefield Rd., 5/24  
100 block E. El Camino Real, 5/26

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RAY LEVY-UYEDA

**Los Altos High School students** protesting climate change walked out of class on May 24, marching down Almond Avenue and demonstrating outside the Wells Fargo Bank on El Camino Real at San Antonio Road.

## LAHS students walk out for climate justice

By Ray Levy-Uyeda

On Friday, May 24, Los Altos High School students staged a walk-out to protest climate harm from corporations and the lack of action by local, state and federal legislators to prevent environmental damage and degradation.

About 20 students walked from Los Altos High School on Almond Avenue to the Wells Fargo bank branch at El Camino Real and San Antonio Road. Students stood on the sidewalk

chanting to draw attention to what they called the climate negligence of San Francisco-based Wells Fargo for about an hour before they gathered to give speeches, recite poetry and discuss climate justice.

Tanshi Mohan, a senior and president of the high school's Justice Coalition, said that the group's goal is to pressure elected officials to endorse the Green New Deal, climate change legislation that was brought to the national stage by the Sunrise Movement, a youth-led grassroots organization,

and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York. Mohan said that the students want Sen. Dianne Feinstein to endorse the legislation.

Students spoke on topics that ranged from the need for intersectional climate justice to the responsibility of big business. Zoe Brydon, a 12th grader, spoke about the impact of the wealth gap on one's understanding of climate change.

Brydon said that effects of climate change are already felt

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## MV Whisman school district spends big on legal fees

CHARTER SCHOOL'S PETITION COINCIDES WITH BUMP IN SPENDING ON OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman School District cut big checks to law firms this year, spending over \$360,000 so far on matters including charter schools, real estate and labor negotiations.

Payment data released by the school district and compiled by the *Voice* shows the district paid

\$361,181 to its three legal firms in the 2018-19 school year through the end of April, an increase of 58% over the prior year.

The most recent months are also among the most expensive, particularly March (\$64,001) October (\$58,843) and January (\$55,084). The vast majority of the money went to two of the district's three legal firms, Danni Woliver Kelley and Orbach

Huff Suarez & Henderson LLP.

Like most districts of its size, Mountain View Whisman does not employ in-house legal counsel, instead seeking help from outside firms on a contract basis. Costs tend to escalate as the district needs expertise on a broad range of topics, from personnel matters to federal Office for Civil

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## Fountain springs back

By Mark Noack

California's brutal drought may seem like a fading memory. Today, anyone can turn on the spigots with some abandon — whether to wash a car, irrigate a lawn or just splash around in the kiddie pool.

But even as the rain poured, one Mountain View water-saving measure remained firmly in place — the city's downtown fountain stayed dry as a bone. Since 2014, the fountain at the city's Civic Center Plaza has been little more than an empty black basin, making it perhaps the city's most prominent symbol of when water was in short supply.

That finally changed earlier this month, when city officials cranked the fountain back on. They would have restored it much sooner, but it turned out the fountain had a backlog of

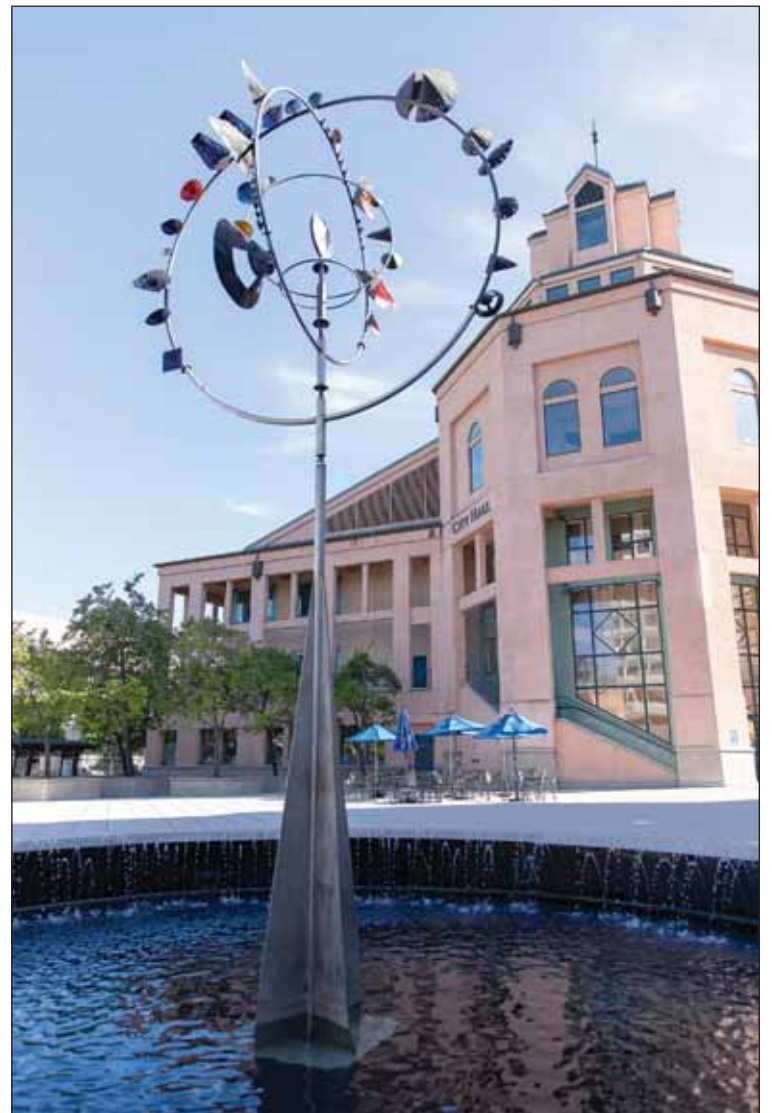
maintenance problems from being dry for so long, said Dawn Cameron, the city's assistant public works director.

"We tried to turn it back on, but we found that the bottom of the fountain had deteriorated," she said. "The bottom of the fountain wasn't supposed to be exposed to the sun for so long."

The fountain's base had sprung a leak and it was slowly dripping water down onto the cars parked below in the city's public garage. It wasn't a huge amount of water, Cameron said, but it was enough that city engineers decided they needed to plug the leak before turning the waterworks back on.

One delay led to another. The city had to wait for a budget and resources to free up, and then public works engineers had to research the right method for sealing the base. The project went out to competitive bidding,

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MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Water splashes** in the fountain in Civic Center Plaza for the first time in five years. A prolonged shutdown due to California's drought caused damage and maintenance issues delayed refilling the fountain until earlier this month.

## No raise for LASD teachers this year

TWO-YEAR DEAL PROMISES 2.5% SALARY INCREASE IN 2019-20

By Kevin Forestieri

There will be no raises this school year in the Los Altos School District. District officials reached a tentative agreement with their two employee unions that does not include any salary increases for the 2018-19 school year, following gloomy budget projections showing the district's reserves drying up in the coming years.

But the agreement, which will be voted on by members of the Los Altos Teachers Association (LATA), does come with a silver lining — it lasts two years, and provides a 2.5% raise to teachers for the 2019-20 school year. Classified employees would also get a 2% raise in the upcoming school year, Assistant Superintendent Randy Kenyon said at the May 28 school board meeting.

