

# Mountain View VOICE

JUNE 21, 2019 VOLUME 27, NO. 22

www.MountainViewOnline.com

650.964.6300

MOVIES | 20



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Jesse Nattamai** and daughter **Leena, 6**, sit down to eat at Rengstorff Park on June 18 after picking up lunches from Mountain View Whisman School District's Seamless Summer program. Thanks to a grant from the county, free meals are offered to seniors as well as children this summer.

## New food truck aims to bring summer meals to hungry families

By Kevin Forestieri

Rolling into the Theuerkauf Elementary School parking lot with a big serving of fanfare last week, Mountain View Whisman School District's new food

truck is promising to bring meals to thousands of children at risk of going hungry this summer.

Equipped with lights and decorated with colorful images of fruits and vegetables, the eye-catching food truck is the

cornerstone of an ambitious plan to serve 100,000 meals to needy children this summer. The hope is that bringing meals to the kids — rather than the other way around — could be a

► See **FOOD TRUCK**, page 8

## City hits pause on gatekeeper process

CRUSH OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CREATING TOO MUCH WORK FOR STAFF

By Mark Noack

Out of fears that city staff is getting burned out from overwork, Mountain View leaders are pulling up the drawbridge on the city's gatekeeper process, delaying most projects for at least a year. But shutting off the development pipeline is no easy task — as demonstrated at the City Council's June 18 meeting.

The gatekeeper process has served as the city's backdoor for development projects to move forward even if they don't comply with normal guidelines. Typically, these projects are taller, denser or in restricted locations, but the upside is they usually offer some plum concessions to the city.

In prior years, city staff have urged council members to be cautious in adding projects to the gatekeeper list, and the Tuesday council meeting was no exception. Community Development Director Aarti Shrivastava warned that staff was overwhelmed working on the city's updated goals, precise plans and about 250 other

building projects.

"This is entirely about staffing," she said. "It's hard to maintain quality control or even to get things on council agendas."

Yet the notion of turning away projects in a red-hot market was a hard pill to swallow. A line of developers speaking at the meeting urged the city not to shut down the gatekeeper review. Their message was the city had the opportunity to build some badly needed housing, and those projects would vanish if the city dithered.

"I want you to think of the gatekeeper process as a way to deliver housing without any displacement," said Katia Kamangar of Summerhill Homes. "We do have a cooperative and patient property owner on these properties, but there's a limit to that patience."

It was a message also echoed by Randy Tsuda, the city's former Community Development director, now CEO of the Palo Alto Housing nonprofit. Pointing to his project to redevelop a Public

► See **GATEKEEPER**, page 6

## Google pledges \$1 billion for rapid new housing growth in Bay Area

CEO SUNDAR PICHAI PROMISES MINIMUM OF 20,000 NEW HOMES, PRIMARILY IN MOUNTAIN VIEW, SAN JOSE, SUNNYVALE AND SAN FRANCISCO

By Mark Noack

As the housing crisis reaches new levels of despair, Google is launching a \$1 billion campaign to reverse the trend. The tech giant is pledging to use its vast capital and land holdings to build tens of thousands of homes throughout its

main Bay Area jobs centers.

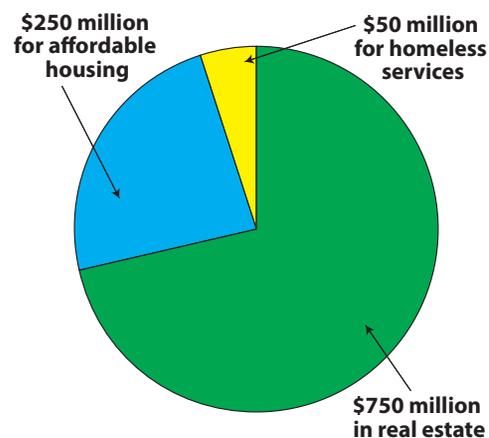
In a Tuesday morning blog post, Google CEO Sundar Pichai promised his company will build a minimum of 20,000 new homes, primarily near its corporate offices in Mountain View, San Jose, Sunnyvale and San Francisco.

Google's push for housing

would address what some consider the biggest challenge faced by housing developers — securing land in an increasingly expensive real estate market. As the tech giant has expanded, it has ravenously acquired property across the Bay Area with the

► See **HOUSING**, page 10

### Google's \$1 billion+ pledge



**Mountain View-based Google** announced Tuesday that it would commit \$1 billion toward building 20,000 new homes in the Bay Area through rezoning commercial real estate it already owns and offering cash incentives to affordable housing developers, with an additional \$50 million in grants for homeless and displacement services.



## 1108 Doyle Place, Mountain View

Open House: Saturday June 22nd 1:00pm-4:00pm | Sunday June 23rd 1:00pm-4:00pm

Offered at: \$2,100,000  
[www.1108DoylePlace.com](http://www.1108DoylePlace.com)



## Charming Home in Desirable Bentley Square

Feel at home and enjoy the neighborhood in this welcoming, two-story 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in the coveted Bentley Square community. Easy access to the nearby shopping centers, restaurants, bike path, highways 85, 237, and 101 grants all the benefits of central living, while the home's tucked-away location provides a peaceful oasis for family life.

- Rarely available home in Bentley Square community
- Approximately 2,030\* sq ft of living space on 5,000\* sq ft lot
- Grand, vaulted ceilings in family room and master suite
- Lush backyard with large newly painted deck and hot tub
- Fully finished, attached 2-car garage with generous storage
- Nearby shopping centers with Nob Hill, 99 Ranch, Walgreens, Starbucks, and more
- HOA of only \$275 per month features community pool, tennis court, and basketball half court
- Excellent Mountain View Schools: Huff Elementary, Graham Middle, Mountain View High (buyer to verify enrollment)

\*Buyer to verify



**Judy Bogard-Tanigami**  
 650.207.2111  
 DRE# 00298975  
[judy.bogard@compass.com](mailto:judy.bogard@compass.com)

Ranked #112 Nationally  
 by The Wall Street Journal, 2018



**Cindy Bogard-O'Gorman**  
 650.924.8365  
 DRE# 01918407  
[cindy.ogorman@compass.com](mailto:cindy.ogorman@compass.com)

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

# COMPASS

Compass is the brand name used for services provided by one or more of the Compass group of subsidiary companies. Compass is a real estate broker licensed by the State of California and abides by Equal Housing Opportunity laws. License Number 00799009. All material presented herein is intended for informational purposes only and is compiled from sources deemed reliable but has not been verified. Changes in price, condition, sale or withdrawal may be made without notice. No statement is made as to accuracy of any description. All measurements and square footage are approximate.

# Voices

A R O U N D T O W N

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

## What was your favorite summer activity growing up?



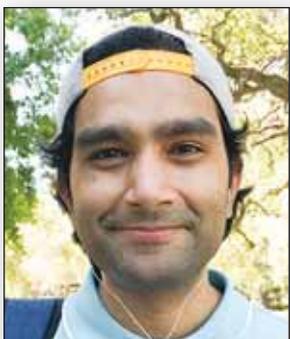
"Probably learning to swim at the Y (and) after that, every summer swimming at Rengstorff."

**Armando Martinez,**  
Mountain View



"I think concerts for kids, outside. Just being outside and listening to some music."

**Xeniya Ivonina,** Mountain View



"We would head toward Santa Cruz, to the boardwalk on the weekend. (The) beach would be the place I'd spend most of my time."

**Ash Cher,** Mountain View



"I went on road trips to all the national parks with my parents ... We went to Lake Louis a lot. It was one of our favorite places."

**Tiffany Chung,** Mountain View



"My favorite summer activity was going to camp with my childhood friends."

**Gabi Efenbein,** Mountain View

Have a question for **Voices Around Town**? Email it to [editor@mv-voice.com](mailto:editor@mv-voice.com)

## Healthy Teeth and Gums That Last a Lifetime!



- Experienced and Gentle Dentist, and Friendly Staff
- New Patients Welcome!
- Free Consultations and Second Opinions
- Saturday Appointments Available

### Voted Best Dentist

**DENTAL FABULOUS**  
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry

**Don't Wait!**  
Call **650.969.6077**  
for your appointment today!



Conveniently located  
in Downtown Mountain View  
756 California Street, Suite B  
Mountain View 94041  
cross street: Castro, next to Bierhaus

**650.969.6077**  
[dentalfabulous.com](http://dentalfabulous.com)



## Top news and local best bets



The local news you care about is one click away.

Receive information on what's happening in your community by email every day.

Sign up today at [MountainViewOnline.com/express](http://MountainViewOnline.com/express)

## Felipe's Family Markets



Celebrating our 11th year anniversary!

Organic & Conventional Produce/ Local Dairy/ Imported Cheese/ European & Mediterranean Specialties

**PRODUCE SPECIALS** Prices valid June 21-27, 2019

<b>Cauliflower</b> 99¢ ea.	<b>Bananas</b> 49¢ per lb.	<b>Apricots</b> 99¢ per lb.	<b>Roma Tomato</b> 69¢ per lb.

**GROCERY SPECIALS**

<b>Berkeley Farms Milk</b> \$2.99 per gallon	<b>Jumbo Eggs</b> \$1.99 per dozen	<b>Regular Lifeway Kefir</b> \$2.99 ea.	<b>Straus Organic Milk</b> \$7.49 per gallon

Subscribe to our websites to receive a 10 % OFF Coupon

Visit us at any of our three locations!

<b>Cupertino Market</b> 19725 Stevens Creek Blvd Cupertino, Ca 95014 (408) 777-9111 <a href="http://CupertinoMarket.com">CupertinoMarket.com</a>	<b>Felipe's Market</b> 1101 W. El Camino Real Sunnyvale, Ca 94087 (408) 720-8111 <a href="http://FelipesMarket.com">FelipesMarket.com</a>	<b>Foothill Produce</b> 2310 Homestead Rd Ste. D Los Altos, Ca 94024 (408) 735-7775 <a href="http://FoothillProduce.net">FoothillProduce.net</a>
--	---	--

*Kozy Brothers*  
**DE MARTINI ORCHARD**

66 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos • 650-948-0881 • DeMartiniOrchard.com

*Your Everyday Farmers Market  
Farm Fresh and Always the Best*

<p><b>VINE RIPENED</b> <b>WATERMELON</b> WHOLE SEED-LESS <b>39¢ LB</b></p> <p><b>WE HAVE WATERMELON WITH SEEDS</b>   <b>WE HAVE YELLOW SEEDLESS WATERMELON</b></p>	<p><b>CALIFORNIA GROWN SWEET AND TASTY</b> <b>APRICOTS</b> <b>\$1.99 LB</b></p> <p><b>BLENHEIM APRICOTS WILL START IN TEN DAYS</b></p>	<p><b>ORGANIC LOCAL</b> <b>BROCCOLI</b> LARGE FRESH BUNCHES <b>\$1.99 BUN</b></p>
<p><b>CALIF. GROWN</b> <b>SWEET CORN</b> WHITE OR YELLOW <b>4 EARS FOR \$2.00</b></p>	<p><b>CALIFORNIA GROWN JUMBO SWEET AND MEATY</b> <b>CANTALOUPE</b> <b>49¢ LB</b></p> <p><b>THE FRUITS OF SUMMER ARE FINALLY HERE, COME IN AND SAMPLE THE FLAVORS OF THE TASTIEST SEASON!</b> <b>WE HAVE OVER 12 KINDS OF MELONS AND MORE THAN 12 VARIETIES OF STONE FRUITS TO CHOOSE FROM.</b></p>	<p><b>ORGANIC LOCAL</b> <b>SQUASH</b> ZUCCHINI \$1.69/Lb   COLORED \$1.99/Lb</p> <p><b>ORGANIC LOCAL</b> <b>BABY BEANS</b> TENDER CRISP TASTY <b>\$7.99 LB</b></p> <p><b>ORGANIC ALBION</b> <b>STRAWBERRIES</b> BEST FLAVOR SWEET <b>\$3.99 1# PKG</b></p>

**OPEN DAILY 8AM-7PM • PRICES EFFECTIVE 6/19 thru 6/25**

**CRIME BRIEFS**

**THREE AUTO BURGLARY SUSPECTS ARRESTED**

Three men have been arrested in connection with numerous auto burglaries in Santa Clara County following a monthslong investigation by five law enforcement agencies, according to a statement released by the Mountain View Police Department.



Marcus Anigilaje



Paul Edwards

Two Oakland men, 39-year-old Marcus Anigilaje and 29-year-old Paul Edwards, and Sacramento resident Troy Collins, 25, were all arrested Tuesday on suspicion of burglary, and are being held without bail in Santa Clara County jail.



Troy Collins

Mountain View detectives tracked down the three men, who were in a black Infiniti sedan driving on San Antonio Road toward El Camino Real on Tuesday, June 18, around 7:40 p.m., police said. Officers surrounded the vehicle, ordered the men out of the car and detained them.

Burglary tools and a laptop suspected of being stolen were found in the vehicle, police said. The department is still seeking the laptop's rightful owner.

All three men were arrested on suspicion of burglary, possession of burglary tools and receiving stolen property, police said. The men were also wanted for a string of auto burglaries in the South Bay.

Police spokeswoman Katie Nelson said the three suspects are all believed to be connected to thefts targeting Santa Clara County cities over the course of several months, including Mountain View. The men had been identified through security footage captured on the 400 block of Bryant Street in downtown Mountain View.

The Mountain View Police Department received help from the neighboring Los Altos Police Department and Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety in the investigation, along with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office and the San Jose Police Department.

**SUSPECTED TRAIL FLASHER ARRESTED**

Police are asking any additional victims to come forward following an indecent exposure incident on Stevens Creek Trail last week.

► See *CRIME BRIEFS*, page 13

**POLICE LOG**

- AUTO BURGLARY**  
1000 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/10  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/11  
2400 block Garcia Av., 6/11  
500 block San Antonio Rd., 6/12  
1100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 6/12  
2500 block California St., 6/13  
1900 block W. El Camino Real, 6/13  
2500 block California St., 6/17  
2500 block California St., 6/17  
2500 block California St., 6/17
- BATTERY**  
400 block Castro St., 6/9  
200 block E. Middlefield Rd., 6/13  
100 block Castro St., 6/13  
200 block Hope St., 6/14  
400 block Bryant St., 6/14  
Castro St. & Villa St., 6/16
- COMMERCIAL BURGLARY**  
1500 block California St., 6/11

- 1100 block Castro St., 6/16
- CRIMINAL THREATS**  
300 block Martens Av., 6/17
- GRAND THEFT**  
2000 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/10  
500 block W. Middlefield Rd., 6/10  
2400 block Charleston Rd., 6/16
- RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY**  
700 block Sylvan Av., 6/11  
400 block Bedford Ln., 6/16
- STOLEN VEHICLE**  
1000 block Bonita Av., 6/11  
2000 block California St., 6/12
- VANDALISM**  
300 block Stierlin Rd., 6/11  
1600 block California St., 6/11  
500 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 6/15  
Farley St. & San Ramon Av., 6/16  
2500 block Grant Rd., 6/17



Building new affordable and subsidized homes on campus.  
**So families can thrive.**

Stanford has been your neighbor for 128 years, and we've made it part of our mission to make positive contributions to the local community. That's why we're looking to build affordable housing units for graduate students and 550 subsidized apartments for faculty and staff right on campus, so they're close to the heart of Stanford's teaching and research enterprise. Stanford is a world-class institution because those who make up our community thrive.

LEARN MORE AT [GUP.STANFORD.EDU](http://GUP.STANFORD.EDU)



Fresh news delivered daily

Today's local news & best bets

Sign up today at [MountainViewOnline.com/express](http://MountainViewOnline.com/express)

**The Mountain View Voice** (USPS 2560) is published every Friday by Embarcadero Media, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto CA 94306 (650) 964-6300. Periodicals Postage Paid at Palo Alto CA and additional mailing offices. The Mountain View Voice is mailed free upon request to homes and apartments in Mountain View. Subscription rate of \$60 per year. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Mountain View Voice, 450 Cambridge Ave, Palo Alto, CA 94306.



VERONICA WEBER

**Ross Colby**, the man convicted of hacking the websites of the Mountain View Voice and its Peninsula sister papers, was sentenced last week.

## \$27K in restitution ordered for man who hacked Mountain View Online

HACKER CLAIMS HE COMMITTED THE CRIME AT THE REQUEST OF A CONVICTED FELON AND FORMER MENLO PARK RESIDENT, HIRUY AMANUEL

By Sue Dremann

The 36-year-old man who hacked and temporarily shut down the Mountain View Voice site mv-voice.com and other Embarcadero Media websites nearly four years ago was sentenced June 12 in San Jose federal court to time already served, one-year of home incarceration with electronic monitoring, three

years of supervised release and \$27,130 in restitution to the company.

Ross Colby was indicted on April 6, 2017, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Sept. 17, 2015, crime, which took down five news sites owned and operated by Palo Alto-based Embarcadero Media: Palo Alto Online, Mountain View Online, Almanac Online,

PleasantonWeekly.com and DanvilleSanRamon.com.