Like past years, the tentative agreement addresses employee raises for the current school year that ends in June, meaning any pay raise would be retroactive to July 1, 2018. Unlike past years, this is the first time the district's teachers didn't get any salary increase — however small — since 2011, according to data compiled by the California Department of Education.

Roberta Pyne, a third grade teacher at Oak Elementary School and member of the bargaining team, said teachers will be voting on whether to ratify the agreement in the coming days, and that it will need to win

support from a simple majority of teachers. Though the focus was based largely on salaries, she said teachers have a vested interest in future changes to health care payments and work conditions.

"We have created more time for teacher-directed planning, which is very important for us to complete our job," Pyne said.

While LATA representatives have praised the strong labor relations between district administrators and Los Altos teachers and acknowledge the district's financial constraints, salaries in the district continue to fall behind neighboring school districts — and fall even farther behind the rising cost of living. Teachers' salaries range from \$55,116 to \$105,105 depending on education level and tenure in a county where the median income for a family of four is \$125,200.

At a teacher town hall meeting last year, Los Altos teachers told stories of tight budgets, long commutes and big compromises in quality of life just to make ends meet. A kindergarten teacher at Almond said she moved back in with her parents, while an art teacher in the district described spending half of her salary on a mortgage and sleeping on a couch so her son could have the only bedroom. Multiple teachers described how two hours of commuting each day takes a toll on their ability to participate in after-school activities and spend time

with students.

But granting even the 2.5% raise in the upcoming school year is spending down money — about \$700,000 — that the district can barely afford. Prior to discussing the tentative labor agreements, the district's Citizens' Advisory Committee for Finance presented troubling data showing the district is in a "weak financial position" despite several years of strong property tax growth. Barring cuts or new sources of money, deficit spending in the district is projected through 2022 even without employee raises.

Part of the problem is that the district's budget hasn't grown nearly at the same rate as other districts serving Mountain View residents. Since 2015, the neighboring Mountain View Whisman School District has seen its annual revenues rise by 23%, from just under \$62 million in the 2015-16 school year to \$76 million today. The Los Altos School District, by comparison, grew by less than 4% over the same period, from \$64.3 million to \$66.6 million in total annual revenue.

Mountain View Whisman's teachers have received raises averaging 5.7% since the 2014-15 school year, compared with 2.6% for Los Altos teachers.

School board members are expected to vote to finalize the tentative agreement on June 10. ▣

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## \$4.6 million spent on North Bayshore planning

CONSULTANT COSTS MOUNT FOR REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

By Mark Noack

Mountain View's vision of melding offices and housing throughout North Bayshore remains a distant dream. But at least one thing is building up: the bills for studying it all.

To date, the city has spent a grand total of \$4.6 million on hiring outside consultants to analyze the various elements and impacts of the North Bayshore precise plan. This analysis, spread out over eight years and nearly a dozen different firms, comprises the largest planning campaign ever conducted by the city, according to officials.

"This shouldn't come as a surprise," said Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga, who has

watched the plans evolve over the years, both in and out of office. "I know it seems like a lot of money, but planning is an intensive process and part of it is going to take a lot of time, effort and resources."

One big reason for the high price can be chalked up to politics. A changing roster of City Council members over the years has requested city staff take precise plan elements back to the drawing board. City staffers say North Bayshore has also demanded more work for other reasons, including its large geographic size, huge employment base and the intense community interest focused on the area.

The precise plan effort dates back more than eight years, when city officials first began working

in earnest to study a comprehensive road map for developing the tech office park. The first iteration of the precise plan focused solely on offices and transportation improvements, and it cost a total of \$1.55 million to produce, which included a sustainability plan.

By the time it was approved in late 2014, the North Bayshore precise plan was pretty much dead on arrival. A political groundswell was growing among Mountain View voters over concerns about the region's lack of housing, and North Bayshore's office-heavy plan became a major theme in the 2014 city elections. When new City Council members were elected that

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## Council goals get support from anti-displacement activists

Mountain View city officials completed the last leg of their priority-setting meetings on May 21 with support from anti-displacement activists who want to increase affordable housing options in the city.

The City Council's top two priorities for the next two years will address housing, including implementation of safe parking programs, declaring a housing emergency and increasing the stock of affordable units.

The priorities are listed as the following: "Promote a Community for All with a focus on Strategies to Protect Vulnerable Populations and Preserve Mountain View's Socioeconomic and Cultural Diversity" and "Improve the Quantity, Diversity, and Affordability of Housing by Providing Opportunities for Subsidized, Middle-Income, and Ownership Housing."

The city has grappled with a severe housing shortage and increasing homelessness in the last few years, along with many

major cities in the Bay Area. It received immense pushback in December after it authorized the demolition of rent-controlled, more affordable units to make way for market-priced townhomes and rowhouses.

Alex Nunez organized a rally against displacement outside the City Council meeting on May 21, and said that City Council members proved to be considerate and thoughtful in listening to the concerns of vulnerable residents. He said activists will be watching closely to see if the priority-setting translates into action and resources after initial study sessions.

At the May 21, council members approved another housing development at 777 West Middlefield Road that will result in demolitions of existing affordable housing. Nunez said the project is a step in the right direction, however, because the developer is ensuring city workers and teachers have first dibs on affordable units.

—Bay City News Service



RAY LEVY-UYEDA

**Los Altos High School students** protested outside of Wells Fargo bank during last Friday's Climate Walkout, citing data that the bank is one of the biggest financial backers of the fossil fuel industry.

### WALKOUT

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in poorer communities. "I think it's a problem that so many people won't act until it affects them personally," Brydon said.

Climate change impacts Bay Area residents unequally, Brydon said, adding that the unhoused or those who don't have access to stable and healthy housing will be affected first and most acutely by climate disasters.

Francesca Seni, a senior and vice president of the Justice Coalition, was happy with the student turnout, and wants those watching and those in positions of power to know: "It doesn't matter who caused the

problem, it's everyone's burden."

According to the Sierra Club, Wells Fargo is one of the largest financiers of hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking, a method of extracting oil and gas from underground rock that is water intensive and pollutes air and water. Since the 2015 Paris Agreement, a global accord on combating climate change, Wells Fargo continues to be the No. 2 global financier of fossil fuels, just after JP Morgan Chase.

While the protesting students were angry and fed up, they were also optimistic. Adam Hollingsworth, a junior, gave one of the shorter speeches of the afternoon, saying, "I think revolutionaries have always been called naive. We need big steps. We need to be naive." ■

### NORTH BAYSHORE

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year, they moved swiftly to revise the precise plan to add in residential areas with thousands of homes.

For the city's lead consultants, DJ Powers and Raimi and Associates, the new orders essentially meant a new payday. Drafting a new housing-centered study and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis took about two years, and cost a total of \$1.13 million. The second version of the precise plan was approved by the council in late 2017.

A cadre of other consultants also had to be paid more as the city rejiggered its precise plan. Starting in 2015, the city hired consultants to perform a variety of support roles, including annual traffic monitoring, legal support and economic analysis for the residential growth. Over the years, the cost of these studies has grown to about \$1.17 million.

The city still has plenty more planning costs on the horizon. Earlier this year, the City Council directed city staff to draft a \$700,000 master plan to fine-tune how development should move forward at the so-called gateway site that includes the Century 16 Cinemas, the first of three new residential neighborhoods planned for North Bayshore. Originally, the council had intended for property owners and developers to submit their own master plans, but city officials were disappointed by the separate plans they received from Google and SyWest. After the two companies failed to collaborate on a joint master plan, the council decided to

dictate its own vision for the site.

The \$4.6 million total spent on consultants is likely only a fraction of the city's total investment in North Bayshore planning, and it does not include the cost of time spent by city employees. City planning officials told the *Voice* they don't have an accurate method to calculate the total staff hours spent on the effort, but they acknowledge it was considerable. Eighteen city employees are credited with contributing to the 2017 precise plan.

City Senior Planner Martin Alkire pointed out that some city costs would be reimbursed by developers, but he couldn't give a specific amount. The city is expected to be repaid for some of the cost of the \$700,000 gateway site master plan, but exactly how much is still an open question, he said. Other costs could be recouped indirectly by charging developers a document fee on their future applications, he said.

Former Councilwoman Pat Showalter, who participated in several votes on the North Bayshore precise plan, described the \$4.6 million as a reasonable amount to spend. She said she was confident that the expense would ultimately result in a superior road map for the area. The millions spent on planning were a paltry sum compared with the hundreds of millions of dollars that will likely be spent redeveloping the area, she said.

"The fact is the city is investing money to make sure it's done properly and smart," she said. "The city really has an obligation to make sure the future development is great." ■

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## MCKELVEY PARK

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dual role as a neighborhood park and a flood detention basin — a deep recession designed to take on water if Permanente Creek overflows.

Valley Water calls the project an important safeguard in the event of a 100-year flood, which has a 1% chance of happening in any given year and could affect large swaths of the city, including the Shoreline West and Cuesta Park neighborhoods. Instead, McKelvey Park would fill with water and drain out in a few days, followed by two to four weeks of “post-flood cleanup,” according to the water agency.



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**The baseball fields** under construction at McKelvey Park are 15 feet below ground and expected to be finished by late July.

An even larger, 15-acre flood detention basin is under construction upstream at Rancho San Antonio and is expected to be

finished in early 2020. The two basins, along with other channel improvements, will provide “natural flood protection” for at least

2,200 properties in Mountain View and Los Altos, according to the water district.

Planning for flood basins along Permanente Creek began at least 13 years ago, when it was publicly revealed that the water district was weighing a 16-foot-deep flood basin at Cuesta Park Annex. A more developed version of the plan contemplated a total of four detention basins — located at Rancho San Antonio, McKelvey Park, Cuesta Park Annex and Blach Intermediate School. The latter two faced serious opposition and were dropped from the project after water district staff took another look at the data and found the two basins weren’t necessary.

The total project costs are

estimated to be just shy of \$70 million, the largest cost being McKelvey Park. The lengthy process of designing the project, redesigning the project, acquiring right of way and clearing the environmental review process cost \$16.7 million prior to construction crews breaking ground in 2017.

McKelvey Park’s busy construction gummied up traffic along Park Drive and Miramonte and Mountain View avenues, reducing travel along Park Drive to one lane for five months. All three roads had intermittent lane reductions as construction crews relocated utilities. The payoff this summer will be a new 0.7-acre mini-park and parking lot along with the baseball fields. ■

## COMMUNITY BRIEF

### CITY REJECTS INJURY CLAIMS

Mountain View has rejected a pair of claims filed by women who say they were injured after tripping on the city’s poorly maintained sidewalks.

In two separate claims filed late last year, Geraldine Alexander and Carol Liu both alleged that they were severely injured after falling over crooked sidewalk slabs. Liu seeks \$150,000 from the city for her injuries, including a broken ankle. Alexander is asking for \$1.5 million, which she described as a “very conservative estimate” for what she deserves, although she did not specify her injuries. Both plaintiffs are being represented by attorneys in their claims against the city.

Both claims were discussed by the City Council last week in closed session. Following the meeting, the city attorney sent out letters to both plaintiffs notifying them their claims had been rejected.

—Mark Noack

### BUS LANE

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For nearly five years, city engineers have recommended a reversible bus lane as a remedy for traffic jams. The transit lane would run from Middlefield Road to Plymouth Street in North Bayshore. When built, the reversible bus lane would allow buses and various shuttles to zip past traffic with a dedicated system of signals.

Similar to the daily lane transfers on the Golden Gate Bridge, the time of day will dictate the direction of the reversible bus

lane. In the mornings, the bus lane would bring buses and shuttles into North Bayshore. Afternoons, the signals would be flipped, and the lane would go in the other direction, bringing commuters out of North Bayshore. When built, the bus lane would be a traffic improvement unique to Mountain View, said Assistant Public Works Director Dawn Cameron.

“I can’t think of another city doing this kind of project,” she said. “We’re providing a special lane for getting through this congested corridor by making transit operate much more efficiently.”

The reversible bus lane will be the best attempt to date by city officials to make mass transit a viable option for commuters heading into North Bayshore. For years, traffic patterns have shown that generally about half of commuters are driving solo. Barely one-third of commuters take corporate shuttles or other forms of mass transit, and about one in 50 ride a bike to work, according to the city’s latest traffic analysis.

The city is also making other large infrastructure investments to encourage more people to bike to work. In the coming months,

construction is set to begin on a \$20 million bike and pedestrian bridge over Highway 101.

Building the reversible bus lane is expected to cost about \$18 million, including \$3 million for the design. During the construction, city public works officials say they will also replace the water and sewer mains along Shoreline Boulevard, leading to a higher cost for the project.

The full project is expected to take about 18 months to complete. ■

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### CRIME BRIEFS

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elude the man and make it home, and the family contacted police shortly after 5 p.m.

The man is described as white, between 35 and 40 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall and 140 pounds with a skinny build. He had brown hair and was mostly clean-shaven, with some hair on his chin. He driving a clean and well-maintained beige four-door BMW with tinted windows that was “low to the ground,” police said.

Anyone who recognizes the description of the man or the

vehicle is asked to call the main police phone line at 650-903-6344 and ask to speak to Detective Pablo Donato, or email him at [pablo.donato@mountainview.gov](mailto:pablo.donato@mountainview.gov).

### POLICE SEEK FRAUD SUSPECT

Mountain View police are asking for the public’s help in finding a woman who reportedly stole a purse and made fraudulent purchases at several local stores in and near Mountain View.

The woman is suspected of stealing a purse from the victim’s vehicle on the 1000 block of

Castro Street around 4 p.m. on May 22, according to police. Two hours after the theft, the victim received a call from her credit card company stating that an unusual purchase from a nearby Target, amounting to several hundred dollars, had been made using one of her credit cards.

Other credit cards in the purse were used to purchase several hundred dollars of goods from other stores in the area, police said.

A nearby resident provided the police department with surveillance footage showing a woman believed to be the suspect in the case. She is described as a 140-pound white woman who is 5 feet, 7 inches tall, and was wearing a black long-sleeved shirt, leopard-print pants and tennis shoes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Tim Dahl at [timothy.dahl@mountainview.gov](mailto:timothy.dahl@mountainview.gov).

### DRIVER HITS HYDRANT, FLEES THE SCENE

A driver crashed into a fire hydrant on the 300 block of Tyrella Avenue over the weekend, creating a geyser and damaging another car before getting out and leaving on foot.