Colby is a software engineer who at one time was a security officer and IT administrator for Earnest, a student-loan company in San Francisco, where he reviewed data-compliance contracts with major clients such as Goldman Sachs and Verizon.

A federal jury convicted

► See **HACKER**, page 14

## City's safe parking program struggles to grow

RED TAPE BLAMED FOR DELAYS, DIFFICULTY IN SECURING PLACES FOR HOMELESS SLEEPING IN VEHICLES

By Mark Noack

As Mountain View prepares new restrictions on people living in vehicles parked on the street, one question keeps coming up: Where are they supposed to go?

In an ideal world, anyone who lacks housing would be funneled into a program such as permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing. But the reality is these programs can't meet the demand. Over recent years, only about one out of three individuals who qualify as homeless have been placed in housing, according to the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing.

The city of Mountain View's efforts have also lagged at providing some alternative for the rows of RVs and trailers parked along city streets. For months, Mountain View has been able to provide safe parking spaces for only eight cars and no RVs, which has barely made a dent in the needs of its vehicle-dwelling homeless — there were over 200 inhabited vehicles at last count.

At its June 11 meeting, the City Council brainstormed ways to rejuvenate the safe parking program and encourage more property owners to participate. City staff members were directed to speed up the entitlement process to launch new safe parking lots, especially if the sites are removed from residential neighborhoods.

Under the new plan that won City Council support, safe parking sites could receive "by-right"

approval without any review process. This automatic approval would be exclusive to church property and private lots not near residential neighborhoods. Safe parking sites near homes could still be approved, but the city would notify all nearby residents and the decision could go before the city zoning administrator.

At the meeting, representatives of several organizations publicly stated they wanted to help expand the city's safe parking supply. The biggest surprise of the night was the Mountain View Whisman School District, which could support about 20 large vehicles at an unspecified campus in the near future. Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph pointed to the district's 103 families who qualify as homeless under federal definitions. The district's school board is aware of the housing struggles of its student body, and trustees wanted to explore their options for assistance, he said.

"These kids are not choosing to live in these RVs. They're victims, and they're trying to make the best out of what they have," Rudolph said.

If the idea went forward, a school parking lot would be open for overnight parking for students and their families who are living in vehicles. Unlike the other safe parking sites, the Mountain View Whisman parking lot would be reserved for only students enrolled in the district.

The Community Services

► See **SAFE PARKING**, page 11

## County to open new clinic in MV with Planned Parenthood

By Kevin Forestieri

Santa Clara County will be teaming up with Planned Parenthood on a new clinic opening in Mountain View this year, providing hard-to-get specialty services to the primarily low-income families who rely on the clinic as a health care provider.

The Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 on June 18 to sign a lease agreement for a portion of Planned Parenthood's new 8,000-square-foot clinic at 2500

California St., which is under construction and is slated to open in September. While it's unclear what exactly the county will provide in its carve-out of the clinic, county officials point to niche services like pediatric dental care as a top priority.

"Side by side, each focusing on the areas of their greatest strengths, I think the potential is there for Planned Parenthood and the county to team up in a very powerful way," Board President Joe Simitian said in a statement shortly after the

vote. "A long-term partnership is a win for the county, Planned Parenthood and the patients we serve."

Major redevelopment in Mountain View threatened the Planned Parenthood Mar Monte's clinic on San Antonio Road in early 2017, putting in jeopardy the organization's only location between Redwood City and San Jose. The prospect of the clinic failing to find a new home put county officials on high alert, in part because of its integral role in the North

County's safety net.

An estimated 70% of the clinic's patients earn below 138% of the federal poverty level and qualify for Medi-Cal, and 2,131 of its patients are insured by the county-run Valley Health Plan, according to a statement by Simitian's office. While Planned Parenthood may best be known for its reproductive health care services, Valley Health Plan patients in the North County are assigned to Mountain View's Planned Parenthood

clinic for primary care.

Although eviction seemed eminent in 2017, the developer Greystar has been slow to kick out the tenants of the property, pending a 623-unit housing development on the property. During that time, Planned Parenthood Mar Monte officials purchased the new site down the street, received permits from the city of Mountain View and negotiated an agreement for the county to use 1,300

► See **CLINIC**, page 10

## Authorities investigating two homicides on Skyline Boulevard

By Renee Batti and Rick Radin

A Pacifica man arrested early Wednesday morning for allegedly killing a man found Tuesday night on Skyline Boulevard, near where another stabbing victim was found the night before has been identified by the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office as Malik Dosouqi, 26.

The victim has been identified as John Sione Pekipaki, 31, whose city of residence is unknown. Alta Vista High School Principal Bill Pierce on Wednesday said a student named John Pekipaki attended the Mountain View continuation school in the

early 2000s, and a Facebook page under the same name identified him as an Alta Vista student who graduated from Mountain View High in 2005.

San Mateo County sheriff's deputies arrested Dosouqi as he fled the scene of the second fatal stabbing on Skyline Boulevard near the town of Woodside shortly after midnight. Deputies investigating the death the night before (June 17) of 32-year-old Abdulmalek Nasher of Pacifica heard a man calling for help just before midnight. They found Pekipaki lying on the ground in a turnout off Skyline, according to a Sheriff's Office news release. He

died of his injuries at the scene.

"Simultaneously, near the scene in this remote area, deputies saw a man fleeing the area, in a vehicle, who they believed to be the suspect," the news release says.

"A deputy fired at the oncoming vehicle which was driving towards the victim and both deputies," the Sheriff's Office said. "The suspect was not hit by gunfire, but the vehicle went off the roadway into a ditch. The suspect was taken into custody and is receiving medical care for a laceration to his arm."

Dosouqi will be booked into the San Mateo County Jail once he is medically cleared, according to

the Sheriff's Office.

The two slayings happened in close proximity to each other, according to the Sheriff's Office, and investigators are "actively looking into a connection" between them.

After the first victim was found by a deputy who was driving down Skyline Monday night, the search for the killer Tuesday included the use of tracking dogs, two SWAT teams, a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft, the news release says. Residents in the area were asked to shelter in place and not open the door of their home to anyone they didn't know or who wasn't a law

enforcement officer.

The investigation continued, and evidence discovered during that time led deputies back to the scene to look for more evidence Tuesday night; they found the second victim at around 11:55 p.m.

Skyline Boulevard was closed in both directions between Swett and Reids Roost roads much of Tuesday morning, and closed again early Wednesday morning for investigation of the deaths. It was reopened at about 2 p.m. Wednesday. ▀

Email Renee Batti at [rbatti@almanacnews.com](mailto:rbatti@almanacnews.com) and Rick Radin at [rradin@almanacnews.com](mailto:rradin@almanacnews.com)

## MVLA board approves policy for stadium lights

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View-Los Altos High School District's board of trustees unanimously agreed on a plan to install stadium lights and a new public address system at its two high school campuses, allowing sports teams and marching bands to use the fields into the evening hours.

Though the proposal faced fierce opposition from neighborhood residents when first floated in June last year, the school board's series of 5-0 votes at the June 10 meeting didn't face an ounce of opposition or any of the fiery rhetoric that colored the early meetings.

Neighborhood representatives and sports boosters alike describe the fine-tuned policy — which places restrictions on volume and when the lights can be used — as a compromise that balances the needs of student athletics and the well-being of residents next door

seeking peace and quiet.

"As a boosters organization we are very supportive of the usage agreement that you've worked out," said Bob Crissman, president of the Los Altos High School Athletic Boosters. "Not everyone is going to love it 100% — that's the definition of compromise."

The policy allows for light use for up to five competitions per year each for varsity football, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey, and track and field. Competitions typically end by 8:30 p.m., with the exception of football, which typically ends at 10 p.m., according to the policy. Practice will only be allowed during week days until 8:30 p.m. at the latest.

Marching band is also permitted to use lights and the PA system on up to two week days per week, with curfews imposed for 8 p.m. on one of those days and 6:30 p.m. on the other.

Early estimates found installing field lights at both Mountain View and Los Altos high schools

would cost about \$1.3 million, which would draw from a yet-to-be-determined source of funds. In addition, the school board voted 5-0 at the June 10 meeting to conduct an environmental review of the proposed stadium lights, each costing around \$110,000.

A mix of students, parents and district athletic staff have pushed for stadium lights as a valuable asset sorely needed at both campuses that would allow practice and competitions to continue after sundown. They point to a growing need to maximize usage of fields that are increasingly in demand as enrollment swells at both schools. Both Mountain View and Los Altos high school have grown by more than 55% since the 1990s, and are projected to enroll hundreds more in the coming years.

But the school board, typically quiet and rarely the focal point of controversy, got an earful from neighbors calling the idea a waste of money and a detriment to the

dark, quiet and peaceful quality of life in the nearby single-family residential neighborhoods. Two meetings on the topic in August and November last year packed Mountain View High School's theater and the board heard hours of public comment.

No such opposition showed up at the June 10 meeting when it came time to approve the policy. Board members and Superintendent Jeff Harding had met several times with neighborhood groups to assuage fears and tailor restrictions on light and noise. Board president Phil Faillace said he admits it took a long time to finally approve a policy, but that the district's heightened sensitivity is what sets itself apart.

"We were able to listen a lot of opinions give everyone a chance to have a voice and to build a spirit of community that I think makes Mountain View and Los Altos a great place to live in and send kids to school," he said.

Board member Sanjay Dave said the memories of the contentious meeting in August was still fresh in his thoughts Monday, and that it was clear from the meeting that the district needed to foster a better relationship and open dialogue with its neighbors. While the meeting was full of complaints about future lights, many centered on sound, light, traffic and hooliganism that existed before stadium lights were even considered.

"Improving that trust with the neighborhood was a really big goal for me," he said.

Among the 5-0 votes were two separate contracts to conduct an environmental impact report examining how stadium lights will affect the neighborhoods around Mountain View and Los Altos high schools. This step was deemed a requirement for stadium light installation by the district's legal counsel, and is expected to take 38 weeks to complete. ▀

### GATEKEEPER

► Continued from page 1

Storage lot on Terra Bella Avenue, Tsuda asked city officials to give some special consideration for projects that would bring affordable housing.

"I'm sympathetic to city staff, having lived through it for many years," he said. "But what I'm asking tonight is that you leave the door open to consider certain limited sets of gatekeepers, ones that deliver affordable housing beyond what the city's asking."

Keeping the gatekeeper process alive was especially vital for developers in the Terra Bella neighborhood. Earlier this year, the City Council pulled the plug on a Terra Bella precise plan, a decision that was also made due to staffing constraints. That

meant that it could be years until a full-fledged process is available to redevelop the industrial area. For developers who had secured land deals there, saving the gatekeeper process was seen as a last chance to keep their projects alive.

Councilwoman Margaret Abe-Koga argued that the gatekeeper process was becoming too much of a distraction, hogging staff resources and meeting agendas. If gatekeepers were put on ice, the city could focus on completing its backlog of other projects, including about 3,500 housing units, she said.

"There's a lot of projects in the pipeline, and I want to get those done before we consider more," she said. "Maybe this is the time for us to take a pause."

It was a difficult idea for some on the City Council to accept. In

lieu of a Terra Bella precise plan, the City Council had directed staff to instead work on a neighborhood "visioning" plan. This conceptual plan would signal the city's receptiveness to certain kinds of redevelopment, but it was premised on proposals moving through the gatekeeper process.

Now it seemed like all avenues for redevelopment were being blocked off, said Councilman Chris Clark. He criticized the idea as "short-sighted," especially given the willingness by developers to go farther in adding subsidized housing and community benefits.

"We actively choose not to do long-range planning in an area where the zoning is old and we're seeing a lot of applications," he said. "By doing this, we're not creating any sort of

path forward to look at these things."

Even beleaguered city staff acknowledged that not all gatekeepers should be postponed. Back in 2017, city officials agreed to use the gatekeeper process as a way to expedite several projects that could provide \$79.3 million in funding to help build a 10th campus for the Los Altos School District.

That money will likely be needed soon — school district officials were scheduled to vote on a \$155 million land purchase deal at their June 19 meeting. Developers would pay money to the school district only after they receive entitlements from the city of Mountain View.

The City Council agreed to allow those projects to proceed in a 5-0 vote with councilmen

John McAlister and Lucas Ramirez recused.

For the rest of the gatekeeper proposals, Abe-Koga said that the city wasn't permanently blocking them. The city would be pausing them for about a year, and the council would then have an opportunity then to consider more.

To her point, she reminded her colleagues that the city is already zoning for about 15,000 housing units in the North Bayshore and East Whisman neighborhoods.

"Let's get some of these projects done, and then we can take on a whole new batch," she said. "We're building more housing than anyone else. This is one year, just to give staff some breathing space."

The decision to delay the gatekeepers for a year was approved in a unanimous vote. ▀

## School district spends \$95K for coaching new budget officer

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View Whisman school board voted 5-0 June 13 to appoint Stevenson Elementary School Principal Rebecca Westover as the district's new chief business officer, while at the same time paying \$95,000 to keep its interim business officer for another year.

Westover's promotion to the district office was one of several major staffing changes announced earlier this month, with her role at Stevenson being filled by Ryan Santiago, currently assistant principal at Graham Middle School. The administrative shuffle was prompted by staffing turnover late in the school year.

Westover's starting salary will be \$200,000, and she begins her new role on July 1.

"Thank you so much for the opportunity," Westover said at the June 13 school board meeting.

"I'm very much looking forward to staying in our district and taking on this new position."

Unlike past hires, where there is a clean transition from one chief business officer to another, the district will continue to rely on Interim Chief Business Officer Ron Wheelahan during Westover's first year on the job. Sliding through on the consent calendar with no discussion, the school board also voted 5-0 to retain Wheelahan as an independent contract through June 2020 for a cost not to exceed \$95,000.

The contract states Wheelahan will be paid \$30,000 for coaching and mentoring Westover, along with \$20,000 for budget analysis, \$10,000 for managing construction programs and \$15,000 for assisting the



Rebecca Westover

district's maintenance, operation and transportation department — all major components of the business officer's job description.

Rudolph said the assistance from Wheelahan and training courses through the California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO) will help Westover prepare for the new job. Westover recently received a doctorate in education at the University of La Verne, and holds a bachelor's degree in public relations with a minor in economics.

Rudolph said the district will also connect Westover with budget officers in neighboring school districts for assistance during the transition.

In late April, the school board voted to terminate its contract with CBO Robert Clark, who had been away on leave since February. Shortly after, the district began accepting job applications for a replacement, with requirements on the job listing that included experience in

administration, education or business. Work experience in a district office and credentials in administrative services were "preferred" but not required.

Other districts seek qualifications that are rooted more closely in budget management and fiscal services. Palo Alto Unified, for example, required experience in school district business operation, knowledge of fiscal operations and capital construction functions and an ability to "assemble, analyze, and make appropriate recommendations for fiscal and budget actions." Sunnyvale School District's chief financial officer job requires a bachelor's degree in business, economics, accounting, finance or a related field and "five years of significant knowledge and direct experience with California school finance accounting."

Clark, the district's previous

chief business officer, had experience as the business officer at Alameda Unified and before that as assistant superintendent of business in Burlingame. School board members lauded Clark's ability to present the budget in a clear and concise way, and credited him for putting an increasingly complicated construction budget into focus as trustees weighed whether to open a new school.

Though the contract for Westover generated little discussion, board member Laura Blakely said she believes the new hire is a good choice.

"I'm confident that Dr. Westover is going to do a wonderful job," Blakely said. "I know she has a lot to learn but I'm confident she's going to ace it."

District spokeswoman Shelly Hausman told the *Voice* in an email that the \$95,000 contract with Wheelahan is a good use of

► See **BUDGET OFFICER**, page 13

## County to boost rape crisis centers' funding

STATE FUNDING DOESN'T COME CLOSE TO COVERING THE VICTIM SERVICES IT MANDATES

By Kevin Forestieri

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors agreed Tuesday to fund critical services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, saying it's necessary because the state budget is underfunding the region's rape crisis centers.

In a 5-0 vote, supervisors voted June 18 for county staff to come up with an agreement that brings "adequate and immediate" funding to the county's two rape crisis centers — YWCA of Silicon Valley and Community Solutions — as part of a larger effort to combat gender-based violence in Santa Clara County. YWCA provides the bulk of those services, and responds to emergency calls in North County cities including Mountain View.

"I believe we have an obligation to the victims to ensure that help is available when they need it," said Supervisor Cindy Chavez. "No one should have to wait for hours, days or weeks for assistance after experiencing probably the worst thing that has ever happened to them — a sexual assault."

State law mandates that every victim of sexual assault in California has a right to an advocate who can guide them through the traumatic aftermath, which often involves both law enforcement and medical staff in the critical hours that follow. YWCA and Community Solutions have

dispatch teams that provided 711 in-person responses to victims in the 2017-18 fiscal year, about half of whom sought a sexual assault forensic exam, also known as a rape kit.

The needs are rising rapidly, with a 20% year-over-year increase in forensic exams being performed in the county since 2017 and the District Attorney's Office now handling over 1,000 sexual assault cases each year. But despite the increased demand, the county does not provide any funding for the advocacy services.

The reason, according to county staff, is that it's not technically the county's responsibility. State and federal funding through California's Office of Emergency Services is supposed to pay for the advocacy services required under state law. But the funding falls woefully short of what it actually costs to provide the services.

Between October last year and September this year, for example, YWCA was given \$66,366 in state funds to support victims through its Rape Crisis Program, which isn't enough money to hire even one full-time person. YWCA and Community Solutions have a combined total of seven advocates who serve a county with more than 1.9 million residents.

"The state, in this instance, has dropped the ball," Chavez said. "We really can't wait for them to get their act together. We have victims right now who are desperately in need of these services."

Supervisor Susan Ellenberg pointed out that Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal in May did not renew \$5 million in one-time funding for rape crisis center programs included in last year's budget, which leaves only a paltry \$45,000 in general fund money to address sexual violence throughout the entire state.

Supervisors have had a laser focus on addressing domestic violence and sexual assault in recent months, agreeing in May to devote \$5 million to gender-based violence programs. Whatever amount the county ultimately grants rape crisis centers to fill the funding gap, Chavez said it shouldn't dip into that \$5 million fund.

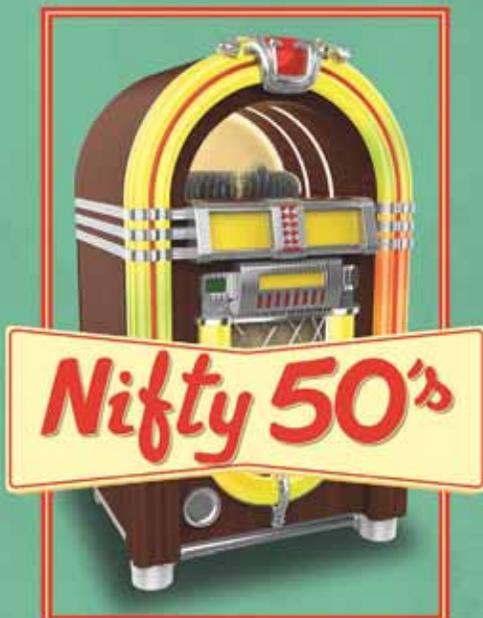
County staffers are also seeking to open clinics capable of conducting sexual assault forensic exams in Gilroy and are working with Stanford to open a clinic somewhere in the North County area. Currently, all victims must go to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, and frequently face lengthy waits to be seen.

Along with medical accompaniment, rape crisis centers assist victims in interviews with law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office, and go with them to court proceedings. YWCA staff reported that only 37% of rapes are reported to police, meaning many of the advocacy services provided have no criminal justice component. ▣

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

# WIN for FUN

The best experience Central California has to offer!



FREE TUESDAY SLOT TOURNAMENT

WIN CASH & eCASH PRIZES

11AM-2PM & 4PM-7PM

2X BONUS POINTS,  
DOUBLE DINING DISCOUNTS

Earn 1,000 Base Points on same day and PLAY TWICE!

Restrictions apply. Please see [chukchansigold.com](http://chukchansigold.com) for details.



Hay 41 North To Coarsegold | [chukchansigold.com](http://chukchansigold.com) | 888.794.6946

Nestled minutes from the majestic splendor of Yosemite National Park.

Must be 21 years of age or older and a Chukchansi Rewards Club Member. All guests must have a valid government-issued photo ID acceptable to management for all Chukchansi Rewards Club transactions. Management reserves all rights to cancel or modify all offers, promotions and/or events without prior notice. Restrictions and exclusions may apply, please visit website for further details.

# Mountain View signals its pride

LOCALS TALK ABOUT BEING LGBTQ ON THE MIDPENINSULA

By Ray Levy-Uyeda

In 2014, Mountain View City Council member Chris Clark bought a rainbow flag with his own money, and at the end of Pride Month in June, he packed it away until the next year when he would again petition his council colleagues to raise the symbol of the LGBTQ community.

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall riots, the event that launched the modern gay rights movement. Formerly known as “Gay Pride Month,” the name was shortened to include all members of the LGBTQ community.

Many cities now routinely fly a rainbow flag in June, but Clark’s motion in 2014 to raise the flag faced pushback on the council and by some residents. For the next three years he sought permission annually, until last year, when he worked with council members and city staff to modify the city’s municipal code. Now Mountain View will fly the pride flag every year without needing a council vote.

Clark said he grew up in a

conservative family in the Midwest, and without many out and visibly queer people to look up to, the rainbow flag was one of the few pieces of symbolism that made him feel seen. Although Clark had come out before the start of his City Council campaign in 2012, he was not yet out to his family. He said he decided to fly home and to have that conversation, knowing that in order to gain the trust of his constituents he would need to be open with everyone in his life.

If one is looking for symbols of LGBTQ life in Mountain View, the flag is one of the more public markers. Clark notes that Mountain View is a lot more “subdued” than LGBTQ havens like San Francisco.

## Being trans at MVHS

Peer-to-peer support at Mountain View High School, like at the district’s middle schools, is integral to LGBTQ life, according to Jehan Rasmussen, president of the school’s Queer Student Alliance (QSA). Rasmussen, a junior, is a trans student who said that there is a positive network and

community of trans students, though the greater student body is still working to unlearn internalized bias and transphobia. The QSA club is a reprieve for LGBTQ students and a place to develop friendships with others who may experience bullying, harassment or microaggressions, Rasmussen said.

While Mountain View high is fairly inclusive, Rasmussen said that bullying is more likely to consist of ignorant comments about gender and sexuality. Even with faculty, Rasmussen said that it’s not necessarily a lack of tolerance or acceptance, but awareness of the everyday elements that make high school life for a trans student difficult or uncomfortable, such as proper pronoun usage. Pronouns, which are just as integral to a person’s identity as a name, can often be misused. This is called ‘misgendering,’ which occurs in part by unaware faculty and substitute teachers who, despite being informed, forget to ask, Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen said that the QSA conducts educational programming and encourages teachers to



MAGALI GAUTHIER

**Mountain View City Council** members took a quick break from their meeting on June 4 to raise the pride flag outside City Hall. Waiting for John McAllister to join them are, from left, Lucas Ramirez, Alison Hicks, Chris Clark, Lisa Matichak, Ellen Kamei and Margaret Abe-Koga.

ask students for their preferred pronouns as well as their names. Teachers are generally willing to learn about their LGBTQ students: “A lot of teachers put in effort at the beginning of the year and then forget about it,” Rasmussen said.

But most of the time, Rasmussen said, life at Mountain View high as a trans student is free of larger roadblocks. They feel safe at school and participate in social life without thinking of potential bullying.

California has some of the most comprehensive protections

in place for LGBTQ students, according to the Human Rights Watch. Under California education code, schools must protect students from bullying or harassment for sexual orientation and gender identity, according to the ACLU. Teachers in California public schools are not prohibited from discussing LGBTQ issues, as they are in eight other U.S. states.

There is a Castro Street in Mountain View, and while it’s not anything like the LGBTQ mecca that is San Francisco’s Castro

► See **PRIDE**, page 9

## FOOD TRUCK

► Continued from page 1

model for improving Santa Clara County’s dismal participation rates in summer food programs.

Close to one-third of school district children qualify for subsidized food and have two reliable meals — breakfast and lunch — available to them throughout the school year. But when schools close for the summer, it effectively shuts down 10 feeding sites evenly distributed throughout Mountain View. Participation rates predictably drop, leaving many students at risk of going hungry.

The district typically leaves one or two schools open as designated meal sites during the summer months, but they fail to draw the same number of children. The food truck is the latest effort to bridge that gap, extending the reach of the summer feeding program to accessible locations like local parks.

The disparities across the state are huge and getting worse, according to data compiled by the group California Food Policy Advocates. About 87% of kids in Santa Clara County who benefit from subsidized meals during the school year do not receive meals during the summer, which is up from prior years. And despite the strong local economy, a record number of families in the region are facing food insecurity and seeking assistance from Second

Harvest Food Bank.

Santa Clara County pitched in \$344,000 toward buying and staffing the food truck, while the cooks and the meals are paid for by the school district. Standing with the truck during a media event on June 14, county Supervisor Joe Simitian said that every additional meal served using the truck will have far-reaching benefits, as children with consistent access to meals do better in school and lead more successful lives. It’s not easy to prove those meals were a direct factor, he conceded, but everyone who helped launch the food truck program should walk away knowing the role they’ve played.

“It may be a little hard to connect the dots ... but the connection there is very real,” Simitian said.

The Mountain View Whisman School District has spent years trying to bring up its summer meal count through its Seamless Summer Program, and reports solid results so far. Under Debbie Austin, the district’s food services director, the summer program went from serving 15,000 meals to 60,000 in just three years, hitting its goal even while Rengstorff Park’s facilities were under construction.

Although the district had already been delivering packaged meals at popular locations like Rengstorff Park, Austin said the food truck is still a game-changer. It enables the chefs to prepare, transport, re-heat and serve meals

outside of the district’s centralized kitchen. The truck keeps hot food hot and the cold food cold, Austin said, which helps the district meet all the legal requirements to serve more meals.

Plus, she said, there’s a special kind of allure that she believes will attract more families than ever.

“When you’ve got a food truck, people come,” she said.

Despite the June 14 event being billed as a ribbon-cutting of sorts, the food truck isn’t actually quiet ready to deliver meals yet. School district staff told the *Voice* on the Tuesday after the event that the truck is currently stuck in the Crittenden Middle School parking lot awaiting a permit to serve meals, which is expected to be granted in one to two weeks.

While the Seamless Summer Program is ostensibly intended to serve district students, children aren’t asked questions and are served meals regardless of where they attend school. Adults can purchase meals for a fee, and free meals will be available to seniors at the Rengstorff Park site.

A big component of summer lunch participation is simply getting the word out. Leslie Bacho, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank, told the *Voice* at the June 14 event that her organization works to identify high-needs neighborhoods and let them know food is available, relying on banners, bus ads and door hangers.

“A lot of people don’t know

these summer meals are available,” she said.

Bacho said Mountain View Whisman is the only district in the county she is aware of to try using a food truck to reach more families during the summer months.

When asked what’s on the menu, Austin said it’s going to change month to month depending on what’s in season. Right now, kids can expect to see plenty of peaches, nectarines, cantaloupe, tomatoes and three types of lettuce. Food prep is being handled by two chefs hired by the district, one of whom worked as a head chef in a restaurant for 14 years.

Back when the food truck was first making its way through the county’s budget process, two members of Stanford’s Pediatric Advocacy Program penned a letter praising the school district’s ongoing efforts to reach more children with its summer food program. Mountain View’s income disparities are immense and reaching the “pockets” of poverty throughout the city is particularly challenging when trying to raise meal program participation, according to the letter.

Austin’s mobile meal program is “one of the most innovative summer meal programs around,” according to the letter, saying it was breaking down barriers to access that include transportation and immigration status.

“We believe that a mobile food truck will increase the district’s ability to reach some of the hardest-to-reach children and families this summer, a time when child hunger peaks,” the letter said. “The food truck will allow the district’s staff to add additional meal program sites, targeting families living in subsidized housing complexes, mobile home parks, RV communities and those frequenting other community sites.”

Below are the list of current stops for the food truck, though the route may be modified to add new stops, including busy apartment complexes full of families with kids. ▣

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

### Theuerkauf School

June 14-July 12, closed July 4, 5  
1625 San Luis Ave., Mountain View  
Breakfast, 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
Lunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Castro Park

June 17-Aug. 2, closed July 4, 5  
1795 Latham St., Mountain View  
Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### Rengstorff Park

June 17-Aug. 2, closed July 4, 5  
201 South Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View  
Lunch, noon-1:30 p.m.  
Senior meals available for free.

# School board approves 14% pay raise for superintendent

BOARD PRESIDENT SAYS THE BIG INCREASE IS NEEDED TO STAY COMPETITIVE

By Kevin Forestieri

Mountain View Whisman school board members voted unanimously last week to give Superintendent Ayinde Rudolph a 14% raise, calling it an important step toward making his salary close to that of other local superintendents.

Under the terms of the updated contract, Rudolph will now receive \$281,477 in annual pay starting July 1, along with full family coverage for health insurance. The 5-0 vote at the June 13 school board meeting breaks from common practice across all three school districts serving Mountain View, where the superintendent typically gets a raise equal to the negotiated salary increase for its

faculty and staff.

Teachers, classified staff and Rudolph were all given a 5% raise for the 2018-19 school year. It's unclear what teachers will receive for salary raises for the upcoming school year, as negotiations on an updated contract are ongoing.

Shortly before the vote, board president Tamara Wilson said the raise acknowledges Rudolph's good performance while also recognizing that his salary hasn't kept pace with what other districts are offering. The board's goal was to bring Rudolph's salary up to the top quartile of superintendent salaries in the area, and that the 14% raise barely puts him into that range.

"It's part of our strategic plan, and part of that was to

identify what that target value was for superintendents," she said. "We did a regional analysis, up to date for this current school year, in addition to previous ones that have been published and presented to the public."

Wilson pointed to two studies previously commissioned by the district that concluded Mountain View Whisman's superintendent salary falls below the average compensation of similar districts in the area. She also suggested that Rudolph had accepted the position for less than what was advertised during the superintendent search in 2015, and that the district has been slow in past years to bring his salary up to a competitive level. Documents from the search firm at the time,

Proact, described the job's expectations, and listed compensation as a range between \$200,000 and \$220,000. Rudolph's initial salary with the district in 2015 was \$200,000, within the range advertised. The district also spent \$87,000 on executive coaching services for Rudolph during his first two years working in the district.

Superintendent salaries in Santa Clara County are a mixed bag. On the lower end is the neighboring Los Altos School District, where Superintendent Jeff Baier's base salary is \$255,749. Paul Johnson, recently hired as the superintendent of Los Gatos Union Elementary, received \$278,000 this year, while Superintendent Benjamin Picard of the Sunnyvale School

District is paid \$342,383.

The new superintendent of the Mountain View-Los Altos High School District, Nellie Meyer, will be receiving \$302,500 in annual pay for the 2019-20 school year.

Wilson praised Rudolph's performance at the meeting, calling his management of school construction and his partnership with the city of Mountain View to build teacher housing remarkable achievements. She also cited his educational leadership, adding that early test results for this year show improved academic performance.

"We're extremely pleased with what we've been seeing in terms of all the changes at the different sites," she said. "Preliminary results for student performance this year — which haven't yet come out yet — look fantastic, and we trust in his leadership." ▣

## PRIDE

► Continued from page 8

District, there is a Silicon Valley Rainbow Chamber of Commerce. The group aims to create a network of LGBTQ businesses and their owners, and works to educate the public and local governments about issues that affect

the LGBTQ community.

Jamie Merz, a member of the Rainbow Chamber of Commerce and co-owner of The Point Collective, a San Jose based graphic design firm, said that the Silicon Valley feels more assimilated in its queer culture. Merz said she is not surrounded by many other queer parents, though she has never

felt out of place. "I certainly don't move through life feeling like a minority," Merz said.

In recent years, LGBTQ people have engaged in a debate about the presence of corporations at pride parades and celebrations, but Merz says that she likes seeing companies like Facebook and Google present themselves as

allies to LGBTQ people. "I'm such a believer that our allies to really important work," Merz said.

There's no pride parade held for Mountain View this month — you'll have to travel to San Francisco or the East Bay for that, as Councilmember Clark did when he was younger.

"I remember coming out here

and not even at pride, just in the Castro district for the very first time. Seeing same-sex couples holding hands. Or dressed in far more expressive ways than we would have dressed where we grew up," Clark said. "You realize that's one of the most powerful statements that you can make." ▣

Parents, did you know:

Stronger glasses every year is not a solution.

We have the answer.

By treating myopia early, your child's risk of developing visual impairment is decreased.

Our experts use advanced treatments, such as Nighttime Lenses, to properly treat myopia. Because myopia can lead to increased glaucoma, cataracts and retinal detachment, it's important to treat quickly and correctly. Visit us today for a better alternative to glasses that fits your child's lifestyle.

Schedule your **COMPREHENSIVE** screening today.



**Myopicare**

[myopicare.com/mv1](http://myopicare.com/mv1) | 408-SeeFree (733-3733)

## HOUSING

► Continued from page 1

goal of eventually build enough offices to meet its rapid growth trajectory.

A large portion of that land would now be repurposed toward housing, Pichai wrote. At least \$750 million of Google land currently zoned for commercial office space would be submitted for residential development. Pending approval by local authorities, this land could support at least 15,000 new homes for a variety of income levels, he said.

“We hope this plays a role in addressing the chronic shortage of affordable housing options for long-time middle- and low-income residents,” Pichai said. “Across all of this, our goal is to help communities succeed over the long term, and make sure that everyone has access to opportunity, whether or not they work in tech.”

On top of dedicating land, Google pledged to put forward \$250 million as an investment fund to jump-start affordable housing development across the Bay Area market. This money would be used as an incentive to encourage developers to build at least 5,000 affordable units, Pichai wrote.