The driver reportedly side-swiped a parked car before striking the fire hydrant around 9:30

p.m. on Sunday, May 26, according to police. The driver fled the scene and was not located.

The road was shut down until the water was turned off. No one was injured.

—Kevin Forestieri

### FIRE DAMAGES LOS ALTOS HOME

A fire damaged a two-story home in Los Altos early Wednesday morning but no injuries were reported, according to the Santa Clara County Fire Department.

Firefighters responded at 3:33 a.m. to the fire reported at a home in the 1800 block of Austin Avenue and saw smoke coming from the second floor, fire officials said.

Crews learned that the two occupants of the home had gotten out safely. The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes and was isolated to a second story bedroom, according to the fire department.

County fire officials said crews had initial trouble accessing the bedroom because of a “significant accumulation of household items,” and they reminded residents to keep routes of entry and exit clear in homes.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

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**POT SHOPS**

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and businesses would be prevented from opening within 600 feet of one another. Council members also voted 6-0 to ban any marijuana businesses in the San Antonio area of the city, with council member Lucas Ramirez recused.

Mayor Lisa Matichak, who sought unsuccessfully to ban cannabis businesses altogether, made the complex motion as a compromise with several concessions. For example, storefront locations may have been completely eliminated, but the previously approved “buffers” between schools and cannabis businesses were left intact instead of being made bigger.

Matichak said residents made clear to her in recent months that they don’t want any retail marijuana sold in Mountain View, regardless of what prior polls and votes may indicate. Although two-thirds of the city voted in favor of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act in 2016, she said that does not amount to a glowing endorsement for dispensaries opening within the city limits.

“For me it’s very clear that our residents really don’t want

cannabis businesses in our city, and we should listen to our residents,” Matichak said.

While Councilman John McAlister eventually voted in favor of the tighter restrictions, he cautioned that the responsibility falls on parents — not the City Council — to protect children and teach them about the effects and dangers of drug use.

“The first line of defense is the parents,” he said. “Regardless of what we do, your children are still going to be tempted to do things.”

The proposed changes to the cannabis ordinance come at an awkward time: the permitting process had already started under the old rules, with 10 businesses having submitted applications to open up shop. Six of those businesses had already been rejected by city staff for various reasons — including clerical errors — and four remained as of May 23. With storefront retail businesses now banned, only one of those businesses is eligible to move forward.

The results of the application process were part of the reason the City Council sought to reconsider its new cannabis business law so soon. Owners

were required to secure a location to do business before applying, and four of the dispensaries were tightly clustered in the same area of downtown Mountain View. At the same time, there were concerns that future applicants might seek to open a dispensary in the San Antonio shopping center, where the Los Altos School District plans to build a new school.

***‘It’s very clear that our residents really don’t want cannabis businesses in our city.’***

MAYOR LISA MATICHAK

Council members were asked to pick from a range of larger buffer zones around schools and child care centers, including a word-for-word adoption of San Jose’s zoning restrictions. Doing so would have effectively banned cannabis businesses from opening in Mountain View, while 750-foot and 600-foot buffers would have drastically reduced the allowable areas. The City

Council ultimately voted to keep its original buffer zones intact and reject all the alternatives.

The May 23 decision is expected to cut into the revenue anticipated from Measure Q, a tax on cannabis sales in Mountain View that passed overwhelmingly in 2018. Each cannabis business is expected to generate about \$200,000 each year in local taxes, along with registration fees to offset costs to the Mountain View Police Department.

Despite the tighter rules, Mountain View remains one of the few cities on the Peninsula to allow cannabis businesses at all. Palo Alto banned the businesses in late 2017, while Menlo Park has a long-term moratorium on pot shops and outdoor cultivation.

An estimated 80% of the city and county jurisdictions in California do not allow the legal purchase of marijuana despite the passage of the Adult Use of Marijuana Act, which cannabis advocates say has hindered the state’s rollout of legal recreational marijuana — including all of the money it was supposed to generate.

California’s state budget office was predicting \$643 million in excise tax revenue for the 2018-19 year, which would go toward education and substance abuse treatment, cleaning up illegal cultivation and public safety. But lower-than-expected sales slashed that number by more than half, with the May 2019 governor’s budget now showing \$288 million in revenue. Back when the measure passed, Proposition 64 was expected to

generate \$1 billion annually by this point.

The state’s Cannabis Advisory Committee concluded in its 2018 annual report that high taxes on legal cannabis sales and the difficulty in getting permission from local municipalities are the root causes behind the sluggish sales.


“The majority of local municipalities are either not issuing licenses or are slow in rolling out their cannabis programs,” according to the report. “Of the municipalities issuing licenses, most are not issuing retail licenses.”

The three businesses that were eligible to open storefront shops in Mountain View will be given priority to apply again for a non-storefront delivery business, and a subsequent open application process and lottery will be held to fill any remaining openings.

Council members mulled having all 10 applicants reapply, given so much had changed, but ultimately decided that only the four deemed eligible could have priority. Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga said marijuana businesses need to be held to a high standard, and it’s not the city’s problem if business owners failed to double-check their paperwork. One business, for example, had put down the wrong address and inadvertently suggested they were going to put a cannabis shop in a mobile home park.

“If you didn’t get your address correct, then I’m sorry, but I don’t have sympathy for you,” she said. ▣

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## BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Voice reader Astrid Albaugh spotted these white-tailed kite fledglings (part of the hawk/raptor family) nesting at Shoreline Park last Thursday. She said this is the second year that the kites have nested in the park, and as recently as the 1940s, it was considered rare and endangered in North America.

## FOUNTAIN

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and a contractor was hired for \$28,000. Then work had to be postponed for months due to a series of events at the Civic Center Plaza.

Then more problems emerged. The fountain piping was heavily damaged, and about half of the water nozzles

were broken off and had to be replaced. City workers also decided they needed to vacuum out a pile of sand and debris that accumulated at the bottom.

The lengthy repairs were completed in recent weeks, and the fountain was finally ready for showtime.

But it might not be that long before the city needs to shut off

the fountain again, since more droughts are likely to come in the future. In that event, city officials at least learned a few lessons from the experience, Cameron said.

“If a drought ever happens again, then we need to at least put a cover on the fountain,” she said. “Or fill it with dirt.”

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## LEGAL FEES

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Rights complaints.

Attorneys were an integral part of the district’s strategy for responding to Bullis Mountain View (BMV), a new nonprofit that sought to open a charter school in the district. BMV submitted a charter petition to the district in October last year, which was grudgingly approved by the school board, but efforts to open the charter school fizzled in early April amid finger-pointing from both sides.

District officials relied heavily on an attorney from Dannis Woliver Kelley who penned letters to BMV on behalf of the district for months and provided guidance on murky California charter school laws.

Mountain View Whisman also spent the last year deep in negotiations over real state, which could explain the big uptick in legal costs. District administrators have held frequent meetings with Google over the possibility of housing a new school in the city’s North Bayshore area,

which was recently rezoned to allow construction of up to 9,850 homes. School board members and Mountain View City Council members alike are seeking dedicated land for a school campus, but it’s unclear how much Google will be on the hook to provide.