A third plank of the housing campaign is a new \$50 million housing investment in the company’s charity arm, Google.org. The company’s nonprofit would dispense this funding through grants to local nonprofits focused on addressing homelessness and displacement.

The news comes at a delicate time for Google, when the tech giant is facing heightened scrutiny and calls for tighter regulation at nearly all levels of government.

Locally, the company recently faced immense pushback from San Jose residents over its plans to open a new 20,000-worker office park in the city’s downtown. Last week, the advocacy group Working Partnerships USA released a study finding that nearby rental housing costs would likely increase by \$235 million over the next decade if no residential growth was added to the plans. That would equate to a \$816 annual rent hike for the average San Jose tenant.

In a Tuesday morning press release, Working Partnerships USA praised the new Google housing campaign.

“It’s encouraging to see Google taking the concerns of local communities seriously by

recognizing some responsibility for its role in our region’s housing crisis,” said Jeffrey Buchanan, Working Partnerships’ director of public policy. “There is clearly still more it needs to do, but it’s a very welcome first step.”

Google’s role in feeding the housing crisis in Mountain View has long been the subject of debate. As Mountain View’s largest employer by far, the company employs nearly 25,000 workers locally, enough to occupy nearly three-quarters of the city’s total housing supply. While Google attracts throngs of well-paid tech workers to the area, the lack of housing supply is a problem largely credited to decades of land-use decisions by elected officials.

Nevertheless, the company has often been pointed to as the epicenter of the Bay Area’s jobs-housing imbalance and its skyrocketing housing costs. Just last year, Mountain View voters approved a plan to begin taxing Google and other large employers based on their total employee headcount.

To a degree, Google officials have acknowledged the impact the company has on the area, and they have expressed a willingness to offset the collateral damage of the company’s

## Bay Area tops nationwide housing costs

Underscoring what everyone already knew, a new study finds that pretty much anywhere else in the country is cheaper to live than the Bay Area.

The new report by the Nonprofit Housing Association of California determined that nine of the 10 most expensive counties in the nation are right here in the golden state. Those at the top of the list — San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo — are now charging so much for housing that a household would need an hourly wage of \$60.96 to afford a two-bedroom apartment. Workers in other Bay Area counties, including

Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa, would need to earn \$39.17 to \$54.60 per hour to afford market-rate apartments.

“California has been the best at being the worst for far too long,” said Amie Fishman, Nonprofit Housing Association of California executive director. “Our state, which is the world’s fifth largest economy, has the ability and capacity to ensure that every Californian has an affordable, safe place to call home. It’s time for us to do better.”

The full report can be viewed at [reports.nlihc.org/oor](http://reports.nlihc.org/oor)

—Mark Noack

growth. Over the last four years, Mountain View has retooled its land-use guidelines for the North Bayshore neighborhood area based on Google’s vision to build 9,850 homes near its corporate headquarters. As of February, Google representatives say they had to reduce those plans to 5,700 units due to the city’s demands for various amenities. This housing would reportedly be included in the 20,000-unit goal of the new campaign.

As of Tuesday morning, Google officials could not give precise details on where they intend to build their stated goal of 20,000 units, or how it would break down between cities. At this point, company officials described it as a high-level plan that would be figured out in the coming months.

Google’s commitment of \$1 billion in resources bears similarities to a \$500 million pledge by Microsoft earlier this year to address the housing woes in the Seattle area. That investment was also premised on pressuring local policymakers to open up zoning rules to allow more housing.

Upon hearing the news, Mountain View Mayor Lisa Matichak said she was delighted. In particular, she touted the planned grants to address homelessness as something that Mountain View organizations should apply for.

“I appreciate the tech companies stepping up to provide resources to address the housing needs in the Bay Area,” Matichak said. “It’s a sizable investment that we will likely be able to leverage.”

## CLINIC

► Continued from page 5

square feet of the clinic space.

Even with the extra time, the transition is still on a tight deadline. The new clinic is expected to be done sometime in late September, according to Planned Parenthood staff, but the lease for the center on San Antonio Road expires at the end of August. The hope is that Greystar will extend the lease.

County officials plan to pay as much as \$500,000 for “tenant improvements” at the clinic so it can provide health care services that supplement — rather than compete with — what Planned Parenthood is already doing, and will likely refer patients to each other. It’s unclear when the county will

open its portion of the future Planned Parenthood clinic.

Although county officials didn’t specify at the June 18 board meeting what those specialty services will include, county clinical services at the new location are expected to include pediatric dental care and diabetes management. Planned Parenthood staff also suggested that mental health services and cardiology care could be valuable additions for patients visiting the center.

Under the terms of the lease agreement, the county will pay about \$4,800 in rent for the first year, gradually ramping up to \$5,726 for the seventh year of operation.

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

More top-rate pediatricians  
than you can shake a rattle at.



Stanford pediatricians, now in your neighborhood  
at Juvvadi Pediatrics

 **Stanford**  
Children's Health

Access to Excellence.

 Stanford MEDICINE

[genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org](http://genpeds.stanfordchildrens.org)

## SAFE PARKING

► Continued from page 5

Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA) also signaled it could open up a limited safe parking lot at its Sterlin Road headquarters. It would be a new initiative for CSA, which has focused its outreach on providing case management, food and housing aid for homeless families.

"We'd be happy to investigate that," CSA's executive director, Tom Myers, said to the City Council. "We'd be more than happy to open our parking lot and make that part of the solution."

Meanwhile, members of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church have said they would like to expand their safe parking program, but they are blocked by city regulations. For nearly a year, the congregation has hosted four vehicles in the parking lot, half of the city's currently available spots. The church would need a new temporary use permit from the city to accommodate any more cars, said Rev. Lisa McIndoo.

The Move MV nonprofit that runs the safe parking program reports that the city of Palo Alto is swiftly moving to launch its own safe parking program. Three Palo Alto churches and one synagogue have reportedly expressed interest

in joining the program, according to Move MV members.

The growing participation is welcomed by safe parking advocates, but they point out that the available space will still remain inadequate for the foreseeable future. In part, these shortcomings are due to the city's cautious approach toward finding and opening new locations, said Dave Arnone, a Move MV board member.

"I see all this compassion and possibility for what we can do, and I hear solution after solution being proposed, only to hear the city say no," Arnone told the *Voice*. "I just want to get to a place where there's people who want to get to a solution."

The Walmart at the San Antonio shopping center has for years tacitly allowed vehicle dwellers to stay in its parking lot overnight, according to city officials. This use is technically not allowed, but city planners say they have refrained from restricting the practice.

By contrast, formal city-sanctioned safe parking lots must check off many boxes for safety and security requirements. The most glaring example is a Terra Bella Avenue lot approved in October for an 11-vehicle safe parking site. The lot can only be

used for a few years, but city officials say they must first complete a series of upgrades. They intend to demolish a structure, grade the parcel and then install fencing, lighting and electrical service. Once the site is ready, the city intends to have garbage service, septic dumping and some kind of ongoing security. As of this week, that work remains unfinished, and the site still lacks a city permit.

"It's kind of unfortunate, because we could just put cars on that site right now," said Brian Leong, co-founder of Move MV. "Everything is ready to go for that lot, but it's just a logistical issue."

Given this slow progress, Arnone has urged the city to be more flexible and creative to address the need. Speaking at the June 11 council meeting, Arnone and former Mayor Lenny Siegel both criticized the city's requirement that safe parking sites only operate overnight from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., forcing people to constantly move their vehicles back onto city streets during the day. Not only is it inconvenient, but it only undermines the whole purpose of the safe parking program, they argued.

This overnight-only rule stems from the city trying to avoid legal risk. City attorneys claim

Mountain View could be legally liable for operating the equivalent of a mobile home or RV park if it didn't enforce temporary hours of operation. If city leaders wanted to change this rule, it would require state legislation, said City Attorney Jannie Quinn.

Making a presentation before the council, Arnone emphatically suggested the city needs to try different ideas, such as a formal marketing campaign to "aggressively" solicit property owners to open safe parking sites. Vacant sites waiting for redevelopment are all over town, Arnone said, so why couldn't the city waive its rules to allow a few vehicles to temporarily stay there?

"We have set the bar so high that I don't know how to be successful," Arnone told the *Voice*. "I want to go out and talk to private business owners, but I can't tell an owner what hoops he has to go through."

Arnone proposed launching a new joint task force made up of residents, government leaders and private experts who could cooperate to find spaces. It was an idea that council members supported.

But in response to Arnone, City Manager Dan Rich bristled at the implication that city staff could have done more. He pointed out the city had pushed Google last

year to open up one of its parking lots. The tech company declined, but the pressure led them to instead donate \$1 million to help expand the Hope's Corner homeless center.

"The city has spent countless hours on this," Rich said. "I would love for anyone to be more successful, but it's a false narrative to say that the city hasn't put extensive resources out there."

The push for more safe parking in Mountain View is inextricably intertwined with the recent push to restrict inhabited vehicles on city streets. Last week, the City Council approved a gradual plan to ban large vehicles from parking overnight in certain neighborhoods by early next year, which has put new pressure on the need to provide an alternative.

In an optimistic scenario, city staff said the city could eventually provide up to 100 spaces. This includes plans to use a former VTA parking lot at Evelyn Avenue and one of Shoreline Amphitheatre's lots during the winter months. The city staff report did not say where the other 40 spaces would come from, but said it would cost up to \$280,000 to manage all of them. ▀

Email Mark Noack at [mnoack@mv-voice.com](mailto:mnoack@mv-voice.com)

## Meyer Appliance Kitchens & Baths

**Thermador**★

**ELEVATE** your  
**ENTERTAINING**  
**STYLE**

THE INDUSTRY EXCLUSIVE  
GLASS CARE CENTER

"DESIGNING FOR YOUR LIFESTYLE IS OUR PASSION."

**MEYER APPLIANCE KITCHENS & BATHS**

*Family Owned Since 1946*

**861 E. El Camino, Mt. View, CA 94040**

**650-968-7866 | [www.meyerappliance.com](http://www.meyerappliance.com)**



Designed specifically to accommodate your most delicate glassware—from 26 wine glasses, to fine-cut crystal, to oversized beer steins—you can now revel in the ultimate entertaining experience.

Explore the all-new Collections at  
**THERMADOR.COM**

©2019 BSH HOME APPLIANCES CORPORATION. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

# The nature cure

FOR STRESSED-OUT FAMILIES, LOCAL DOCTORS ARE PRESCRIBING A NEW FIX: PUBLIC PARKS

By Kate Bradshaw

It's no secret that getting outdoors is good for people.

In Japan, a practice called "shinrin yoku" meaning "forest bathing," which "essentially involves hanging out in the woods," according to Outside Magazine, has grown in popularity since the 1980s and is now considered a standard practice in preventive health care.

In Norway, people practice the concept of "friluftsliv," or "open-air living," through lifestyles that prioritize time spent outdoors.

And over the past decade, the Bay Area has been at the heart of a growing national movement to get people in under-resourced communities outdoors to reap the inherent health benefits provided by sunshine, greenery and an open trail. The movement has united doctors, public health officials, community health workers and park rangers alike with a goal of getting more people — especially families with kids, and in particular families that have traditionally underutilized public parks — enjoying time in nature.

## Benefits

While the notion that spending time in nature has health benefits isn't a new one, it is getting increasing scientific scrutiny with daily screen time on the rise and daily outdoors time in decline. Research indicates that besides the straightforward benefit that physical activity burns calories and can help with weight management, nature carries with it a plethora of additional benefits.

In 1984, scientist Edward O. Wilson presented the theory of "biophilia," which posits that humans have an innate tendency to seek connections with nature and other forms of life, developed as part of the evolutionary process.

More recent research suggests that "time spent in nature may improve social bonding and reduce violence, stimulate learning and creativity, help raise standardized test scores, and serve as a buffer to toxic stress, depression and anxiety," according to a recent Sierra Magazine story on efforts to recognize access to nature as a human right.

The good news is that both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have a significant portion of their land dedicated as open space, much of which is

publicly accessible. According to the Bay Area Greenprint Project, a collaboration between The Nature Conservancy, Bay Area Open Space Council, American Farmland Trust, Greenbelt Alliance, and GreenInfo Network, 43% of the land in San Mateo County and 31% of the land in Santa Clara County is protected by ownership or conservation easements.

## The nature cure

The movement to "prescribe" parks as a health practice was launched in its current iteration in 2008 when the Institute at the Golden Gate, part of the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, was founded. In 2012, the institute first piloted a "park prescription" program in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood. Later that year, it launched the "Healthy Parks Healthy People: Bay Area" collaborative with the East Bay Regional Park District and the National Park Service.

According to Betty Sun, program manager at the institute, nature helps people make deeper connections on three levels: with themselves, with others and with the planet.

Being alone outside — and sometimes in places without cellphone service — can help people unplug from devices, she explained. For the already-converted like herself, she said, it's easy to notice how good it feels to take a 20-minute walk outside on a stressful day, or visit a local park on the weekend.

Spending time with people outside can also help deepen the quality of their interactions, Sun says. Going on a road trip or hanging out in nature with friends helps people feel more connected. Among veterans her programs work with, she says, some people prefer to hike in silent contemplation, while others open up on the trail, telling stories and enjoying the companionship of other veterans.

"You can enjoy the quiet side of nature and also enjoy the power of bringing people together," she says.

At the risk of sounding touchy-feely, she added, there's the less tangible feeling that comes from touching redwood trees, walking in the dirt, and contemplating life while gazing out at spectacular vistas.

New research about the science of "awe" indicates that, as Sun describes, "Feeling small is really good for us."



FRANCES FREYBERG BLACKBURN

**During wildflower season,** visitors at Pearson-Arastradero Preserve can find fields of lupine and poppies in bloom.

A recent study by Bay Area researcher Craig Anderson found that when military veterans and youth from underserved backgrounds experienced feelings of "awe" while whitewater rafting, they reported lessened symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder and overall stress a week after the trip, along with improved social relationships, life satisfaction and happiness.

"We believe parks are public lands and should be for everyone," Sun said, but noted that, "Those that need nature most are also not coming to our parks."

## Unequal access

Despite the growing body of evidence on the health benefits of outdoors time and the significant amount of land dedicated to public outdoor recreational use, both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have found in recent analyses that members of the public are not accessing these resources equally.

A 2015-16 study found that in San Mateo County, park visitors tended to be older, whiter, and more educated than county residents as a whole. According to the study, park visitors were on average 50 years old. More than 75% were white and 75% had a bachelor's degree or additional higher education. Among county residents, the median age is 40, 40% of residents are white and 48% of residents have bachelor's degrees or additional higher education.

In Santa Clara County, a 2018 survey of park users found that 53% of visitors were white, 16% were Hispanic, and 22% were Asian — the county's top three most populous ethnicities — compared with population

estimates that the county's resident population is 51% white, 26% Hispanic and 37% Asian.

So where do doctors fit into the campaign to make "outdoorsy" a more inclusive adjective, one that doesn't just connote mostly upper middle-class, mostly white folks who don't mind paying a small fortune for waterproof jackets and boots?

## Two approaches

Over the last couple of years, both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties have started doing "awesome work" to get "low-income, stressed-out families out at parks to enjoy the health benefits of nature," Sun says.

While there are many similarities in the two counties' efforts, each has taken different first steps to try to get more people out in nature, according to Sun.

## San Mateo County

In San Mateo County, initial efforts have come from the county's top public health official, Dr. Scott Morrow, to make it easier for doctors to talk to patients about outdoors time by embedding the option of prescribing park time into the county health system's electronic medical records software. With a few clicks, doctors — mainly pediatricians at this point — can now direct their patients to their prescribed outdoor remedy, which even includes a preset dosage: "Spend time in nature, one hour, twice a week."

Embedding this option into the workflow of harried physicians is a critical step toward making such prescriptions sustainable in the medical community, Morrow explains.

"There's lots of evidence this is an effective recommendation," he says. What's less evident is which type of park or what kind of activity or program is best. When it comes to which parks to seek out, as a Half Moon Bay resident, Morrow says he's biased toward the majesty of the Coastside redwoods, but proximity and convenience of outdoor spaces are important factors too.

So far, it's been easier for pediatricians to incorporate prescribing parks into their interactions with patients — a symptom of an adult health care system more focused on addressing acute problems than preventive care, especially for the low-income adults he sees at the county clinic, Morrow says. But he adds that he's very interested in getting these recommendations systematically provided to adults as well.

"It's a culture change we're going for," he says.

Morrow adds that for him, nature time is more about mental than physical health. Sure, walking in a park for an hour is healthy for one's body. But even just sitting on a bench in a park can be great for one's mental health. Dedicated nature time can also help people with another practice he recommends, what he calls a "digital sabbath" — the notion of setting boundaries with personal technology use and taking one day a week to unplug from technology.

The county health department also helps to organize outdoor activities with specific clinics, including the Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto. The health department works with the state's Nutrition

► See **NATURE**, page 13

## NATURE

► Continued from page 12

Education and Obesity Prevention Branch program and its coordinator, Gloria Cahuich Gonzalez, to assemble participants and provide transportation when needed to outdoor programs, which are led by park rangers and park support nonprofits such as Friends of Huddart and Wunderlich Parks and Peninsula Open Space Trust. In a trial study, participating doctors are also providing patients free passes — funded by the San Mateo County Parks Foundation — to parks that charge access fees.

But there are still some barriers families face when venturing outside for the first time. As Sun explained, it can be intimidating to go places where there may not be information available in one's native language. Knowing what to wear, where to go, and how to get there, especially with limited transportation options, are other common barriers people can experience.

While the project is still in a pilot phase with limited public

results, Dr. Rachel Borovina, a pediatrician at the San Mateo Medical Center, spoke at the Children & Nature Network Conference in May to present the findings of the county's case study.

## Santa Clara County

In contrast, Santa Clara County's efforts to prescribe parks, Sun says, focus on working with families to remove the barriers they experience in accessing the outdoors, though this can be more expensive and require more intensive efforts by physicians.

According to Michelle Wexler, prevention program analyst with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the county first got involved through the "Healthy Parks Healthy People" initiative. Members in the initiative started hosting "First Saturday" events that encouraged first-time or infrequent park visitors to access free, introductory park activities.

About two years ago, she says, she partnered with the county parks department for a grant

from Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, funded by Measure Q, to work with physicians to write park prescriptions, hire a bilingual community worker to follow up with families and help get them to parks, and organize monthly "First Saturdays" at parks where free activities and programs are organized the first Saturday of each month.

Since then, the program has only grown, with many families returning to the events again and again, she says. Today, it is so popular they've expanded it to the first and third Saturdays of each month.

They also provide families with free passes since many of the local county parks have paid parking. And for families with limited or no car access — say they have only one car and a parent needs to take it to work on Saturday — the community worker helps families figure out transportation options. In some cases, this involves lining up a taxi to take a family to the park.

Laurie Cammon, a pediatrician with the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in Santa Clara County, explains that in addition

to seeing patients become more active outside, the program has had significant, less obvious benefits for her patients and her practice.

Many of the families who participate in the program, she says, have developed friendships and are building a community around the park walks. And for the health providers in her clinic, she adds, going out and connecting with patients in the outdoors can help them avoid burnout.

Since the program began, she says, she's also seen her rate of patient no-shows and cancellations decline. "When families attend, then come back to the clinics, they feel more comfortable with (health care) providers," she says.

She tells the story of how one teen she works with often missed appointments, avoided eye contact, and gave one-syllable responses to questions before participating in the program. After attending the program, the teen seemed more comfortable talking to her, provided more thorough responses and smiled more.

Another family she works

with, she recalls, was feeling really overwhelmed and stressed out, and didn't feel like they'd be able to make some of the lifestyle changes she was recommending.

She told them: "If you can't do anything else, just come to a park walk."

The whole family came.

At their next visit, Cammon says they told her: "It's a wonderful thing you do. We felt like we could breathe there." They reported feeling less overwhelmed, more relaxed, and more empowered to make lifestyle changes.

"The experience of being outside at this program gave them some hope and confidence to make changes they hadn't felt before," Cammon says.

"I was a true believer before," she says. "Now I'm an over-the-top believer."

As for what's next for the program, Wexler says, "We're dreamers. We would love to make it so that every pediatrician in Santa Clara County could write a park prescription for their patients." ■

Email Kate Bradshaw at [kbradshaw@mv-voice.com](mailto:kbradshaw@mv-voice.com)

## CRIME BRIEFS

► Continued from page 4

A woman told police that she spotted a man stepping onto the trail from the bushes around 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, near Central Avenue. She continued to run but noticed the man trailing behind her for a short distance. As she stopped to approach him, the man reportedly pulled his shorts to the side and exposed his genitals, police said.

The woman called police, and officers detained the man as he was leaving the trail. The 38-year-old, redheaded man was identified by the victim and arrested on suspicion of indecent exposure and taken to Santa Clara County jail.

Police suspect there may be additional victims, and are asking anyone who is a victim or may know a victim to email Detective Robert Medina at [robert.medina@mountainview.gov](mailto:robert.medina@mountainview.gov).

The Mountain View Police Department is also looking into whether the man was connected to an incident earlier this month, when a man reportedly ran up to a woman and tried to pull down her shorts.

That incident occurred on Diericx Drive around 12:40 p.m. on June 3 near Franklin Avenue in the Waverly Park neighborhood. Officers conducted an extensive search of the area but could not find the man.

Police believe that the cases

may be related because the descriptions of the suspect in both incidents — an adult white man — are similar, and the locations are similar in proximity, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

"We want to make sure we are investigating all avenues," she said.

A photo of the suspected flasher is included in the department's press release, which can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/trail612](http://tinyurl.com/trail612).

## COPPER THIEVES TARGET CREEK UNDERPASS

The lights illuminating the U.S. Highway 101 underpass on Stevens Creek Trail went out during stormy weather earlier this year. When city staff got them working again, they soon went out a second time.

This time, however, the outage was caused not by weather but by thieves. When asked about the lights during a neighborhood meeting last month, interim Community Services Director John Marchant said the copper wiring had been stolen.

A passerby on the trail reported the theft on May 26 around 12:30 p.m., telling police that the electrical boxes on the trail had been opened and the copper wires inside had been removed, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson. Officers found that two of the utility boxes had the concrete cover removed.

No suspect description is available, Nelson said.

The trail's Highway 101 underpass was shut down twice during heavy winter storms this year, first in mid-February to clear debris and again in March to restore the trail lighting. Residents at the May 30 Council Neighborhood Committee meeting asked questions about trail lighting and safety, which was a particularly sensitive topic after a woman was attacked and beaten on a dark stretch of the trail near Creekside Park.

## REFUSAL TO PAY

A transient woman was arrested in downtown Mountain View over the weekend after she bought food and wine from a restaurant and refused to pay the bill.

Police say the woman, 51, ate food and drank a bottle of wine at Blue Line Pizza but refused to pay for the meal around 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 16. The woman reportedly yelled obscenities at the staff insisting that she pay, prompting the restaurant employees to call police, according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

The woman refused to pay the bill even with officers present and appeared to be intoxicated, Nelson said. She was arrested on suspicion of what the penal code refers to as "defrauding an innkeeper" and being drunk in public.

## DOWNTOWN FATHER'S DAY FIGHT

A Mountain View father and son were both arrested on suspicion of public intoxication after the two got into a fight in downtown Mountain View on Father's Day.

The father, 39, and the son, 21, reportedly got into an argument at the corner of Villa and Castro streets on Sunday, June

16. The fight escalated into a physical altercation around 8:30 p.m., according to police spokeswoman Katie Nelson.

Both men were showing objective signs of intoxication during the incident, Nelson said. Both were arrested on suspicion of being drunk in public.

Neither man was seriously injured, Nelson said.

—Kevin Forestieri

## BUDGET OFFICER

► Continued from page 7

funds that ensures a "smooth transition" in leadership. Along with coaching, the district will be relying on his expertise to wrap up capital spending using Measure G funds and make recommendations on how to more efficiently spend district funding on stipends, child nutrition and transportation.

"Considering the specialized nature of district CBO work and the accuracy required, we think this investment is wise," she said.

Budget management may require a different set of skills than those of a principal, but it's still a fairly frequent stepping stone. Mike Mathiesen, who works the equivalent job of assistant superintendent of business services at the Mountain View Los Altos High School District, was an assistant principal and social studies teacher at

Mountain View High School. Craig Goldman, the former superintendent of Mountain View Whisman, became chief business officer after serving as principal at Huff Elementary School.

Goldman told the *Voice* in an email that principals are actually pretty well positioned for the job. They get plenty of experience managing budgets and facilities, and have a "keen sense" for what resources are needed to support students, teachers and staff.

"While CBOs need to be comfortable with the numbers for strategic purposes, districts have accountants to provide technical checks and balances," Goldman said. "Of course, nobody comes to his or her first CBO position fully ready for the challenges of the job, but there are plenty of training opportunities." ■

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

**HACKER**► *Continued from page 5*

Colby of all charges on June 6, 2018, after a six-day trial: one count of transmitting a program, code, command or information to a computer, intending to cause damage; one felony count of attempting to do the same; and three misdemeanors of unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer.

For each felony, he faced a fine of up to \$250,000, a prison term not to exceed 10 years, or both, and a maximum of one year in prison and up to \$100,000 in fines for each misdemeanor.

Colby's sentencing was delayed for a year, however, after his defense attorney, Vicki Young, asked on the day he was originally scheduled to be sentenced — Oct. 31, 2018 — that he be evaluated for mental competency. (This despite the fact that he had been evaluated and found competent prior to his trial.) Young's request took place after Colby, without Young's knowledge, emailed U.S. District Court Judge Lucy Koh on Oct. 30 a surreptitious recording he had made of a proffer interview with the FBI in May 2016. Koh questioned whether Colby's actions were a stunt to delay his sentencing but agreed to the evaluation.

Colby, who had been out on \$50,000 bail, was taken into custody for the mental competency evaluation and spent nearly six months in custody, first in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin, then in a federal prison in Texas while he received two separate mental health evaluations. Koh ruled him competent for sentencing this past May 10.

Federal prosecutors sought

during the trial to prove through evidence from the FBI investigation that Colby planned the hack over a series of months. The FBI tracked IP addresses that identified and linked electronic devices and their whereabouts to Colby, creating a timeline of the surveillance of and intrusion into Embarcadero Media's computer systems. The defense sought unsuccessfully to discredit the prosecution's evidence but presented no affirmative defense.

**A motive emerges**

Colby did not testify at the trial and had no known connection to Embarcadero Media, and neither government prosecutors nor his defense counsel offered a motive for the hacking. However, after the jury began its deliberations in June 2018, prosecutors told Embarcadero that Colby had admitted to the crime in the May 2016 FBI proffer interview. According to court documents, Colby told prosecutors he hacked the system at the request of a convicted felon and former Menlo Park resident, Hiruy Amanuel, who wanted him to remove two stories written about him on the Almanac website, a sister publication of Mountain View Online, and in the print edition of the Almanac.

The stories, published in December 2013, reported on a lawsuit Amanuel had filed against the city of Menlo Park and a Menlo Park police officer for violating his civil rights during a January 2013 traffic stop. Both stories referenced the fact that Amanuel had previously pleaded guilty to federal drug-trafficking charges in 2009 in exchange for two other charges

being dropped. He was sentenced to a 21-month prison term.

Embarcadero Media was able to confirm while the jury was deliberating that one of the stories had been removed from the Almanac's online archives and another had been altered to change all names in the story. (The stories have since been restored by the company.)

The civil suit was settled on July 28, 2015, just six days after Colby first accessed Embarcadero's servers in preparation for the hacking that took down all Embarcadero websites less than two months later, according to evidence obtained by the FBI. Amanuel received \$500 from the city of Menlo Park and his attorney recovered \$49,400, according to the settlement agreement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan Knight told Koh that the FBI and U.S. Attorney didn't pursue Amanuel and didn't share Colby's story with Embarcadero Media during the two-year long investigation because they didn't believe Colby, who could offer no hard evidence for his assertions. Amanuel, who currently resides in Ethiopia, issued a statement through his attorney on Dec. 17, 2018, to Embarcadero Media President Bill Johnson stating that the FBI "never" contacted him "during the course of their investigation in these matters whatsoever" and "adamantly denies that he ever paid Ross Colby or anyone in his behalf to hack any website, or anything of the sort."

Knight told the court that the FBI was unable to locate or talk with Amanuel during the investigation.

During the trial, a former roommate of Colby testified the hacker revealed to him he had been paid to attack the news sites, but neither Colby's attorney nor federal prosecutors asked for details.

Colby deleted the content of all of Embarcadero's websites and

replaced it with an image of Guy Fawkes, the icon of the activist group Anonymous, and posted a message stating: "Greetings, this site has been hacked. Embarcadero Media Group (Almanac) (sic) has failed to remove content that has been harmful to the wellbeing and safety of others. Failure to honor all requests to remove content will lead to the permanent shutdown of all Embarcadero Media websites." Each website's URL was replaced with the text "Unbalanced journalism for profit at the cost of human right, Brought to you by the Almanac."

Embarcadero IT Director Frank Bravo testified at trial that the hack appeared designed to inflict significant financial damage to the news group.

**Factors in his sentencing**

At the sentencing, Knight argued that Colby had not accepted responsibility for his actions and should serve time in prison rather than receive a split sentence that would give him credit for time served and allow him to serve any additional time wearing an electronic monitor. She also defended not investigating the alleged role of Hiruy Amanuel, saying that Colby was not able to provide any evidence of his involvement. She acknowledged, however, that the FBI should have asked Embarcadero Media to look into whether stories about Amanuel had been removed from its website.

"I apologize for that," Knight told the court in a May 10 hearing.

Before rendering her sentencing decision, Koh expressed her concern that Colby had not been completely honest in hearings before and after the trial and had sought to manipulate the court. As an example of his unreliability, she pointed to Colby's withholding of the surreptitious recording of his

proffer session with the FBI until the night before the scheduled Oct. 31 sentencing and failing to divulge its existence during pretrial hearings.

Although Colby might have been afraid of Amanuel, as he stated during interviews with prosecutors and in pre-trial hearings, Koh said his story kept growing over a three-year period, giving her pause about his credibility.

In a victim statement, Johnson said the hacking had a significant effect on the company, both operationally and emotionally. But citing Colby's health problems (he suffers from Lyme Disease) requiring complicated drug treatments, the fact Colby had already been in custody for almost six months and the lack of any further benefit other than retribution to his serving another six or more months in prison, Johnson urged the court to sentence Colby to the time he had already served plus a period of supervised release.

Of greater concern to Embarcadero Media, Johnson said, was the government's failure to follow up on Amanuel's alleged involvement in the crime, which Johnson called "the elephant in the room," even as he acknowledged the work of the FBI.

Koh said she had many of the same questions about the investigation and its failure to pursue Colby's assertions.

In sentencing Colby to no additional prison time, Koh said she was persuaded that additional incarceration would serve little purpose and was persuaded by Johnson's recommendations, as the victim in the case. She cited Colby's brain injury from a motorcycle accident, his chronic Lyme Disease, PTSD and other complications as factors in not sending him back to prison.

Colby declined to make a statement before the court. But Koh had a parting admonition.

"Mr. Colby, please do not disappoint me. You are so talented. Do not waste it on things like this," she said.

In addition to his sentence, Colby cannot contact Embarcadero Media, can't use a computer or mobile device without the prior approval of a probation officer, must enroll in a computer-monitoring program and can't use the internet without approval of his probation officer. He must also submit to a monitoring device on his electronic equipment.

Johnson said he was very satisfied and pleased with Koh's sentencing decision and that he and Embarcadero Media staff members are happy to finally have closure with the case. ■

*Email Sue Dremann at sdremann@paweekly.com*

**LASD**

Los Altos School District

**Notice of Request for Proposal for Lease of Space for Pre-School Services**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees for the LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Altos, CA, Santa Clara County ("District"), will receive sealed proposals up to but no later than 2:00 pm PST July 15, 2019 ("Deadline") for the District's Request for Proposals for the Lease of Space for Pre-School Services.

Persons or companies interested in submitting a proposal may obtain a copy of the complete RFP through contacting Teri Drenker, Purchasing Supervisor, Los Altos School District, at 650 947-1162 or tdrenker@lasdschools.org.

Proposals must be submitted as described in the RFP. It is the sole responsibility of the person submitting the proposal to ensure that the proposal is delivered on time. The District will not be responsible for, nor accept, as a valid excuse for a late proposal delivery, any delay in mail service or other method of delivery. Any proposal submitted after the Deadline may be rejected by the District.

Please refer to the complete RFP for additional information.

Teri Drenker  
Purchasing Supervisor  
Los Altos School District, Santa Clara County, State of California

**COMMUNITY BRIEF****VEHICLE RESIDENTS TO HOLD POTLUCK**

To foster better dialogue on one of the city's most heated issues, local residents are throwing a picnic.

The Mountain View Vehicle Residents, a group representing the city's population living out of their cars, is throwing a "meetthy-neighbor" event this weekend to bring together stakeholders on the city's homelessness issue.

The meet-and-greet event, which is open to everyone, is intended as a way for local residents to come learn more about the people living out of their vehicles in a neutral, safe setting. The picnic is a potluck with food and drinks.

"It's important for us to get our stories out there to everyone to get rid of some of the bad stigma and views surrounding people living in vehicles," said Blaine Dzwonczyk, a Vehicle Residents steering committee member. "We want to invite all of our neighbors to get to know us and interact with us."

The public picnic is scheduled for 3 p.m. on June 23 at the barbecue area near the basketball courts at Rengstorff Park.