The district also spent months negotiating with developer Fort-Bay on including teacher housing at a massive 716-unit apartment complex proposed at 777 W. Middlefield Road. Of those units, 144 will belong to the district and be made available as affordable teacher housing.

District officials declined to say how much was spent on each item, citing attorney-client privilege as a reason to keep line-item billing confidential. District spokeswoman Shelly Hausman acknowledged that legal bills have grown, which she said is the result of “big projects” that require advice.

“Our expenses with (Dannis Woliver Kelley) include topics such as personnel, special education, staff housing, negotiations with labor unions, North Bayshore, real estate, Brown Act, and

Office for Civil Rights, in addition to charter school questions,” she said in an email.

Legal firms tend to get intimately involved in charter school matters in school districts, including the Los Altos School District and more recently Mountain View Whisman, because of the deep effect they have on the district’s bottom line. School districts are required under California law to provide facilities — including outdoor space — to charter schools that are “reasonably equivalent” to comparable district-run schools.

Money is also transferred out of the school district’s general fund to charter schools based on how many of the charter school’s students live within the district’s boundaries. Budget estimates from February found that if BMV opened as planned, Mountain View Whisman would have lost \$1.67 million from its budget in the upcoming school year, escalating to \$2.23 million the next year.

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The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
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Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on April 26, 2019.

(MVV May 17, 24, 31; June 7, 2019)

EL CAMINO HEALTH FOUNDATION  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN654626

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This business is owned by: A Corporation.

The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):  
EL CAMINO HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
2500 Grant Road  
Mountain View, CA 94040

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 9, 2019.

(MVV May 17, 24, 31; June 7, 2019)

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RF CLEANING SERVICE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN654369

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
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This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

MIGUEL REYES  
453 N. Rengstorff Ave., Apt. 14  
Mountain View, CA 94043

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/01/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 1, 2019.

(MVV May 17, 24, 31; June 7, 2019)

LIL COUTURE  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN654836

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Lil Couture, located at 2500 West El Camino Real, Suit D, Mountain View, CA 94040, Santa Clara County.

This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are):

BRONDON HONG LE  
1370 Mills St.  
Menlo Park, CA 94040

Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on 05/15/2019.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on May 15, 2019.

(MVV May 24, 31; June 7, 14, 2019)

## 997 All Other Legals

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:  
SPENCER SHANG-MING YEH, a/k/a SPENCER S. YEH

Case No.: 19PR185744

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of SPENCER SHANG-MING YEH, a/k/a SPENCER S. YEH.

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: STUART SHANG-TZUN YEH, a/k/a STUART S. YEH in the Superior Court of California, County of SANTA CLARA.

The Petition for Probate requests that: STUART SHANG-TZUN YEH be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on July 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept.: 13 of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, located at 191 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95113.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58 (b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Vivian Yuan  
640 W. California Ave., Suite 210  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086  
(650) 488-1829  
(MVV May 17, 24, 31, 2019)

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FOOD FEATURE



## FOOD TRUMPS HATE

Tapestry Suppers aims to combat intolerance by sharing immigrant food and stories

Story by Elena Kadvany  
Photos by Federica Armstrong

Lalita Kaewsawang was 10 years old, and obsessed with chicken fat rice.

Growing up in Nonthaburi, Thailand, she'd return to the same street vendor over and over, watching him make khao mun gai, a deceptively simple yet technically challenging dish. She offered to wash dishes for an hour just to be able to watch him pour chicken stock into a vat of rice at the exact right moment.

Kaewsawang and her story, from a food-obsessed girl in Thailand to the owner of a pop-up in Santa Cruz, were



**Above:** Diners toast each other at Tapestry Suppers' Hanhloh Thai Food lunch in Mountain View. **Top left:** Lalita Kaewsawang, chef-owner of Hanhloh Thai Food, cooks kanom krok (Thai coconut cakes) at a Tapestry Suppers lunch in Mountain View on May 5. **Top right:** Mieng kham, wild betel leaf with lime, ginger, shallot, lemongrass, peanuts, toasted coconut and chili, is a staple snack in Thai homes.

highlighted at a recent lunch in Mountain View hosted by Tapestry Suppers, a local organization that seeks to amplify immigrant voices and culture through food.

Danielle Tsi, a freelance photographer and food writer from Singapore, started Tapestry Suppers in the wake of the presidential election in 2016. She was worried by the increasing anti-immigrant rhetoric around the country and wanted to do something about it. It made her reflect on her multicultural upbringing in Singapore, where

she was surrounded by people from different religions and races, reflected in the cultural mashup that is Singaporean cuisine.

"Food is a very big part of our culture and my sense of identity," Tsi said. "It made me realize that it's a really accessible way to bring people together, and it was a really accessible way to transcend the differences that seem to be very prominent and very rigid and imposed arbitrarily."

"We all need to eat," she said, "and everybody loves good food."

The inaugural Tapestry Suppers event featured banh mi sandwiches and a Vietnamese refugee who fled to Paris. Ticket proceeds were donated to the International Rescue Committee, a global humanitarian aid organization.

It was clear from that first lunch, Tsi said, that the people who showed up were yearning for connection outside of social media and polarized political debates.

So, she kept going: a high-tea event put on by a molecular biologist from Chennai, a lunch

prepared by three women from different regions of Italy, a traditional Persian feast, a potluck to raise money for undocumented immigrants impacted by the wildfires in Sonoma County. For every event, Tsi publishes in-depth Q&A's with the chefs to share their stories.

On a sunny Sunday earlier this month, Kaewsawang recreated the street food of her youth for a group of diners.

Kaewsawang's earliest culinary instructors were her family members, neighbors and street food vendors. From her father,

she learned to perfect fried chicken with oyster sauce and garlic. A neighbor showed her how to properly fry an omelet.

Kaewsawang came to the United States in 2001 when her father married an American woman. She planned to spend a year learning English and then return to Thailand, but things unraveled at home. Her father left and her stepmother forced Kaewsawang, then 13, and her younger sister to work inhumane hours at a restaurant she owned in Berkeley, she said. Kaewsawang eventually obtained a restraining order, left home when she was 17 and received her green card through the Violence Against Women Act, a federal law that provides protection for immigrant women and crime victims.

Food stuck with her through college, where she started serving Thai food from her first-floor apartment balcony through a pop-up she called Thai Late Night. She went on to cook at restaurants in New Orleans and Chicago and apprenticed at the three-Michelin-starred Manresa in Los Gatos before starting Hanloh Thai Food, a pop-up that she hopes to turn into a brick-and-mortar restaurant.

Kaewsawang's food evokes a vivid sense of place and identity.

At the Tapestry Suppers lunch, she labored like a street vendor would over a bucket of charcoal, propped up on cement blocks, to make kanom krok, delicate, buttery coconut cakes cooked in a cast-iron mold from Thailand. Chef-friends helped make saku yat sai, small, translucent tapioca dumplings stuffed with preserved radish, peanut and tamarind caramel, served for special occasions in Thailand. There was also mieng kham, a staple snack at any Thai home: a colorful platter of lime, ginger, shallot, lemongrass, peanuts, toasted coconut and chili, to be wrapped in a betel leaf, which grow in the wild in Thailand, and eaten in a single bite. (Kaewsawang said her grandmother would always have mieng kham in the refrigerator, ready to be eaten at a moment's notice.)

The bright flavors and complex textures of her yum khao tod (crispy rice salad with mango, raspberries, herbs and nham prik pao, or chili jam), hed nam tok (roasted mushroom larb with toasted sticky rice powder and herbs) and black rice pudding with caramelized bananas and coconut cream wake you up to how Westernized the food served at most local Thai restaurants is. But to Kaewsawang, it's just comfort food, a taste of home.

"I like bold flavors, really contrast(ing): spicy, citrusy, sweet, salty," she said. "I want to

cook Thai food, not California Thai."

People of varied backgrounds — from India, the Midwest, friends from Tsi's yoga studio, this reporter — broke bread easily over Kaewsawang's food (which happened to be completely vegetarian). Conversations jumped from fond food memories to the death of retail to Steph Curry's performance at the previous night's Warriors game. Proceeds from tickets went to the nonprofit Center for Investigative Reporting.

Tsi calls Tapestry Suppers a

"food-focused movement that resists hate."

"It's taking a stand to focus on what we share in common more than about what divides us and the differences between us," she said.

The demand for this continues, she said. She hopes to eventually find a space for Tapestry Suppers to be able to host more dinners and offer other kinds of programs, including cooking workshops.

More information about Tapestry Suppers is available at [tapestrysupper.org](http://tapestrysupper.org). ▣



**Lalita Kaewsawang's** black rice pudding with caramelized bananas and coconut cream.



**Chef Lalita Kaewsawang**, left, with Tapestry Suppers founder Danielle Tsi.

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# Employment

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### Program Operations Manager

Mentor Tutor Connection is seeking a Program Operations Manager who will help recruit and screen volunteers, promote events, and update MTC's databases. We are a local non-profit that trains and puts volunteer tutors and mentors in MV and LA schools. This is a part time paid position. Desirable skills include computer proficiency, attention to detail, good oral and written communicator, and an understanding of our local K12 Schools system. Respond with your interest and a resume to [programs@mentortutorconnection.org](mailto:programs@mentortutorconnection.org).

## CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

### PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGETS ON JUNE 11, 2019

#### City of Mountain View

Notice of a joint public hearing of the following governmental agencies to review the **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Annual Budgets, Proposed Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Trash and Recycling Rates and Various Proposed City Fees:**

- City Council of the City of Mountain View
- Board of Directors of the Mountain View Shoreline Regional Park Community
- Board of Directors of the City of Mountain View Capital Improvements Financing Authority

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, has been set as the time and place for a public hearing to receive public comment on the use of funds for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Annual Budgets; proposed increases to water, wastewater, and solid waste trash and recycling rates; and on various proposed City fees. If you are unable to attend the budget public hearing but would like the City Council, Boards and staff to know your views, please send a letter to the City Council, P.O. Box 7540, Mountain View, California 94039, or an e-mail to [city.clerk@mountainview.gov](mailto:city.clerk@mountainview.gov) by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

The budget document, including fees, will be available on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 on the City's website at: <http://www.mountainview.gov/depts/fasd/budget/current.asp>. Copies of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Proposed Annual Budgets, supporting documentation for proposed water, wastewater, and solid waste trash and recycling rates, and various proposed City fees will be available for review by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office, 500 Castro Street, 3rd Floor, Mountain View, during normal business hours and during public hours at the Mountain View Public Library, 585 Franklin Street, Mountain View. The June 11th agenda report will be available by Thursday, June 6, 2019 on the City website at: <https://mountainview.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Dated this 16th day of May, 2019

Jesse Takahashi  
Finance and Administrative Services Director



COURTESY OF SUNDANCE SELECTS

Juliette Binoche and Vincent Macaigne star in "Non-Fiction."

MOVIE OPENINGS

# Genre distinction

'NON-FICTION' EXPLORES NEW MEDIA AND AGE-OLD RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

★★★ (Guild)

What is the world coming to? That classic existential question tends to encroach right along with middle-age and extend into old age as younger generations skillfully acclimate to the new status quo.

The 64-year-old French writer-director Olivier Assayas has seen industries and cultures — as well as intimate relationships — change on his watch, and he makes them the stuff of his amusing new comedy

"Non-Fiction."

His film, originally titled 'Doubles vies' ("Double Lives") before being renamed for American distribution, implies how the public and the private attempt to remain separate but must, of course, intersect. In large part, "Non-Fiction" plays out like an '80s or '90s Woody Allen comedy-drama, a roundelay of strained marriages and illicit affairs, but the titles also refer to how artists mirror the truth

to tell fictional stories, and how we understand and relate to our world in a post-truth era.

"Non-Fiction" lives its own double life: half light farce, half "Intelligence Squared"-style debate on the state of public discourse.

Few filmmakers could pull off such a proposition (the late Abbas Kiarostami comes to mind), but Assayas proves up to the task. It doesn't hurt that he has the great Juliette Binoche in one of the leading roles. Binoche plays Selena, a somewhat less successful version of herself who feels stifled in her gig on a cop show named "Collusion." Her husband, Alain (Guillaume Canet), runs a publishing company built on shifting sands: With text going digital, he's having to constantly re-evaluate the relative prominence of print and screen media.

At the film's outset, Alain rejects the latest book by novelist Leonard Spiegel (Vincent Macaigne) for reasons that may or may not be objective. Might Alain suspect the truth of his wife's affair with the shambolic Leonard? He might. But then Alain, too, is carrying on an affair, with his publishing company's "head of digital transition" Laure (Christa Theret), who would seem to represent the inevitable obsolescence of Alain's expertise. Did I mention that Leonard also has a wife, the idealistic but self-centered political consultant Valerie (Nora Hamzawi)? Leonard compulsively complicates everything by

only thinly veiling his own life — and his own affairs — in his novels.

As the characters navigate their fraught relationships, they never stop bantering about the state of the world. Assayas has the wit to both mock his characters' privileged viewpoints (which he knows he shares) and earnestly make their cases, depicting what pretentious looks like in an increasingly dumbed-down culture. Characters overreach in their literary references ("Adorno on a tablet or paper doesn't change what we get from him," says one. "You've never read Adorno," retorts another); Selena complains about her job, but defensively notes her TV-fueled stardom and that she plays not a cop, but a "crisis management expert."

While it's not hard to guess where Assayas' sympathies lie (for one thing, he pointedly resists cinema's digital status quo by shooting his film on Super 16 mm film).

"Non-Fiction" slyly addresses our human-natural instinct to hunker down in our comfort zones even as we fear the world passing us by should we remain in one place. With good humor, Assayas tells a fictional/non-fictional tale about how we think and how we consume media, how we tell stories to each other and ourselves and what we need out of our personal connections. ■

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**After the Thin Man (1936) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.

**Aladdin (PG) ★★ Century 16:** Fri. - Sun.

**Century 20:** Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) ★★★ 1/2**

**Century 16:** Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**The Biggest Little Farm (PG) Aquarius Theatre:**

Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**Booksmart (R) Century 16:** Fri. - Sun.