—Mark Noack

# Viewpoint

■ EDITORIAL

■ YOUR LETTERS

■ GUEST OPINIONS

## MountainView VOICE

Founding Editor, *Kate Wakerly*

### ■ STAFF

#### EDITOR

Andrea Gemmet (223-6537)

#### EDITORIAL

##### Assistant Editor

Julia Brown (223-6531)

##### Arts & Entertainment Editor

Karla Kane (223-6517)

##### Special Sections Editor

Linda Taaffe (223-6511)

##### Staff Writers

Kevin Forestieri (223-6535)

Mark Noack (223-6536)

Interns Ray Levy-Uyeda, Nisha Malley

##### Staff Photographer

Magali Gauthier (223-6530)

##### Photo Intern

Sadie Stinson

##### Contributors

Peter Canavese, Natalia Nazarova,

Ruth Schecter, Monica Schreiber

#### DESIGN & PRODUCTION

##### Design and Production Manager

Kristin Brown (223-6562)

Designers Linda Atilano, Amy Levine,

Paul Llewellyn, Doug Young

#### ADVERTISING

##### Vice President Sales and Marketing

Tom Zahralis (223-6570)

##### Advertising Representative

Tiffany Birch (223-6573)

##### Real Estate Account Executive

Rosemary Lewkowicz (223-6585)

##### Advertising Services Manager

Kevin Legarda (223-6597)

Published every Friday at

450 Cambridge Avenue

Palo Alto, CA 94306

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

Email news and photos to:

editor@MV-Voice.com

Email letters to: letters@MV-Voice.com

##### News/Editorial Department

(650) 964-6300 fax (650) 964-0294

##### Display Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6300

##### Classified Advertising Sales

(650) 964-6490 • (650) 326-8286

fax (650) 326-0155

Email Classified ads@MV-Voice.com

##### Email Circulation

circulation@MV-Voice.com

The Voice is published weekly by Embarcadero Media Co. and distributed free to residences and businesses in Mountain View. If you are not currently receiving the paper, you may request free delivery by calling 964-6300. Subscriptions for \$60 per year, \$100 per 2 years are welcome.

©2019 by Embarcadero Media Company. All rights reserved.

Member, Mountain View Chamber of Commerce



### ■ WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

All views must include a home address and contact phone number. Published letters will also appear on the web site, [www.MountainViewOnline.com](http://www.MountainViewOnline.com), and occasionally on the Town Square forum.

#### Town Square forum

Post your views on Town Square at [MountainViewOnline.com](http://MountainViewOnline.com)

Email your views to [letters@MV-Voice.com](mailto:letters@MV-Voice.com). Indicate if letter is to be published.

Mail to: Editor  
Mountain View Voice,  
P.O. Box 405  
Mountain View, CA 94042-0405

Call the Viewpoint desk at 223-6531

### KEEP LOOKING

This letter is my request to the City Council to continue looking for better ways to house low-income workers. Sweeping resolutions like the RV ban (“Council moves ahead with milder RV ban,” June 14) can’t be the answer.

Mountain View, and most cities, needs minimum-wage workers. Do you have an elder relative who needs in-home care, do you have a gardener, do you like going to the store and having well-stocked shelves, do you like knowing your workplace is kept clean? When was the last time you went into a fast food restaurant and didn’t see a help wanted sign? These and many other services are provided by minimum-wage workers.

I’m proud of the council for requiring below-market-rate housing, but this policy does not really help minimum-wage workers. Below market rate means 50 to 80% of the median income, which is \$120,000 a year in Mountain View. The hourly wage for 50% of that is \$29 an hour, almost double our recently enacted \$15 an hour minimum wage. So please keep looking, maybe even trying a little bit of everything (including well-regulated RV parking), because after all the effort put in by our council and others, it’s becoming pretty clear there is (no) single solution.

*Steve Fitzsimons  
Magritte Way*

### HOUSING EDITORIAL

I’m never exactly sure who the editorials get written by, but I know the editor usually has her hand in them!

Thanks. This editorial (“Time for City Council to show it’s serious about housing,” May 17) elicited the written response of the two most adamant council opponents of compassionate, personal-welfare-centered housing policies! (Whose response I am also glad you quickly published, “Council members respond to the Voice’s editorial on housing,” June 7). A viable democratic process always involves “public policy debate” (and “clash.” That is the term the National Forensic League uses to explain a good public policy division contest.

Thanks for being the conscience of the community on this issue. It will be interesting to see how much the community agrees and how that is reflected in the public policy votes of the council.

*Steven Nelson  
Former Mountain View  
Whisman School District  
trustee*

### RIDE-SHARE PUBLIC TRANSIT?

Rather than spending more than a million on just a study of an automated transit system that may never materialize (“City approves second study for automated transit,” June 14), I propose implementing an Uber/Lyft-based frequent public transit. Suppose we want to connect downtown with North Bayshore with a service that runs every five minutes. Assume a round-trip time of 30 minutes, which means that only about six cars/minivans are needed at a time. Suppose that each driver is paid \$40/hour (minus 20 to 25% commission), which is generous by Uber standards. Operating 12 hours a day, 365 days a year, this would cost six times \$40 times 12 times 365 = \$1 million. In other words, the budget of the study would cover one year of operation of a very frequent free transit route.

Furthermore, imagine several cities (such as Mountain View, Palo Alto, Stanford) and major companies (Google, Facebook, etc.) getting together and implementing similar public transit lines along major traffic corridors, such as El Camino, Middlefield, Central Expressway, 101, Shoreline, San Antonio, etc. Frequent service and simple, straight routes could make transfers easy and quick.

If the ridership picks up, then there would be sufficient justification for allocating dedicated lanes or even building up infrastructure, such as elevated lanes, podcar tracks and automated driving. But for now, the priority should be to break the vicious cycle of people not using public transit because of insufficient service, and no resources for improving the service due to low ridership.

Don’t get me wrong, I am

not a fan of Uber, Lyft, or the entire gig economy. But it has become a fact of life, and it’s about time it would provide some public benefit, such as solving Bay Area’s traffic problems rather than exacerbating them.

*Valentin Abramzon  
Showers Court*

### AN IMPORTANT CAUSE

I would like to talk about an issue which is very important to me and an opportunity for Mountain View readers to contribute their time or money to the cause.

I volunteer with a nonprofit organization called Reading Partners, which aims to help elementary school students who are struggling with reading catch up to their reading level and have success in the classroom. Reading Partners initiated in the Bay Area in 1999, and now has thousands of students and tutors all over the country. Studies show that children who read (at) their grade level by fourth grade are four times more likely to graduate high school than those who don’t, and teens who drop out are more likely to be arrested or have a child as a teenager.

I volunteer weekly by reading with a student and teaching a planned lesson, and I have found it very rewarding to watch my student grow tremendously and enjoy reading. The purpose of Reading Partners is to help elementary school students who read at least six months behind their grade level be on grade level by fourth grade to prepare them for success in high school and beyond, and 85% of students enrolled in Reading Partners reach this target.

Reading Partners is an important cause to me because it ensures that all kids have a fair chance to succeed in school and in life and aren’t limited in opportunity because they got behind their grade level in reading at one point in elementary school. I want readers to support this cause by volunteering as little as an hour a week, for which they can apply on the website, [readingpartners.org](http://readingpartners.org), or donate, which can also be done through the website and helps increase student capacity by

allowing for more classroom resources and books. Thank you!

*Brandon Freiberg  
Sullivan Drive*

### CALTRAIN ISN’T LISTENING

I’m saddened by what Caltrain staff seem to be passing as “public outreach” and “public workshops” to improve the layouts of the planned electrified train cars. The community of bicycle riders who rely on Caltrain has made its message heard loud and clear, and yet the Caltrain staff is refusing to listen.

I have provided alternative car layouts that would improve the cars for both cyclists and for regular riders, and none of these adjustments has ever been seriously considered in any public forum, nor have I received any feedback from staff.

Caltrain is electrifying partially because they understand that continuing to burn fossil fuels to operate is not an option. This is fantastic, and a step in the right direction. But if they recognize this imperative need, then why are they not also working on making the system as compatible with other fossil-fuel-free transit as possible? We need a Caltrain system for the future energy economy, not for the fossil-fueled past.

The board has mandated an 8:1 ratio of seats to bikes, and this seems to be something Caltrain staff is not even slightly concerned with. Why is staff allowed to flaunt board mandates?

Overall, this process reeks of cronyism from the early days of rail. The railroad company is deciding what they want and forcing it on everyone, regardless of what the impact will be. This is not the Caltrain I want to ride.

*Drew Skau, Ph.D.  
Vallejo*

### What’s on your mind?

Tell us your thoughts on matters of interest to the community by sending your letters to [letters@MV-Voice.com](mailto:letters@MV-Voice.com). Or snail-mail them to: Mountain View Voice, P.O. Box 405, Mountain View, CA 94042.

## Laughs plentiful in Pear Theatre's 'Present Laughter'

1939 NOËL COWARD FARCE EXPLORES THE MADCAP LIFE OF AN ACTOR

By John Orr

Laughs are available by the bushful in the Pear Theatre production of Noël Coward's "Present Laughter," a frantic farce written and set in 1939 and based fairly strongly on Coward's own life.

Director Walter M. Mayes cleverly allows some cast members to go loudly over the top while keeping most of the cast grounded in something like British reserve. The mix helps this production deliver most of the laughs Coward intended.

Charles Woodson Parker is funny as Garry Essendine, a popular actor who is beset by a complicated web of circumstances as he is preparing for a trip to Africa, and quietly terrified by his approaching 40th birthday. Essendine's life is madness and it makes for a fun play. As a performer, Parker sometimes shows a charming likeness to Hugh Grant.

There are two aggressive women who want to bed Essendine, an absolutely crazy would-be playwright who hounds him, and his secretary, maid, valet and estranged wife to deal with. Not to mention his

two business partners, one of whom is married to one of the women who wants to bed him and the other who is already having an affair with her. Plus, a well-heeled member of British nobility who is the mother of the other lustful woman.

The play opens with Jennifer Chapman as Daphne Stillington emerging from Essendine's guest room. She spent the night, she explains, because she had lost her latch key. This is not a new phenomenon to the Swedish maid, the valet or to Essendine's longtime secretary.

Monica Cappuccini is hilarious as the maid, Miss Erikson, with an omnipresent cigarette dangling from her lip, her stockings rolled down around her ankles and a constantly moving duster brush. Tyler Pardini is simperingly amused and amusing as the valet, Fred. Caitlin Papp is excellent as the officious, aggravated and patient secretary Monica.

Alex Draa is annoyingly loud as would-be playwright Roland Maule, but it works, especially as the play develops in madcap madness.

Kristin Walter shows up as Liz, the estranged wife, and



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL KRUSE CRAIG/PEAR THEATRE.

**Jennifer Chapman** as Daphne Stillington tries to escape the clutches of Alex Draa as Roland Maule, while Charles Woodson Parker as Garry Essendine tries to pull him away. In back are Barbara Heninger as Lady Saltburn and John Stephen King as Morris Dixon in "Present Laughter" at the Pear Theatre.

relates her worry that Essendine's friend Morris is having an affair with Henry's wife, Joanna. Essendine tries to find the truth, but fails.

David Boyll as Henry and John Stephen King as Morris have just the right looks for their roles as the business partners, and deliver their lines well.

Damaris Divito shows up with a great performance as the femme fatale Joanna. She successfully seduces Essendine, and who can blame him?

Pretty much everybody, actually. Act II, Scene 2, is

completely frantic, as Essendine's staff discovers Joanna, who uses the latch-key excuse to no avail. While everybody is in a panic, and some actually faint or otherwise hit the floor, Maule is running around, and the whole thing gets pretty crazy. Act III continues the insanity.

Thanks to a huge and handsome set designed by Pear Artistic Director Elizabeth Kruse Craig, there are lots of doors and stairs by which actors may come and go. Lighting by Meghan Souther adds a lovely bit of warmth to the goings

on (except for one missed cue, when dialogue started in the dark). Kathleen O'Brien's costumes are charming and time-correct, although some of the dresses could use ironing.

Some cavils: The flow of this show is not crisp. At times it sort of lumbers along, partly because of Coward's script, partly because the cast occasionally does not have the timing right. Everybody speaks in pretty good English accents, but only Barbara Heninger as Lady Saltburn really manages what the British call the "plummy accents" of the upper class. And the scene wherein Joanna seduces Essendine could use a different blocking. He kind of just flops on top of her on the chaise lounge and it isn't funny or sexy.

Still, a fun and ambitious show for the tiny Pear. ▣

Freelance writer John Orr can be emailed at [johnorr@regardingarts.com](mailto:johnorr@regardingarts.com).



**Damaris Divito** as Joanna, Caitlin Lawrence Papp as Monica and Kristin Walter as Liz, from left, in "Present Laughter" at the Pear Theatre.

## Public Notices

### 995 Fictitious Name Statement

STOCKS & BLONDES SALON  
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
File No.: FBN655489  
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as:  
Stocks & Blondes Salon, located at 282 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041, Santa Clara County.  
This business is owned by: An Individual.  
The name and residence address of the registrant(s) is(are): VANESSA DANY CHOEUK  
282 Castro Street  
Mountain View, CA 94041  
Registrant began transacting business under the fictitious business name(s) listed above on June 04, 2019.  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk-Recorder of Santa Clara County on June 4, 2019.  
(MVV June 21, 28; July 5, 12, 2019)

The Mountain View Voice is adjudicated to publish in Santa Clara County.

Public Hearing Notices  
Resolutions • Bid Notices  
Notices of Petition to Administer Estate  
Lien Sale • Trustee's Sale

**Deadline is 5 p.m. the previous Friday.**

Call Alicia Santillan at 650-223-6578 or email [asantillan@pawekly.com](mailto:asantillan@pawekly.com) for assistance with your legal advertising needs.

### ■ INFORMATION

**What:** "Present Laughter."  
**Where:** Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View.  
**When:** Through June 30 (showtimes vary).  
**Cost:** \$35.  
**Info:** [thepear.org](http://thepear.org).

## A British invasion

PALO ALTO PLAYERS' "ONE MAN, TWO GUVNORS" DELIVERS LAUGHS, TOMFOOLERY AND SONGS

By Karla Kane

Carlo Goldoni's 1746 commedia dell'arte-inspired play "The Servant of Two Masters" gets a swinging '60s, oh-so-British makeover in "One Man, Two Guvnors," an adaptation by Richard Bean with songs by Grant Olding. The madcap farce was a big hit in the United Kingdom in 2011, Broadway in 2012 (earning comedian James Corden a Tony Award) and now seems poised to be an audience favorite at the Lucie Stern Theater, if the roaring laughter greeting Palo Alto Players' opening night is any indication.

Set in the seaside town of Brighton in 1963, Doug Santana plays leading buffoon Francis Henshall, a former member of a skiffle band (he also claims responsibility for The Beatles) who was tossed out of the group and is desperate to earn some bread so he can get, well, bread. He's taken a job as a lackey for London gangster Roscoe Crabbe who, unbeknownst to him, is actually Roscoe's twin sister, Rachel, in disguise (Katie Champlin). Rachel is on the lam down the coast after her brother's murder, at the hands of her betrothed, the posh Stanley Stubbers (Brad Satterwhite, also on the lam, also hiding in Brighton). Rachel-as-Roscoe hits up Charlie "The Duck" Clench (Ray D'Ambrosio), a fellow crime lord, for getaway money.

An added complication is that Roscoe, who was gay, had an arrangement with Charlie to marry his dim-witted daughter Pauline (Michelle Skinner) but in the meantime, she's fallen madly in love with pretentious wannabe actor Alan Dangle (Drew Benjamin Jones), the son of Charlie's sesquipedalian lawyer Harry Dangle (played by Troy Johnson and from the law firm Dangle, Berry and Bush; it's that kind of show). Also in the mix is Charlie's pal-from-Brixton Prison Lloyd Boateng (Fred Pitts), who's like a second father to Rachel and now owns the local pub, which is where much of the show's slapstick action takes place. We also meet Charlie's bookeeper and Francis' proudly feminist love interest Dolly (Pear Theatre Artistic Director Betsy Kruse Craig), Alfie (Chris Mahle), a demented, elderly Great War veteran with a wonky pacemaker and a new job as a waiter at the pub, and



COURTESY OF JOYCE GOLDSCHMID

*Palo Alto Players' "One Man, Two Guvnors" is a slapstick farce set in 1963 Brighton, England.*

Bryan Moriarty in a variety of small-but-humorous roles.

While clownish Francis is meant to be dedicated to working only for Rachel/Roscoe, she hasn't yet paid him, so when he happens to meet in-need-of-a-dogbody Stanley — not realizing his connection to his other employer — he decides to secretly try serving both of the titular two "guvnors." Mayhem and, for the most part, hilarity, ensue.

If you, like me, cringe and cower at the prospect of any kind of "audience participation," this show may make you rather uncomfortable (maybe pick a seat toward the back, just in case). If you revel in fourth-wall breaking and improvised comedy, however, you'll love Santana's impressive, exuberant, interactive performance, which also entails tossing off references designed to appeal to local audiences. He does his best to live up to a role seemingly tailor-made for Corden and largely succeeds, although his British accent does disappear periodically. Everyone in the cast is high-energy and up for anything, including engaging in demanding physical comedy.

Director Patrick Klein and physical-comedy director Carla Pantoja keep the ridiculous antics moving along nicely, even if the key scene in which Francis attempts to serve two dinners at once does go on a bit long. I enjoyed everyone's performances but for me the MVP award goes to Satterwhite, who is absolutely pitch-perfect as cheerfully sadistic, boarding-school-damaged toff Stanley. Simply splendid.