**Century 20:** Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**Brightburn (R) Century 16:** Fri. - Sun.

**Century 20:** Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**Godzilla: King of the Monsters (PG-13)**

**Century 16:** Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**The Hustle (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R)**

**Century 16:** Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**Long Shot (R) ★★ 1/2 Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

**Ma (R) Century 16:** Fri. - Sun.

**Century 20:** Fri. - Sun. **ShowPlace Icon:** Fri. - Sun.

**Non-Fiction (R) ★★★ Guild Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.

**The Philadelphia Story (1940) (Not Rated)**

**Stanford Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.

**Photograph (PG-13) Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.

**Pokemon Detective Pikachu (PG) ★★**

**Century 16:** Fri. - Sun. **Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.

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**The Souvenir (R) Aquarius Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.

**The White Crow (R) Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.

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# GoingsOn

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE

## HIGHLIGHT

### 'FALSTAFF'

West Bay Opera presents Giuseppe Verdi's comic opera "Falstaff", based on Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor." June 1, 8 p.m. and June 2, 2 p.m. \$35-\$85. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. wboopera.org/falstaff

## THEATER

**'12 Angry Wo/men'** "12 Angry Wo/men" is a crime screenplay telling the story of a murder trial with tense deliberations becoming personal as the jurors project the evidence upon their own individual truths. Through June 9; times vary. \$20; discounts for students, seniors. The Lohman Theatre, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**'Concerto for Frenemies'** Flobie Productions Studio, a classical music duo of flute and oboe, presents "Concerto for Frenemies," a fusion of classical music, comedy and theater. June 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Community School of Music and Arts, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. arts4all.org

**'Next to Normal'** This Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical explores mental illness and the effect it has on the American family. Through June 22, 8 p.m. \$20-\$30. Bus Barn Theatre, 97 Hillview Ave., Los Altos.

**'Steps of the Words'** TheaterGames presents the all-Russian play, "Steps of the Words." June 1, 2-3:30 p.m. and June 2, 1-2:30 p.m. \$27; discounts for students, youth under 21. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. tickets.mvcpa.com

## CONCERTS

**Dead & Company** The surviving members of the Grateful Dead and John Mayer kick off their 2019 tour. May 31 and June 1, 7 p.m. \$49-\$175. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. mountainviewamphitheater.com

**'Impressions of Childhood'** The New Millennium Chamber Orchestra presents "Impressions of Childhood," a concert celebrating the artistry of young musicians and the creative inspiration of childhood. June 2, 4-6 p.m. \$18-\$24; discounts for students, seniors. First Presbyterian Church, 1140 Cowper St., Palo Alto. brownpapertickets.com

**'Wazzmatazz'** "Wazzmatazz" will feature performances by musical artists Halsey, Ellie Goulding, Fletcher and CNCO. June 2, 7-10 p.m. \$22-\$121. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

## MUSIC

**Open Mic @ Red Rock Coffee** Performers sing in front of a supportive audience and meet fellow musicians

and artists during Open Mic Mondays at Red Rock Coffee. Sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Red Rock Coffee, 201 Castro St., Mountain View. redrockcoffee.org

## MUSEUMS & EXHIBITS

**Josiah McElheny: 'Island Universe'** Josiah McElheny's "Island Universe" examines both cutting-edge art and physics. The monumental installation of five hanging chandeliers is a visual response to recent theories of the multiverse, an elaboration of the Big Bang theory. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**Kahlil Joseph: 'BLKNWS'** Kahlil Joseph, a visiting artist in the new Presidential Residencies on the Future of the Arts program, presents his work "BLKNWS," a two-channel video projection that blurs the lines between art, journalism, entrepreneurship and cultural critique. Through June 16, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**'The Medium Is the Message: Art since 1950'** Using works created since 1950, this exhibition explores the relationship between subject, content and the materials that informed each object's production. Through Aug. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

**'Views from the Trail'** The photo exhibit by Frances Freyberg features landscapes and seascapes as well as wildflowers and wildlife from the artist's favorite Bay Area hikes. Through May 31, Monday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Portola Art Gallery, 75 Arbor Road, Menlo Park. portolaartgallery.com

## FILM

**Kerry Tribe: 'The Elusive Word'** The 2017 film "Afasia" pairs the verbal journey of Christopher Riley, a photographer and friend of the filmmaker who struggles to speak after experiencing a left-hemisphere stroke that left him aphasic, with Tribe's own narrated effort to relearn the Spanish language. Through Sept. 30, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; closed Tuesdays. Free. Cantor Arts Center, 328 Lomita Drive at Museum Way, Stanford. museum.stanford.edu

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**Fun for Families: Free Second Saturdays at Gamble Garden** Garden Director Richard Hayden

and volunteer garden guides lead children on a nature hunt around the 3-acre garden. Other activities include nature-inspired arts & crafts and a guided tour of the first floor of the Gamble House. Every second Saturday through Dec. 14, 10-11:30 a.m. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. gamblegarden.org

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

## SPORTS

**Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis: Free and Fun Exercise** The Palo Alto Senior Table Tennis Club invites seniors ages 55 and older to bring a racket and pair of tennis shoes to play table tennis. Every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free; suggested \$1 donation. Cubberley Community Center, Gym B, 4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Mountain View Woman's Club** Mountain View Woman's Club is a charitable organization working on community projects. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, noon. Free. Mountain View Masonic Lodge, 890 Church St., Mountain View. mtviewwomansclub.org