The most charming, and special, aspect of "One Man, Two Guvnors," though, is the fact that it boasts original songs sprinkled throughout,

performed by an ace band (Pauline Sampson, Brietta Gregerm, Nathan Howland, Nicholas Martin and Drew Weber, directed by Lauren Bevilacqua) as well as the cast, who occasionally sing and turn up for solos on increasingly humorous instruments.

The pastiche music itself moves along from skiffle — acoustic, jazz/folk/blues-influenced pop tunes played often on homemade instruments — to British Invasion rock 'n roll in the style of the early Beatles. Highlights include the wonderfully harmonized trio number by the three ladies of the cast ("Lighten Up and Lay Low") and the rollicking "The Brighton Line." It's all a great treat to watch and listen to and you can bet I'm listening to the soundtrack as I type this.

Costumes by Patricia Tyler include nicely matching retro cardigans for the band and give a visual nod to Francis' roots in the commedia dell'arte Harlequin character by outfitting him in argyle. Klein's scenic design evokes the early '60s era and the whimsical look of Brighton pier and pavilion.

If you're looking to laugh (and you're not terrified by the possibility of — shudder — audience participation), "One Man, Two Guvnors" may be just your cup of tea. ▀

Email Karla Kane at [kkane@paweekly.com](mailto:kkane@paweekly.com)

### ■ INFORMATION

**What:** "One Man, Two Guvnors."

**Where:** Lucie Stern Theater, Middlefield Road, Palo Alto.

**When:** Through June 30 (showtimes vary).

**Cost:** \$31-\$46.

**Info:** [payers.org](http://payers.org).

## Inspirations

a guide to the spiritual community

### LOS ALTOS LUTHERAN

Rejoice in the Word + Sent in the Spirit

10:00 AM WORSHIP

10:15-10:45

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

460 S. El Monte Ave. (at Cuesta)  
Pastor David Bonde & LaVinnia Pierson

Youth & Family, Bible Studies,  
Seasonal Devotions,  
Intergenerational Events!

[www.LosAltosLutheran.org](http://www.LosAltosLutheran.org)  
650.948.3012

To include your Church in Inspirations please email [sales@embarcadero-publishing.com](mailto:sales@embarcadero-publishing.com)



Ordinary People. Real Faith.  
Meaningful Community.

Sundays at 4pm

360 S. Shoreline Blvd,  
Mountain View, CA 94041

(650) 822-VINE  
[info@newvine.com](mailto:info@newvine.com)  
[www.newvine.cc](http://www.newvine.cc)

Nursery and Vine Kidz Available

 **embarcadero media**

# Join our team!

We're looking for talented, highly-motivated and dynamic people

Embarcadero Media is an independent multimedia news organization with over 35 years of providing award-winning local news, community information and entertainment to the Midpeninsula.

We are always looking for talented and creative people interested in joining our efforts to produce outstanding journalism and results for our advertisers through print and online.

**We currently have the following positions open for talented and outgoing individuals:**

- **Advertising Sales/Production Admin** Assist the sales and design teams in the production of online and print advertising. Tech savvy, excellent communication and keen attention to detail a must.
- **Graphic Designer** Creation/production of print and online ads, including editorial layout, in a fast-paced environment. Publishing experience and video editing a plus.
- **Digital Sales Account Representative** Prospect and sell local businesses in our markets who have needs to brand and promote their businesses or events using our full-suite of digital solutions.

For more information visit:  
<http://embarcaderomediagroup.com/employment>

450 Cambridge Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94306 | 650.326.8210  
[PaloAltoOnline.com](http://PaloAltoOnline.com) | [TheAlmanacOnline.com](http://TheAlmanacOnline.com) | [MountainViewOnline.com](http://MountainViewOnline.com)

■ FOOD FEATURE

## Summer openings abound

A roundup of what's new in food and drink on the Midpeninsula



ELENA KADVANY

*Salvaje is Palo Alto's first wine bar dedicated to serving natural wines.*

By Elena Kadvany

Looking for something new? From vegan fare and organic wine to pho, sushi and pupusas, there are a lot of new places on the Midpeninsula

to tempt you. Read on for our roundup of recent openings.

### Crawfish Bros, Mountain View

Throw on a bib and dig into a bag of crawfish at Crawfish

Bros at 124 Castro St. in downtown Mountain View. Customers have their pick of crawfish, clams, shrimps, mussels, crab and lobster, which can be made with different sauces (cajun, "torpedo," lemon pepper and

garlic butter) and at three spice levels (mild, hot and screaming). If you're feeling ambitious, there's the "ultimate combo," with 3 pounds of crawfish, 3 pounds of head-on shrimp, 1 pound of half-shell mussels and

1 pound of clams with sausage, corn and potatoes for \$100.

### HeyOEats, Mountain View

The recent surge of companies that make plant-based

alternatives to meat and dairy products, including the locally founded Impossible Foods, have transformed vegan cooking and eating. For evidence of that, look no further than the 100% vegan menu at the newly opened HeyOEats in Mountain View: vegan beer cheese with pretzels, a vegan Reuben sandwich and biscuits topped with a mushroom and Beyond Meat sausage gravy. HeyOEats is located inside Ava's Market at 340 Castro St..

**Menlo Tavern,  
Menlo Park**

What was once Menlo Grill reopened in March with a new name, chef and menu at the Stanford Park Hotel at 100 El Camino Real in Menlo Park. General Manager Patrick Lane said in a previous interview that he decided to run the restaurant as its own business separate from the hotel, which prompted the revamp. Now Menlo Tavern, the updated menu skews toward American comfort food, like skillet cornbread, deviled eggs, cast iron-seared salmon, burgers (including a meatless Impossible Burger), pasta, roasted chicken and filet mignon.

**Pho Cabin,  
Los Altos**

Pho Cabin, a traditional Vietnamese restaurant, opened in late April at 200 State St. in Los Altos. Owner Doan Tran is Vietnamese and has worked in restaurants since he was 20 years old. Pho Cabin serves typical Vietnamese fare — pho, banh mi, rice plates, spring rolls — but Tran wants to specialize in pho and vermicelli.

**Verve Coffee,  
Palo Alto**

Verve Coffee Roasters is opening its first Peninsula location this Friday, June 21, at 162 University Ave. in downtown Palo Alto. Verve's coffee is sourced directly from farmers all over the world and roasted in Santa Cruz. The new cafe will have all of the company's typical coffee offerings, plus pastries from Manresa Bread and food like avocado toast, chia seed pudding and a breakfast sandwich. The light-filled, 1,400-square-foot Palo Alto cafe is meant to evoke an Eichler home, with floor-to-ceiling windows, an open floor plan, angular lines and flow between the inside and a large outside patio.

**Pizz'a Chicago,  
Palo Alto**

Deep-dish pizza fans, say farewell to the longtime location of Palo Alto's Pizz'a Chicago next week — and say hello



SINEAD CHANG

Santa Cruz-based **Verve Coffee Roasters** is opening in Palo Alto.

to its new home just down El Camino Real. A three-story mixed-use project has been proposed for the site of the existing 4115 El Camino Real restaurant, so owner Juan Lorenz has moved to 2305 El Camino Real. He plans to close the current location on Monday or Tuesday and open the new one mid- or late-week.

**Salvaje,  
Palo Alto**

Natural, small-production wines from France to Chile, Sonoma to the Willamette Valley are on the menu at Salvaje in Palo Alto, the city's first dedicated natural wine bar. Salvaje officially opened to the public on Wednesday at 369 Lytton Ave. The wine bar is a passion project for Kasim Syed, owner of Palo Alto Brewing Co., The Rose and Crown and the Tap Room in Palo Alto and QBB in Mountain View, and his wife Guldem Tanyeri Syed, who love drinking natural wine and wanted to bring it to the Peninsula. Salvaje, which means "wild" in Spanish, offers an ample selection of bubbly, orange, white and red wines by the glass and bottle,

as well as snack food like a vegan katsu bao and a potato waffle with crème fraîche, smoked salmon and roe.

**Daigo,  
Palo Alto**

The owner of Daigo Sushi in San Francisco has officially expanded south with a new location at 2363 Birch St. in Palo Alto. The dinner menu includes traditional Japanese appetizers, nigiri, sashimi, maki and hand rolls. Omakase is also available, as are daily nigiri and sashimi specials from Japan. At lunch, the restaurant serves donburi and teishoku, a Japanese meal set.

**Pupusas El Torogoz,  
East Palo Alto**

This new East Palo Alto food truck, run by two sisters from El Salvador, serves a small menu, with most items less than \$3. There are pupusas with cheese, beans, and pork as filling options, plus quesadillas, tamales, tacos — and hot dogs. The truck is located at 1885 Bay Road and is closed on Sundays. ■

Email Elena Kadvaný at [ekadvaný@pawekly.com](mailto:ekadvaný@pawekly.com)



ELENA KADVANY

**Crawfish Bros** opened recently on Castro Street in Mountain View.

**CLARKE'S**  
**Happy Hour**  
4pm-9pm Sun-Thurs

- Clarke's Burgers - \$1.50 off
- French Fries - \$1.25 off
- \$3 off any dinner
- Kids 12 & under - buy 1 get 1 free\*

\*item from kids menu of equal or lesser value

**74<sup>th</sup> year ANNIVERSARY!**

**NOW HIRING**  
applications @clarkes.com and Restaurant

Open 7 days **Clarke's.com**  
Lunch & Dinner 11am-9pm; Fri 'til 10pm  
Breakfast on Weekends 8am-2pm

**Mountain View • 615 W. El Camino Real • (650) 967-0851**

# Marketplace

The Mountain View Voice offers advertising for Home Services, Business Services and Employment.

If you wish to learn more about these advertising options, please call **650.223.6582** or email **digitalads@pawekly.com**.



**Avenidas Village**

**Avenidas Village helps older adults:**

- Maintain their independence
- Live in the home they love
- Connect to their community
- Get access to resources
- Stay fit and active
- Enjoy sense of belonging

Learn more by attending a **FREE Avenidas Village Coffee Chat on Thursday, June 25, 2pm**

[www.avenidas.org](http://www.avenidas.org)

(650) 289-5405

■ NOW SHOWING

**Aladdin (PG) ★★** Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.  
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Anna (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Avengers: Endgame (PG-13) ★★★1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**The Biggest Little Farm (PG)** Aquarius Theatre: Fri. - Sat.

**Booksmart (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Child's Play (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**Dark Phoenix (PG-13)**  
Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**The Dead Don't Die (R)**  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat. Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sat.

**Echo in the Canyon (PG-13)** Guild Theatre: Fri. - Sat.

**Godzilla: King of the Monsters (PG-13) ★★1/2**  
Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**The Last Black Man in San Francisco (R)** Century 20: Fri. - Sat.

**Late Night (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.  
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**The Man from Laramie (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sat.

**Men in Black: International (PG-13) ★★** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**The Naked Spur (Not Rated)** Stanford Theatre: Fri. - Sat.

**Pavarotti (PG-13)** Palo Alto Square: Fri. - Sat.

**Rocketman (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat. Century 20: Fri. - Sat.  
ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**The Secret Life of Pets 2 (PG)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Shaft (R)** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Toy Story 4 (G) ★★★1/2** Century 16: Fri. - Sat.  
Century 20: Fri. - Sat. ShowPlace Icon: Fri. - Sat.

**Aquarius:** 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (For recorded listings: 327-3241)  
[tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa](http://tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa)

**Century Cinema 16:** 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View  
[tinyurl.com/Century16](http://tinyurl.com/Century16)

**Century 20 Downtown:** 825 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City  
[tinyurl.com/Century20](http://tinyurl.com/Century20)

**CineArts at Palo Alto Square:** 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto  
(For information: 493-0128) [tinyurl.com/Pasquare](http://tinyurl.com/Pasquare)

**Guild:** 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (For recorded listings: 566-8367)  
[tinyurl.com/Guildmp](http://tinyurl.com/Guildmp)

**ShowPlace Icon:** 2575 California St. #601, Mountain View  
[tinyurl.com/iconMountainView](http://tinyurl.com/iconMountainView)

**Stanford Theatre:** 221 University Ave., Palo Alto  
(For recorded listings: 324-3700) [Stanfordtheatre.org](http://Stanfordtheatre.org)

★ Skip it  
★★ Some redeeming qualities  
★★★ A good bet  
★★★★ Outstanding

For show times, plot synopses,  
trailers and more movie  
info, visit [www.mv-voice.com](http://www.mv-voice.com)  
and click on movies.



Woody (Tom Hanks) takes a road trip with Forky (Tony Hale) in "Toy Story 4."

WALT DISNEY STUDIOS MOTION PICTURES

■ MOVIE OPENINGS

## 'Toy'-ing with your feelings

PIXAR'S FOURTH (AND FINAL?) 'TOY STORY' HITS THE ROAD

★★★1/2 (Century 16 & 20, Icon)

High-tension action-adventure has always been a key ingredient in the "Toy Story" films, but "Toy Story 4" may well be the most consistently anxiety-inducing of them all. There's a palpable sense that the characters are pushing their luck, not unlike the creative personnel of Pixar Animation Studios. Conventional wisdom among the filmmakers, fans and even casual filmgoers accepted 2010's "Toy Story 3" as a perfect, emotionally satisfying ending for the series, but "Toy Story 4" makes a convincing case for Sheriff Woody saddling up again.

Three short films and a pair of television specials have extended the "Toy Story" between feature films, and it's almost certain we haven't seen the last of these characters. All the same, the series again adopts a valedictory tone. Woody (Tom Hanks), Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) and the rest of their toy family continue to be the playthings of young Bonnie, but Woody no longer has the security of being a favorite toy. When Bonnie creates a life by fashioning a googly-eyed friend named "Forky" (Tony Hale) out of a spork, a popsicle stick, and other arts-and-crafts odds and ends, Woody grants himself a new lease on life by becoming Forky's much-needed protector.

The compulsive search for a purpose defines the characters

of newborn Forky and aging Woody alike. The philosophical bent of "Toy Story" has always set the standard for Pixar, keeping it a cut above other animation studios with its intellect and knack for emotional storytelling. Soon after Bonnie gathers up her toys for an RV road trip with her parents, Forky's desire to take his life into his own hands winds up separating him and Woody from the RV. This turn initiates multiple missions for the toys, in familiar fashion: Rescue Forky, stall Bonnie's family until Woody's return, and the like.

"Toy Story 4" offers two contrasting new settings for toy adventure: the forbidding (if hopefully named) store Second Chance Antiques and a traveling carnival with rides and games. Woody's detour into the antique store reunites him with love interest Bo Beep (Annie Potts), a lamp's porcelain figurine imbued by the animators with come-hither looks and by the writers with a hard-won survivalism. No damsel in distress, Bo Beep embraces the freedom of being a lost toy, "lost" being just another word for nothing left to lose. The situation pushes Woody to a brink of maximum angst: Is his loyalty to Bonnie really non-negotiable? Does she really need him as much as Woody needs his own happiness?

Some of the franchise's shtick gets noticeably repetitive in this outing, with new characters Gabby Gabby (Christina Hendricks) and Duke Caboom (Keanu Reeves) respectively calling to mind Lotso (from "Toy Story 3") and the preening, posing Buzz. As such, this "Toy Story" feels thinner than its picture-perfect predecessors, but there's continuity in the voice cast's delicate emotional readings and crack-comic timing, and Randy Newman's scoring (he also adds two new songs — "I Can't Let You Throw Yourself Away" and "The Ballad of the Lonesome Cowboy" — to the franchise theme "You've Got a Friend in Me").

At a moment when studios and pundits have begun again to question the efficacy of sequels, Pixar's graceful follow-up justifies the practice, when executed with smarts and heart. Partly in its general excellence and partly by daring to step into the darkness before the dawn, "Toy Story 4" offers so much more than the typical kid's movie and, though, G-rated, remains hugely appealing to adults in its punchy humor and searching existential thoughtfulness. You can count on a lump-in-the-throat ending, though reports of the series' demise are likely exaggerated.

Rated G. One hour, 40 minutes.  
— Peter Canavese



■ MOVIE REVIEWS

### MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL ★★

"Men in Black: International" isn't what the franchise was like when it first launched 22 years ago as a fresh high-concept about anonymous government agents tasked with saving the Earth while keeping the secret of aliens among us. Back then, Will Smith referred to the Men in Black agency's mind-wiping neuralizer as a "flashy thing," which also ably summed up the film. This resuscitated version is tiresome. Providing the link to 2012's "Men in Black 3," Emma Thompson (no relation) reprises her role as New York bureau chief Agent

O. When Tessa Thompson's enthusiastic Molly Wright takes the initiative to barge her way into MIB HQ, Agent O christens the young woman Agent M and bundles the probie off to the London branch. In like fashion, Agent M imposes herself on Chris Hemsworth's lone-wolf Agent H. Meanwhile, the universe hangs in the balance again, this time over the fate of a weapon of mass destruction that travels in roughly the size and shape of a Christmas bow. Overall, the film amounts to another boilerplate spy/sci-fi comedy. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of monster action violence and destruction, and for some language. One hour, 55 minutes. —P.C.*

### GODZILLA: KING OF THE MONSTERS ★★1/2

The new American film "Godzilla: King

of the Monsters" honors a tradition that has won over millions of Japanese "kaiju" (giant monster movie) fans for the past 60 years. Directed and co-written by Michael Dougherty, this sequel to 2014's "Godzilla" dusts off other iconic creatures from the Godzilla family: giant-moth-thing Mothra, pteranodonesque Rodan, and three-headed monster King Ghidorah. While Dougherty's take

emphasizes its plethora of monsters, it also gathers a cast of character actors in an attempt to create a human-interest story on which to hang the action. The biggest human star here, oddly enough, is teenager Millie Bobby Brown, making her big-screen debut on the strength of her Netflix sensation "Stranger Things." Brown plays Madison Russell, whose estranged parents are kaiju experts.

When kaiju start making havoc again, and Emma and Madison get lost in the shuffle, monster-managing organization Monarch brings a reluctant Mark back into the fold. It's just unfortunate that the picture as a whole lumbers a lot like its 40-story-tall star. *Rated PG-13 for sequences of monster action violence and destruction, and for some language. Two hours, 11 minutes. —P.C.*

## CONCERT ON THE PLAZA: THE RPM BAND

The concert series takes place on the first and third Fridays of the month through September. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair. In addition to the music, there will be a food truck, a "Pop Up Park" area for children and for adults, beer and wine. June 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View City Hall, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

## THEATER

**'Archduke'** TheatreWorks Silicon Valley presents the Northern California premiere of "Archduke." Written by Pulitzer Prize finalist Rajiv Joseph, the story explores how one man, one moment, can derail an entire century. Through June 30; times vary. \$60; discounts for students, seniors. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. theatreworks.org

**'One Man, Two Guvnors'** This fast-paced farce follows Francis Henshall, who finds himself down on his luck, hungry and suddenly employed by two mob bosses. Through June 30; times vary. \$25-\$52; discounts available for seniors, students. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. paplayers.org

**'Present Laughter'** by Noel Coward A frothy comedy about show business, "Present Laughter" is replete with seductions, suspicions, adulteries and blackmail. Through June 30; times vary. \$15-\$35. The Pear Theatre, 1110 La Avenida St., Mountain View. thepear.org

**Children's Theatre in the Park** Peninsula Youth Theatre and the city of Mountain View present free children's theater in the park all summer on the center's outdoor park stage. A different 45-minute production will be performed each week by the children from PYT's "Theatre in the Park" summer program. June 21, 28, 3-6 p.m. Free. Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro St., Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

## CONCERTS

**Azure Family Concert: St. Lawrence String Quartet** Since many with autism or related challenges cannot attend traditional music performances due to uncontrollable vocalizations or physical movements, the St. Lawrence String Quartet and longtime collaborator pianist Stephen Prutsman present a concert where such behaviors are accepted. June 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. Campbell Recital Hall, 541 Lausen Mall, Stanford. brownpapertickets.com

**Cecile McLorin Salvant and Sullivan Fortner** Three-time Grammy-winning vocalist Cecile McLorin Salvant will perform a genre-transcending concert alongside pianist Sullivan Fortner. June 22, 8-9:30 p.m. \$70-\$110; discount for students. Bing Concert Hall, 327 Lasuen St., Stanford. stanfordjazz.org

**The History of Blues in America with guitarist Joey Leone** Music historian and guitarist Joey Leone will cover the history, influence and impact of American blues music through songs, stories and historical facts. June 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Free. Pioneer Park, 1146 Church St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

**Indian Jazz Journey** Mahesh Kale, one of the leading voices of Indian music, and guitarist Stanley Jordan will showcase their multicultural fusion of music alongside saxophonist George Brooks and tabla master Subhankar Banerjee. June 23, 4-6 p.m. \$52; discount for students. Dinkelspiel Auditorium, 471 Lagunita Drive, Stanford. stanfordjazz.org

**La Brise d'ete (Breeze of Summer): Flute and Harp Recital** Bay Area harpist Jieyin Wu will perform with flutist Jed Huang in a program by Debussy, Bizet, Mozart and Faure. This program will also feature newly commissioned works by Bay Area composer Phil Young. June 29, 7-8:30 p.m. \$20-\$50. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**'Music is Magic' Concert Series: Angels On Stage** In partnership with the city of Palo Alto, the Magical Bridge Foundation presents a summer concert series, featuring local artists and musicians. All concerts are family-friendly and sensory-friendly. Every Friday through Aug. 30, 6-7:30 p.m. Free. Magical Bridge Playground - Mitchell Park, 600 E. Meadow Drive, Palo Alto. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**Santana & The Doobie Brothers** The Doobie Brothers will join guitarist Carlos Santana on the Supernatural Now tour, performing at the Shoreline Amphitheatre. June 26, 7-10 p.m. \$35-\$238. Shoreline Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. Search facebook.com/events for more info.

**St. Lawrence String Quartet's Marathon Finale** The St. Lawrence String Quartet performs various classical works as part of its residency at Stanford University. June 24, 26 and 28, noon and June 29, 5 p.m. Free. Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Stanford. arts.stanford.edu

**Wu Tang Clan** Hip-hop group Wu-Tang Clan is bringing "Da Ruckus" to Mountain View as part of their tour, celebrating the 25th anniversary of their "Enter The Wu Tang: 36 Chambers" album. June 22, 7 p.m. \$41-\$224. Shoreline

Amphitheatre, 1 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View. mountainviewamphitheater.com

**Pat Bianchi Trio featuring Hristo Vitchev and Carmen Intorre** SummerJazz hosts a performance by the New York City-based Pat Bianchi Trio, featuring guitarist Hristo Vitchev and drummer Carmen Intorre. June 23, 6-7:30 p.m. \$24; discount for youth ages 5-20. Portola Vineyards, 850 Los Trancos Road, Portola Valley. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## MUSIC

**'Hamiltunes'** The Mountain View Library presents "Hamiltunes," a Hamilton singalong. The library provides the backup music and lyrics while participants provide the vocal talent. June 29, 1-3:30 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

**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

**Sing and Play Along Ukulele** Beginners and ukulele enthusiasts sing and play together on the fourth Monday of every month. June 24, 6:30-8 p.m. Free. Mountain View Library, 585 Franklin St., Mountain View. mountainview.libcal.com

## FUNDRAISERS

**The 8th Annual O'Flaherty Golf Tournament** The annual charity golf tournament supports the educational scholarship fund established by the family of the late Ray O'Flaherty, who owned O'Flaherty's Irish Pub in San Jose. June 22, 1:30-11 p.m. Shoreline Golf Links, 2940 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**9th annual 'Summer Scamper'** Stanford University will host the ninth annual "Summer Scamper" race, which will include a 5K, 10K and kids' fun run where community members can donate money to benefit patients and families at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford. June 23, 6-11 a.m. \$40 for 5K, \$45 for 10K, and \$20 for kids' fun run. Frances C. Arrillaga Alumni Center, 326 Galvez St., Stanford. summerscamper.org

**Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto: Gala and Fundraiser** Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto celebrates a year of achievements helping community members. The event will have wine, appetizers, a live auction and an award ceremony. June 21, 6-8 p.m. \$100. MacArthur Park, 27 University Ave., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## FAMILY

**Summer Solstice Night Bike Ride** GreenTown Los Altos hosts an 18-mile summer solstice night bike ride. The ride is slow-paced and family-friendly. Registration starts at 7 p.m.; ride starts at 7:30 p.m. June 21, 7-10 p.m. Free. Peet's Coffee, 367 State St., Los Altos. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## 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 Residences 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 Nov. 25, 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

**Friday Night at the Art Center** This celebration kicks off the summer of printmaking with the new exhibit, "Local Editions: A Celebration of Bay Area Printmaking and PKP (Paula Kirkeby Press) Prints." The event will feature printmaking demonstrations, art activities and specialty cocktails. June 21, 7-10 p.m. Free. Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**'Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household'** Los Altos History Museum presents "Gadgets Galore! Transforming the American Household," an exhibit that looks at gadgets and where they originated. Noon-4 p.m., Thursdays-Sundays through Sept. 15. Free. Los Altos History Museum, 51 S. San Antonio Road, Los Altos. losaltoshistory.org

**Summer Print Exhibition of the Palo Alto Camera Club** Members of the Palo Alto Camera Club are exhibiting their best prints from various genres, including landscape, portraits, flora, fauna, monochrome and others. Through June 29, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Free. Community School for Music and Arts at Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View. pacamera.com

## FILM

**2019 Windrider Film Forum** The Windrider Film Forum includes three nights of independent film screenings and conversation. June 27-29, 7 p.m. \$15; discount for students. The Center for Performing Arts, 555 Middlefield Road, Atherton. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

**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

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

**Run Against Alzheimer's and Dementia** The Longest Day Run is a fundraising event to advance the

care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association, and to honor all who have been affected by the disease. June 21, 6-7:30 p.m. Free; donations welcome. Castro Station, 200 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## OUTDOOR RECREATION

**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.

## TEENS

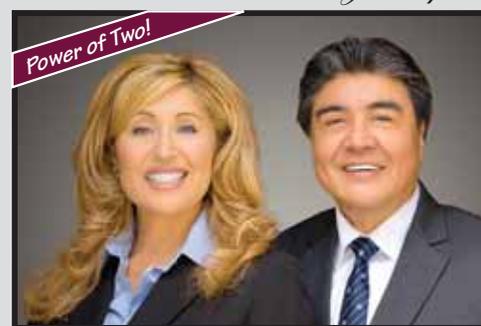
**Teen Takeover: 'Idea to Influence'** Organized by the Computer History Museum's Teen Engagement Council, "Idea to Influence" is a free after-hours event that allows teens to explore the ways in which technology helps define the past, present and future of society. Computer History Museum, 1401 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View. computerhistory.org

## HOME & GARDEN

**HERBS: the Multifunctional Workhorses of the Garden** Rose Loveall, owner of the Morningsun Herb Farm, will speak about the extensive and sometimes unusual uses of some of the lesser-known herbs that will add color, fragrance and texture to planting designs. June 26, 3-5 p.m. \$30; discounts for students, APLD members. Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto. Search eventbrite.com for more info.

## WE MEASURE QUALITY BY RESULTS

*Is Quality Important to You?*



### Yvonne Heyl

Direct (650) 947-4694  
Cell (650) 302-4055  
yhey1@interorealestate.com  
BRE# 01255661

### Jeff Gonzalez

Direct (650) 947-4698  
Cell (408) 888-7748  
jgonzalez@interorealestate.com  
BRE# 00978793



496 First St. Suite 200  
Los Altos 94022

YvonneandJeff@InteroRealEstate.com  
www.yvonneandjeff.com

The first step in planning your weekend starts here

Weekend  
Express

Your weekly email  
with tips and  
insights about hot  
events and cool  
activities

SIGN UP AT

MV-Voice.com/  
express/weekend

Presented by  
MountainView  
VOICE

# Celebrating the best!

We couldn't have done it without you.

MountainView  
**VOICE**

  
Mountain View  
Voice **ONLINE**

## General Excellence

Mountain View Voice staff

### Feature Photo

"Providing a creative outlet in high-tech world" by Magali Gauthier

### Photo Story/Essay

"Google walkout" by Natalia Nazarova

### Feature Photo

"Hell's bells! Neighborhood outcry over church's mishap"  
by Magali Gauthier

### In-Depth Reporting

"Nowhere to turn for kids in crisis; Struggling to meet 'overwhelming'  
need" by Kevin Forestieri

### Public Service Journalism

"Fight brewing over rent control petition" by Mark Noack

### News Photo

"Hundreds walk out of Google's MV HQ" by Natalia Nazarova

### Writing

"Patients go nuts over new allergy therapy" by Kevin Forestieri

### Feature Photo

"A colorful Dasara display" by Natalia Nazarova

### In-Depth Reporting

"Young, homeless and sick" by Mark Noack

### Coverage of Business News

"Conflicts over profits and pricing at Del Medio apartments"  
by Mark Noack

### Enterprise News Story

"Patients go nuts over new allergy therapy" by Kevin Forestieri

### Coverage of Local Government

"Council rejects restrictions on RV campers" by Mark Noack

### Coverage of Business News

"Firm behind local ADA lawsuits is being sued" by Mark Noack

### Feature Story

"Mushroom houses on Mars" by Mark Noack

### Editorial Comment

"A dishonest debate over rent control" by Andrea Gemmet

### Inside Page Layout & Design

"The startup winery" by Talia Nakhjiri

### Photojournalism

by Magali Gauthier, Natalia Nazarova and Michelle Le

### News Photo

"Fire's smoky haze disrupts life on Midpeninsula" by Magali Gauthier

### Feature Photo

"A perfectly glorious summer day" by Natalia Nazarova

### Photo Essay

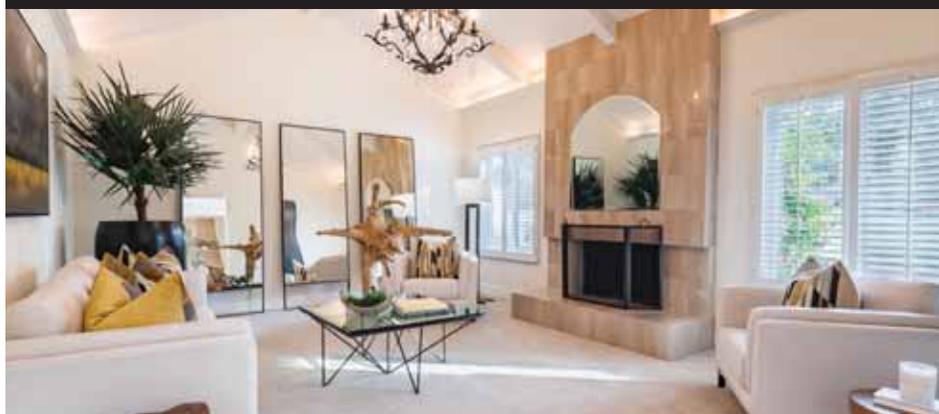
"Protesters to Trump: Keep families together"  
by Natalia Nazarova



*California News Publishers Association, 2019*

**Are you  
supporting  
our efforts?**

**Become a member today to support  
another year of award-winning journalism.  
Visit [mv-voice.com/join](http://mv-voice.com/join)**



## 24595 Voorhees Drive, Los Altos Hills

### Wine Country Living in Silicon Valley

Sophistication and style are hallmarks of this 5 bedroom, 5.5 bathroom home of 5,464 sq. ft. (per county) on grounds of 1.75 acres (per county) on a peaceful cul-de-sac in the Lakeside neighborhood. Bright and open-concept gathering spaces and bedrooms access the outdoors through multiple points. The residence features a naturally-lit island kitchen and breakfast area at the hub of the main level, an expansive master suite with a private balcony, a private junior suite, large secondary bedrooms, and recreational spaces. In the front is a professionally-tended vineyard contributing to award-winning wine. Cascading terraces accentuate the backyard patio, pool, spa, expansive lawn area, and tennis court, making this home a delightful retreat in the heart of Silicon Valley. From this haven, you're only moments from downtown Los Altos, Los Altos Golf and Country Club, commuting along Interstate 280 and highly-rated schools including Covington Elementary, Blach Middle, and Los Altos High.

For video tour & more photos, please visit:

[www.24595Voorhees.com](http://www.24595Voorhees.com)

Offered at \$5,988,000

**OPEN HOUSE**

**Saturday & Sunday**  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Jazz, Lattes,**  
**& Gourmet Snacks**

**Listed by Michael Repka of the DeLeon Team**

Michael Repka, Managing Broker, DRE #01854880 | 中文諮詢請聯繫 Audrey Sun, Realtor® 電話: 650.785.5822 DRE #01933274  
650.900.7000 | michael@deleonrealty.com | www.deleonrealty.com | DRE #01903224

Your home is where our heart is



317 SERRA SAN BRUNO  
MOUNTAIN VIEW

OPEN: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 1:30 – 4:30PM

3 BEDS 2.5 BATHS BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED SOARING VAULTED CEILINGS SPACIOUS GREAT ROOM  
PRIVATE CUL-DE-SAC OF 8 HOMES EXPANSIVE ENTERTAINER'S PATIO MINUTES TO SAN ANTONIO CENTER

317SERRASANBRUNO.COM \$1,698,000



306 NITA AVENUE  
MOUNTAIN VIEW

OPEN: SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 1:30 – 4:30PM

3 BEDS 2 BATHS MID-CENTURY MODERN STYLE paneled open beam & vaulted ceilings HARDWOOD FLOORS  
NEWLY LANDSCAPED FRONT & REAR YARDS MINUTES TO SAN ANTONIO CENTER CLOSE TO GOOGLE

306NITA.COM \$1,750,000

Co-listed by Lisa Dippel



DAVID TROYER Lic. #01234450

650.440.5076 | DAVID@DAVIDTROYER.COM | DAVIDTROYER.COM

INTERO  
A Berkshire Hathaway Affiliate