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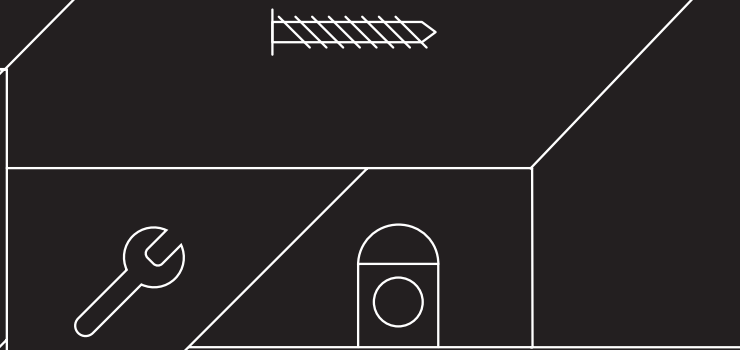
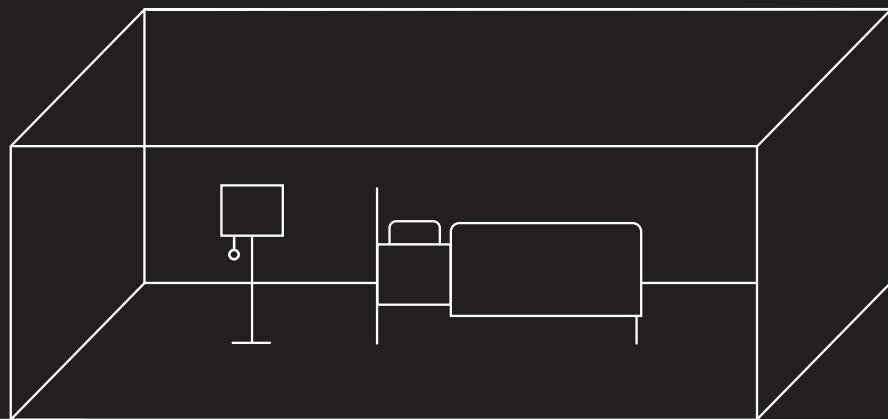
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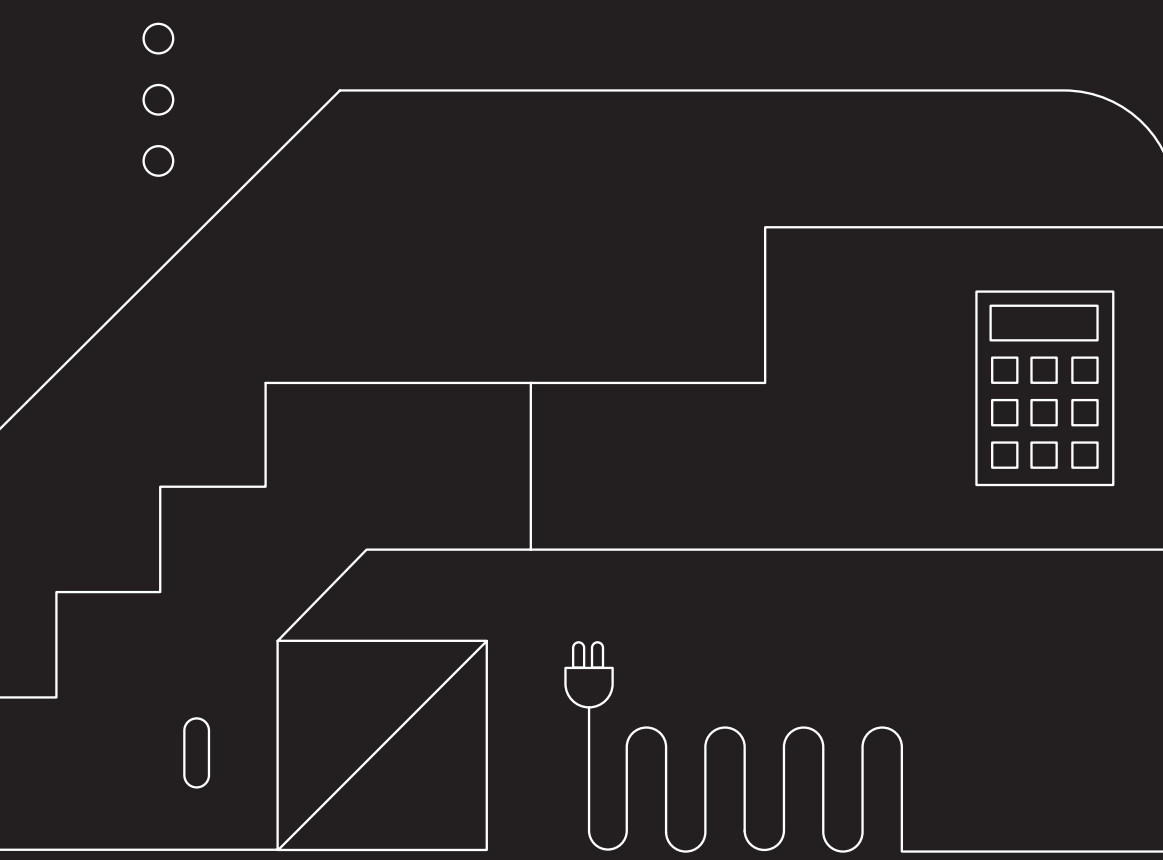
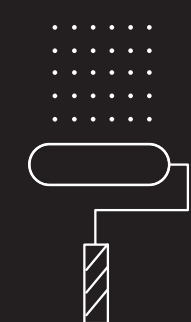
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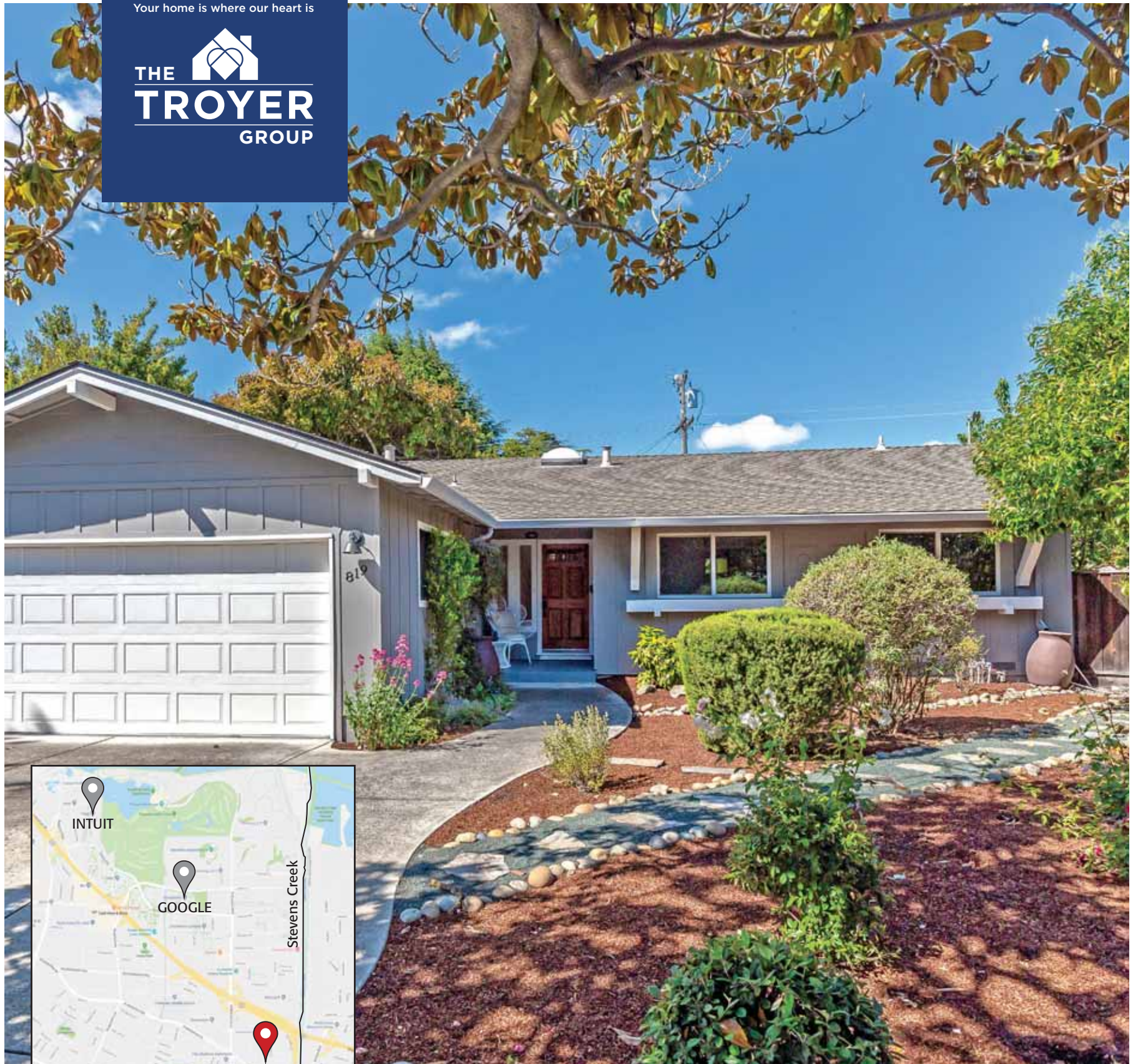
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